

Carrabassett Valley Connections

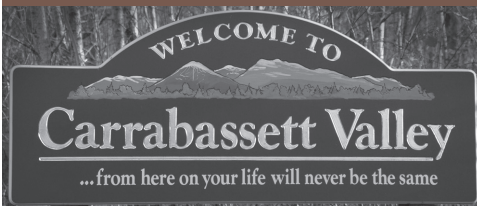
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The Naming of Carrabassett Valley

By Steve Pinkham, author of Mountains of Maine, Old Tales of the Maine and More Old Tales of the Maine Woods.



The name Carrabassett goes back to the early seventeenth century, being the name of a Norridgewock chief who died in 1724 along with Mogg and Father Rasle, when their village at Old Point (Madison) was attacked and burned by a band of men from York. We know little about him, though in 1830 Nathaniel Deering of Portland published a fictional play called "Carabasset," about the life of the Norridgewog warrior. Carol Dana, linguist specialist of the Penobscot Nation at Old Town, mentioned that the Wabenaki language does not have the letter R, and the letter B is sounded as P. As near as she could tell, the warrior Carrabassett's name is derived from the Wabenaki *K"alapihaso*, meaning "he who turns around quickly," most likely referring to the warrior's quick agility in fighting or hunting. The "e" added to the end of Carrabasset means "one who . . .," so the full name means "one who turns around quickly."

In mid-July of 1761 Col. John Montrossor, a British engineer came down from Quebec to Fort Halifax and back up across the Great Carry Place. In his journal he left us no name or description for the Carrabasset River. That same year on September 12th, Capt. John Small of Cape Elizabeth, who was commissioned to measure the Kennebec River from Fort Halifax to Dead River, wrote in his journal "N 18 E. ¾ m(iles) to a large. . . where comes in a large river from the westward." Someone later wrote "Carrabassett River" in the margin. The river was first known as Seven Mile Brook and when Benedict Arnold was coming up the river in 1755, one of his officers, Simeon Thayer wrote in his journal, "Oct. 4. Came to the mouth of the 7 mile streams, and encamp'd on a point of land." He probably learned this name from the several families that were residing at Norridgewock at that time. This is the first written reference to Seven Mile Stream, named for its outlet at Anson being seven miles north of Old Point. All the maps for another century list it as Seven Mile River and Seven Mile Brook. In 1870 Alvin Johnson's *Map of Maine* lists it as the Carrabasset River for the first time. Ernest G. Walker, who wrote *Embden, Town of Yore*, noted that the name was changed about this time, but he did not know who changed it, why it was changed, or who suggested Carrabassett.

Jerusalem Township, which lies north of Kingfield, was originally called Treadwell, but it soon went by the name New Jerusalem. When the township loosely organized as a plantation, it dropped the first word and became known as Jerusalem Plantation. In 1971 this unincorporated township became the Town of Carrabassett Valley, and later its western neighbor, Crockertown Township was added to the new town. Crockertown was originally named for Thomas Crocker of Paris, Maine, a land and lumber speculator who had purchased the township.

Editor's Note: We have always wondered where the name "Carrabassett" originated from. At our request, author and historian Steve Pinkham graciously provided the research and wrote this article. Steve lives in Quincy, Massachusetts and is currently a Maine Woods Historian and Storyteller. Steve has strong family ties in Lexington Township located immediately southeast of Carrabassett Valley. Steve's books can be purchased locally, or from his website, Old Tales of the Maine Woods. He can be reached at hikercmc@yahoo.com or 617-407-0743.

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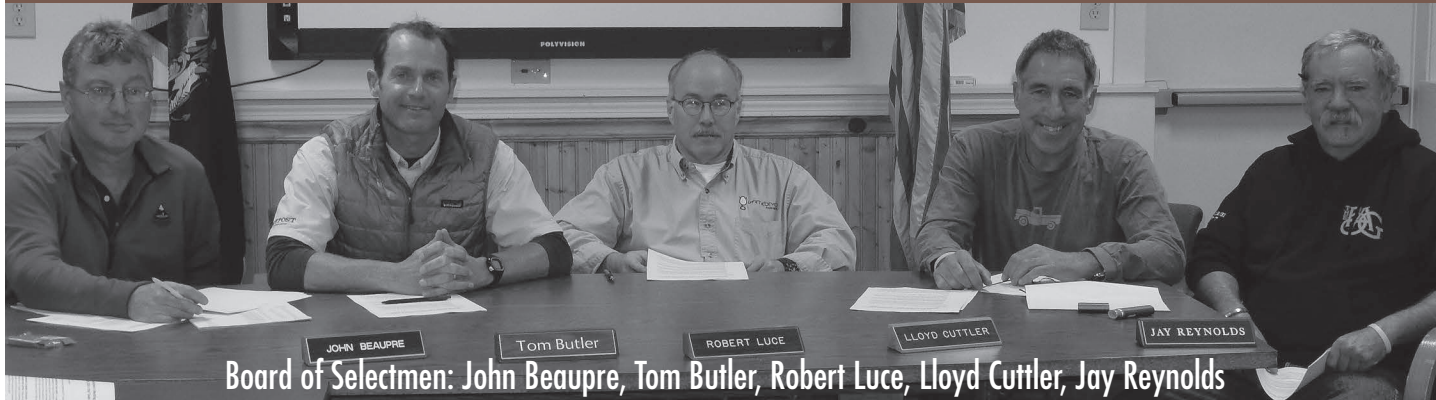
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Dear Carrabasset Valley Residents and Seasonal Home Owners:

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful summer and early fall. We had a wonderful summer here in the Valley thanks to the work of our staff involved with all of the wonderful recreation programs we have available here. Many of you or your children may have enjoyed the Town's Outdoor Adventure Camp (thank you Marcia White and staff), the Town's new outdoor pool (thank you Emily Luce and staff), other recreation programs including mountain bike camp for kids (thank you Deb Bowker and staff) or enjoyed the Carrabasset Valley mountain bike trails (thank you Josh Tausas and crew). We are seeing more of you folks in the summer months now due to these programs and other recreational opportunities such as Maine Huts and Trails, the continued excellence of the golf course and Sugarloaf's enhanced summer offerings.

We continue to be busy here at the Town Office with a number of new and ongoing initiatives and projects. The larger projects consist of implementing the Town's forest management plan on the public Lot, continued mountain bike trail development, development of a fuel farm project at the airport and initiating and implementing a Micro-Enterprise Assistance Grant (MEAG) Program. Information on the first three of these projects can be viewed elsewhere in this newsletter. In April we were successful in obtaining a \$135,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of Maine to assist four local businesses with the MEAG Program. The aim of the program is to increase employment and economic

development. If you wish to start a business here in Carrabasset Valley this program or other economic development initiatives may be available provided you meet program guidelines. We are always interested in assisting new and existing businesses develop and expand to help provide additional year round employment. Please give us a call if you think we can help.

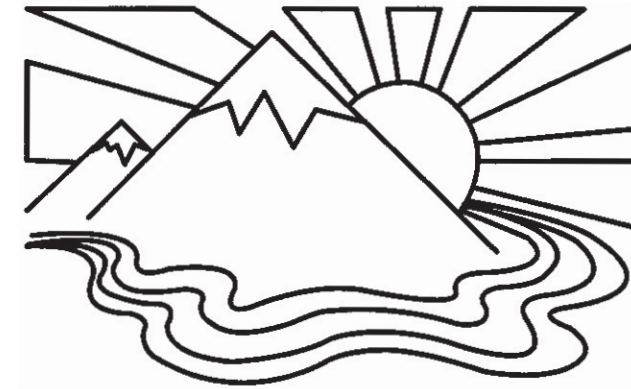
Other initiatives this year consist of installing a new roof and lighting efficiency project at the Anti-Gravity Center (AGC), renewing a five-year lease between the Town and Sugarloaf for operation of the Outdoor Center, and continued capital maintenance projects. The AGC project entailed installing a badly needed new roof, adding substantial additional insulation to the roof and changing out all of the interior and exterior lighting fixtures with LED fixtures. We were able to utilize some Efficiency Maine funding for this project. As co-owners of this facility, both the Town and Carrabasset Valley Academy will realize significant energy cost savings attributable to this building project going forward. As you may know, the Town owns the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center facility and leases it to Sugarloaf. The new five-year lease will continue to provide Carrabasset Valley residents and taxpayers significant discounts for use of the facility (weddings and other functions) and for season passes for Nordic Skiing. Be sure to ask for the discount if you are inquiring at Sugarloaf for use of the Outdoor Center for a function. The Sugarloaf golf course staff continues to do an outstanding job in operating the Town-owned Sugarloaf golf course. Through an ongoing lease with

Sugarloaf both parties contribute to capital maintenance projects and this past spring a cart path pavement maintenance project was completed on the course. A new long-term capital maintenance plan for the golf course is being developed and will be reviewed by the Golf Course Greens Committee for further recommendations.

Finally, a word of congratulations to Carrabasset Valley Academy (CVA), the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center, Maine Huts and Trails (MH&T) and Sugarloaf. The soon to be completed CVA Competition Center will be a very important addition to their program, Sugarloaf and to our community. The Adaptive Outdoor Education Center has continued to improve and add programming. MH&T has completed a new two mile hike and ski trail from the Stratton Brook Lodge to the Bigelow Preserve for their guests and all to enjoy. Sugarloaf introduced a number of new summer events this past summer and thank you to them for their amazing snowmaking efforts during last year's snowless winter. See articles in this newsletter related to some of these projects and efforts. Many thanks to them! Also, I believe by the time you read this newsletter cell phone coverage for AT&T customers will have improved in this area as their technicians have finally installed the necessary transmitting equipment on the cell phone tower at the Transfer Station... Let's hope for a great winter season!



Dave Cota, Town Manager



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April 12th, 2016

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Re: Thank you from the Town of Carrabasset

Dear Karl:

On behalf of the Town of Carrabasset Valley, the Board of Selectmen wish to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Sugarloaf and to Boyne Resorts for the incredible commitment and effort you made in preserving the 2015/16 ski season at Sugarloaf. This season witnessed a historic low snow fall total and endured several almost season ending rain storms. Yet Sugarloaf and Boyne made the difficult financial decision to continue to make snow and provide superior grooming against all odds.

We know we speak for all of our residents, our many seasonal homeowners, our local businesses and all "Sugarloafers" in saying how proud we are of the commitment and effort that Sugarloaf and Boyne have made this ski season.

Your dedication and efforts will be remembered and this will only reinforce the allegiance and loyalty going forward that Sugarloafers have for Sugarloaf Mountain. Again, many thanks for a job well done!

Sincerely,

 Robert Luce
 Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Town of Carrabasset, Maine

Cc. Stephen Kircher, Boyne Resorts

News from the Town Office

Wendy Russell, *Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Registrar of Voters, School Secretary* • Lori Hocking, *Town Treasurer*

Town Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. We are closed on all State Holidays.
Check the Town's website for updates on Office hours, and meeting schedules. www.carrabassetvalley.org

The Town Office continues to provide Motor Vehicle Registrations, Hunting & Fishing Licenses, ATV, Snowmobile, Boat Registrations and Dog Licenses to our residents! If you find it more convenient, please try out Rapid Renewal for your vehicle re-registrations. It's free if you use a check on-line! If you use your debit or credit card, there is an approx. 3% fee added. The website address is: <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/> New (first year) residents of Carrabasset Valley must re-register vehicles at the Town Office. Also, all residents registering new (or new to you) vehicles must do so at the Town Office.

Dogs must be licensed and licenses expire each year on December 31st and must be renewed by January 31st to avoid a fine. 2017 dog licenses are now available! Please bring with you your dog's current rabies certificate and spayed or neutered certificate.

Real estate taxes were due September 30, 2016. If you are paying your taxes after October 1st it's important for you to call

(207-235-2645) for a correct amount due. Any unpaid interest on your account leaves an account balance that needs to be cleared up. Please contact us regarding mailing address changes you may have as soon as possible. All tax accounts that remain unpaid by noon on December 31st will be listed in the 2016 Town Report.

The Town accepts Credit & Debit cards, MasterCard, Visa & Discover. There is a convenience fee charged to you by the credit card service we use. The fee is 2.65% of your total dollar amount transaction, or a \$3.00 minimum.

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 is the State of Maine General & Referendum Election. At the time of this printing, the election may have already taken place. If you are interested in the results of the Election, or would like to volunteer in the future as an Election Clerk, please give us a call. We could use your help!

Details of this election are available on the Secretary State's webpage. <http://www.state.me.us/sos/cec/elec/index.html>

Locally, our Town Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 8th, 2017. Election of Town Officers will take place from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. at the Town Office. All remaining Town Meeting Warrant Articles will be presented to the voters at the Outdoor Center at 7:30 pm. Nomination papers will be available for Selectmen, School Committee and Sanitary District offices on December 14th, 2016 and must be returned to the Town Office no later than 4:00 p.m. January 23rd, 2017. Absentee ballots will be available February 7th, 2017 for the election of officers only.

If you are interested in serving on a Town Committee an application is available on our website below. There are several Committees that have vacancies at this time, if interested please check <http://www.carrabassetvalley.org/committees>.

Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page! Contact the Town Clerk at 207-235-2645 or at townofcv@roadrunner.com with any questions or comments on this article.

News from the Code Enforcement/Assessors Office

Submitted by Bill Gilmore

As I sit at my computer this morning, and gaze out the window, I struggle, trying to find one good reason for staying inside. Its 68 eight degrees at 9:00 AM and not a cloud in the sky. The leaves are just beginning to show a slight tinge of orange, with no rain in sight. Actually with just a touch of imagination, it's always like this in Carrabasset Valley. We live in one of the greatest settings that one could ask for. Fresh Air to breathe, clean water to drink, View sheds that change on a regular basis, depending on the angle of the sun, and a friendly face everywhere you look. I would struggle finding a more enjoyable place in which to work.

Our Building Activity has been good this summer, although, not to the extent that we saw last year. We still see very reasonable growth across

the Community for a town of this size. The last Timbers Building, in the "Bucksaw Development project", is under construction, and once completed, all 84 units will be finished. The Project has been a very positive addition to our Community for the past ten years.

Depending on the sentiment of the Fallline Unit owners, that project may be complete, as well. Although there are still three building envelopes remaining, we are not sure at this time as to what may happen. As we continue to build out these developments, we must continue to find ways to open up replacement parcels for additional revenue sources.

The Towns Watershed Management Plan, should be available to us, shortly after the first of the year. It has taken longer than we had hoped, but

waiting for the aerial photo Imagery to be flown, took longer than expected. Once complete, this will be a great tool for future development.

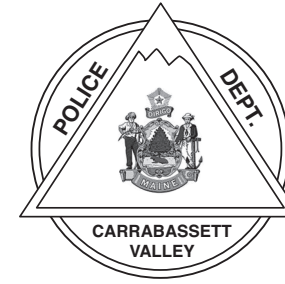
Our Planning Board lost the services of Jan Kremin this summer, due to challenging circumstances, and it leaves us with a large void to fill. Jan has served the Community for many years, bringing valuable insight to all of our discussions. We will certainly miss her presence at future meetings. If there's anyone out there that has interest in serving on the Board, please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you with any concerns or comments, you may have going forward so please keep that in mind.

As always, it's a pleasure to serve you. – Bill

Notes from the Carrabasset Valley Police Department

Submitted by Mark Lopez, Chief



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Hello from the Carrabasset Valley Police Department. We are extremely proud of our role in the community and strive to provide professional and courteous Police and Security services to our residents and guests.

Our Department installs and monitors fire, intrusion, low temperature and water alarms. We offer lock and unlock services for homes and vehicles. We will store keys at our Department for homeowners in case of lock outs or to allow access to repairmen for the homeowner when they are away. We have a ski registration program so please come in to register your skis.

Officer Troy Reed and Officer Jesse Clement have left Sugarloaf for other Departments. We welcome new Officer Doug Geis and Ben Gaudet. Officer Gaudet rejoins the Department after ventures with Georgia Tech University,

Maine Drug Enforcement and most recently Dixfield Police Department.

We have recently done some renovations with the Department. So we are excited for the season to begin. We welcome you to come in and see what our Department can do for you.

NEW WIRELESS MONITORING AVAILABLE

CVPD and Sugarloaf Security are pleased to announce a new wireless (cellular) option to our alarm customers. This feature would allow customers to replace their existing telephone land lines with a wireless module for alarm monitoring. Customers would still receive the same great service and benefit from a cost savings over the traditional land line.

A site survey would need to be done (no cost) and if wireless service is available a module would be needed in the existing alarm system.



There would be a one-time charge for the module. Systems installed prior to 2001 are not wireless compatible and would have to be upgraded. Monitoring fees would remain the same and the wireless service will be substantially less than a traditional telephone line.

Customers are encouraged to call with any questions if they are interested in getting rid of their land lines. Telephone service should not be terminated until the wireless system is in place. Customers in the Sugarloaf rental program are prohibited from this option as they are required to have telephone service in their units.

News from the Carrabasset Valley School Department

Submitted by George Joseph, Superintendent of Schools

Greetings from the School Department! The following is a summary of the Carrabasset Valley student enrollment as of September 15, 2016: Kingfield Elementary School 16, Stratton Elementary School 11, Mt. Abram High School 4, Carrabasset Valley Academy 15, and Kents Hill School 1, for a total of 47 students K-12. This is a decrease of 4 students from last year's fall enrollment of 51 students K-12. This is the second year in a row that our total student enrollment has declined from a high of 66 students three years ago to the present 47 students. As a town that tuitions all of its students, this decrease in student enrollment is also reflected in a decrease in our annual budget of \$100,267.

I am pleased to report again that we have had no staff changes this year. Karen Campbell is our bus driver and she will be driving the Carrabasset bus to the Stratton elementary school. The Stratton bus will be picking up the Carrabasset Valley students going to SAD # 58 schools as they go south through town. Brian Foster is our special education consultant, and Wendy Russell is the school departments' administrative assistant. If for any reason you need to speak with any of us, we all can be contacted by calling Wendy Russell at the Town Office at 235-2645.

There have been no significant changes at any of the schools this year and school has gotten

off to a good start. I am delighted to report that Carrabasset Valley students continue to do well in their schools of choice. With decreasing enrollments and increasing demands put on our schools today, I remain impressed with the quality and the level of services and choices available to our students in both school systems and at Carrabasset Valley Academy.

The School Committee meetings are usually held the third Thursday of each month at the Town office. School committee members are Earle Morse, Danielle London, Jennifer McCormack, Kim Kearing, and Stephen Arner. Please check the Town web site for the monthly agenda and date. All are welcome to attend.

News from the Carrabassett Valley Fire Department

Submitted by Courtney Knapp, Chief

Our Theme of Planning, Training and Preparedness has proven to be of great value to our community and the surrounding area. Every community both large and small in this country is rated for their level of Fire Protection Capabilities by an agency called ISO (Insurance Services Office). Most Insurance Companies use the ISO information to establish what property owners will pay for Fire Insurance Premiums. ISO's rating schedules range from 1-10. One being the best and ten being the worst. Our last inspection was nearly 18 years ago. The Town of Carrabassett has a 6/6x class. We had a visit by an ISO representative last month to update our local information. We have made many improvements to our capabilities since our last rating. Although a class 6/6x is very good for a small town we do expect to better our class when the report is completed. A rate improvement from 6/6x to 5/5x could mean a premium reduction for property owners both commercial and residential.

In light of all the weather related emergencies this country has had in recent years we have been working on updating and completing our Emergency Operations Plan. This is a plan that has to address many potential emergency events. We plan to review and possibly adopt a new plan by the end of 2016.

Upcoming training for the fall includes a live fire exercise at our training building. Our mutual aid departments of Kingfield and Eustis will take advantage of this valuable training as well. Our department also has close ties with the Sugarloaf Ski Patrol and we will participate in their fall Ski Patrol Refresher. This relationship has helped the Ski Patrol with Lift Evacuations in recent years and will be beneficial to our fire fighters should we need help during a mass casualty incident such as a bus accident.

With the development of a vast mountain bike trail network we are called upon to treat and transport those injured from remote areas. A recent training exercise at the Outdoor



Center simulating an injured biker on a trail some distance from the lodge demonstrated the challenges we face. Preparedness is our strength.

Lastly, I have attached a picture of a recent training session. This exercise involved a new piece of equipment called a Vehicle Stabilization Kit. These tools are necessary when a motor vehicle accident occurs and the situation involves a car or heavy truck that is unstable. We need to prevent any movement while removing victims by placing the struts strategically.

We are grateful for all the support our community has given our department.

NorthStar EMS – Regionally Strong, Locally Active

Submitted by Mike Senecal, NorthStar Director

I always like to start the newsletter by reminding everyone who and what NorthStar is about. **NorthStar** is a regional Emergency Medical Service and one of the largest ambulance services in Maine. NorthStar operates five strategically located bases, including Carrabassett Valley (located adjacent to the Town Office and Fire Department). With this great regional strength, we respond not only to local emergencies and medical calls but also provide support and backup to the entire 2,800 square-mile coverage area. This assures that no matter where one ambulance is, there will always be another available for the next call.

NorthStar provides a one-paramedic ambulance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. During the ski season NorthStar provides an additional ambulance from 9am to 5pm during weekends and vacation weeks. These two ambulances respond to over 500 requests for service during

the year. We also increase our staffing during special events in our area to help maintain appropriate ambulance coverage. We also have several EMS providers who monitor the radio waves and respond from home as needed.

We are pleased to announce that due to a higher than budgeted call volume and strong management of our expenses we were able to issue all towns, plantations and unorganized territories an overall reduction of subsidies in the amount of \$303,357 or 34 percent of the last year's total subsidy (2015). The net savings for Carrabassett Valley for 2015 was \$34,598. We will continue to work to keep quality high and the cost low for the communities we serve.

It is with mixed emotions I announce the retirement of long time paramedic Peter Boucher. Peter has been working in the area as a paramedic for over 25 years. He has over



40 years of total experience that included stints in California and Alaska before coming back to New England. NorthStar will miss Peter's smile and experience and wish him well in his new adventures of promoting the snowmobile and ATV trails in the region. Peter resides in Kingfield with his wife Stephanie.

Thank you for making us a part of your community. We'd love to hear from you (other than through 911, of course!). If you have any questions please call my office at 779-2400 as always, NorthStar is proud to be your ambulance service.

Airport News

Submitted by Dave Cota, Town Manager

Fuel Tanks being installed at the Sugarloaf Regional Airport/Pavement Crack Sealing and Safety Area Obstruction Removal Project tentatively planned for 2017.

After a considerable process the Town has received F.A.A. and State Grant funding and necessary permitting to install what is referred to as a "fuel farm" at the Town of Carrabassett Valley Airport (officially known as Sugarloaf Regional Airport). The Town is responsible for 5% of the anticipated \$445,000 project costs which was approved by the Town voters in 2015. The project will consist of installation of two 6000 gallon tanks and related equipment. The tanks will provide for the sale of both 100LL aviation gas and non-ethanol "MoGas" at the airport. The permit process involved extensive hydrogeology exploration

and permitting from both the State Fire Marshall's Office and the State of Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. The project is expected to be completed by Mid-Dec. 2016. Jordan Excavation of Kingfield is the general contractor and Hoyle, Tanner Associates of Manchester N.H. is the engineering consulting firm for this project.

The Airport Committee is currently reviewing the possibility of completing an Airport Pavement Crack Sealing project in 2017. This project is needed to extend the life of the runway and is commonly done at airports. To receive F.A.A. and potentially State funding for this project we must also eliminate all Safety Obstructions at the Airport which means we must cut trees that have penetrated the airport safety zones. We completed a similar project



in 2008 at the airport. If these two projects move forward we anticipated that they will be combined into one project and Town voters will be asked to consider approval of the project possibly at the 2017 annual March Town Meeting.

Local resident and flight instructor, Sawyer Fahy, has been providing flight instruction at the airport and several local residents and homeowners have been taking flying lessons. It's great to see the interest.

News from the Lagoons

Submitted by David S. Keith, Supt., Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District

If an e-mail could present itself as frantic, the email I recently received from the Town Manager may easily have been so. It appears that I overlooked an e-mail, reminding local agencies and others that submittals for this annual issue of the Carrabassett Valley Connections would be due sometime before October. So here I sit, under extreme pressure attempting to write something informative about sewage and sewers. Typically, I have more than a few days to bounce ideas around before putting pen to paper or rather finger to keyboard... and I do mean finger; I favor the right index finger for typing. On occasion, when under pressure or duress; I've been known to throw in the right and left middle fingers... Let's be realistic, I run a Sanitary District, writing is not a prerequisite for the poop trade and well, you know... I'm no Al Diamon.

If this article makes it to the Editor-in-Chief Cota before the deadline, it will be the 16th submittal from the Sanitary District over the past fifteen years. What more could possibly be written about your fecal deposits or rather; items associated with the subject. Previous topics have included: Hey, look what Floated up in the Lagoon, Gushing Sewage Geysers and Ladies that Wear Bicycle Shorts,

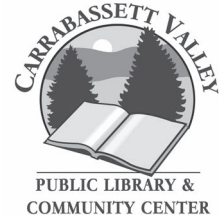
Biblical Toilet References, the Inventor Thomas Crapper, Where was the Outhouse on Gilligan's Island, Gobbler Scat and Monkey Feces, An Outhouse by any other name, Northern Long Eared Bats, Toilets with Customizable Apps (in white or a special order color), Things That Get Flushed, Reiterations of Reiterated Stuff in the newsletter, and of course, the Venerable Porcelain Gods.

In 2003, I wrote an article about the District's Main Sewage Pumping Station. At that time, the station had been in service for 20 years and had pumped an estimated 1 billion gallons of water to the sewage treatment facility at the top of Bigelow Hill. The reason for that article was to announce a retrofit of pumps and control systems in order to extend the useful life of the station. I am pleased to inform you that those repairs very likely saved the users \$200,000 over these past 13 years based upon prior annual maintenance costs.

Today, with mixed emotions I must inform you that these past 13 years have taken its toll. The structural components of the station are showing signs of decay that cannot be resolved with a simple patch and a prayer. Therefore, with extreme happiness and general feeling of goodwill to all,

I must inform you that the Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District has hired Olver Associates of Winterport, Maine to provide engineering design and construction administration services for the replacement of the pump station. It will be a State-of-the-Art Facility that will service the District and its customers for the next 20 to 30 years. A project schedule has been developed to avoid conflicts with the ski season. The new station will go out to bid in January of 2017. We expect the bid to be awarded in March, construction to begin in May; with completion in October. I am hoping the general contractor will allow an open house during Homecoming Weekend 2017. Pumping Stations of this size and configuration typically cost in the range of \$850,000 to \$1,000,000; all funds necessary to pay for the new pump station will be drawn from capital reserves.

Well you look at that; 573 words later and it appears I have the makings of an article. A dash of poop humor with a bit of actual information; this final paragraph to pull it all together and I have met the deadline... The Porcelain Gods have bestowed divine intervention upon my right index finger; apparently pleased with the offering of a new sewage pumping station.



The Carrabasset Valley Public Library offers a wide variety of services for residents and guests. Our cozy environment is stocked with current books, public computers, DVDs, magazines, newspapers and a variety of children's materials. Any time the building is open, you are welcome to use the lobby with access to the Internet... even if the library is closed. Search the website for more information at www.carrabassetvalley.org.

The CV Library had record-breaking attendance again in 2015 reaching over 6,175 visitors, with almost 2,000 additional people using the Begin Family Community Room facilities. Total attendance to date is estimated at over 38,000 visitors! The library has also registered over 3,500 patrons. All registered library patrons can download free audio books and eBooks through the Maine State Library; search download.maineinfonet.org. Stop by for your library membership number to access this free service. Additionally, we have three Kindles for lending, and an iPad for in-house patron use. The lobby provides a very nice venue for local artists to display their work in a gallery setting. Fourteen local artists shared their art this summer at the library filling the gallery walls for summer viewing, and a reception was held to celebrate them. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving an application to display your art. Returning artists exhibiting during the summer of 2016 include: Betsy Bass, Lucia Swallow, John Orcutt, Patty & Greg Thomas, Isaac White, Barbara Stewart and Katie Maloney; new artists include Barry White, Doug Archer, John Pease and Waylon Wolfe. Gallery exhibits during the winter of 2015-2016 lasting two months included Nancy Norris, Lucia Swallow, John Orcutt, and Patty & Greg Thomas. Featured artists scheduled for 2016-17: John Pease, Barbara Stewart, Katie Maloney and Isaac White. Adult Coloring is something new at the library: we have several coloring books to enjoy alone or in a small group; materials provided. It is a

great way to relax and unwind!

The **Begin Family Community Room** is regularly used for dozens of town and selectmen's meetings, association and committee meetings, clubs, free tax assistance, CPR and First Aid classes, GPS class, Girls Talk & Teen Voices, parties, memorials and celebrations, serving as a meeting space for many special groups & organizations. In January, the Maine Game Warden Dive Team held weeklong classes in the Begin Room! Wine & cheese receptions were hosted for each exhibiting artist and free movies were also shown occasionally on the *big screen*. Other community room uses include programs and events for the public. This year's special events so far include: *Lost Villages of Flagstaff* presentation, *Chewonki's Animal Adaptations Nature Program*; Zip Kellogg's showing of the Whitewater Race Film, *Digital Security* Presentation by Tim Flight, Ski Museum of Maine Talk and the Stratton School Steel Drum Band. Maine authors sharing book talks include: Nancy Marshall, Kate Braestrup, William Goodspeed and Doug Dunlap.

In 2015, the Maggie Trafton Memorial Fund brought children's author Nancy Prince to the Stratton & Kingfield Elementary Schools. The children's area of the Carrabasset Valley Public Library was dedicated as the **Maggie Trafton Children's Corner**. The Trafton family attended a private ceremony in the library with Director Andie DeBiase, honoring Maggie and her love of reading. The 2016 **Summer Reading Program theme: *On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!*** brought 27 children into the library to sign up and several programs entertained area children to celebrate. The library co-hosted a **MAD SCIENCE** program enjoyed by over 70 children including **Outdoor Adventure Campers**. *A Story Walk* was presented at the town park made possible by the Healthy Community Coalition; the story boards were provided by Carol M. White PEP Grant Fund. Preschoolers were also



Mad Science Day

OPEN HOURS

WINTER: Tue-Sat: 10-5; Sun: 12-3
 SPRING & FALL: Tue-Fri: 10-5 & Sat: 10-3
 SUMMER: Wed-Fri: 10-5 & Sat: 10-3

treated to a story time visit and book talk by Nancy Prince at the library. In August of 2016, we welcomed *nationally known Farmer Minor and Daisy Pig* with special guests: the pugs! The children enjoyed learning about pot belly pigs, Daisy's love of reading and promised to read more in honor of Daisy. It was a blast!

The library continues to be a wonderful place to gather. Attendance has grown steadily, the fireplace beckons on cold winter mornings and families gather in the children's area; the self-employed have a place to work, internet users enjoy up to 100 Mbps high speed bandwidth, and readers lounge while others enjoy Wi-Fi, coffee and the newspaper in the living room area or on the patio. Volunteers provide time and talent in the Carrabasset Library Community Garden, planting and watering a multitude of crops in raised beds; these carefully tended vegetable plants are harvested and feed those in need through the Stratton Food Pantry. There is something for everyone in our library. Please contact Library Director, Andrea DeBiase, at 237-3535 or email: adebiase@carrabasset.lib.me.us for information about accessing our online public catalog, volunteering, donating to the library (we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) or purchasing a Forever Stone for the patio. Check out the Carrabasset Valley Public Library **Facebook** page for current information on a daily basis. Thank you for your support!

Our summer program highlights included Swim Lessons, Lap Swim and Water Aerobics which took place at The Samantha Wright Memorial Pool located at the Town Park. In addition, the Carrabasset Valley Backcountry Cycle Challenge, Outdoor Adventure Camp, Town Park Tennis Lessons, The Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program, Mountain Bike Camp & Water Sports Program inclusive of Sailing, Kayaking & Paddle boarding, Fourth of July and Summer Festival Activities kept us quite busy.

We are pleased to highlight our Antigravity Complex winter program offerings. They will include Decal Gymnastics grades K-12,

Trampoline Club for ages 7-11, Snag Golf for grades 3-12 with Sugarloaf Golf Pro Zack Zando as well as our Wednesday After School Program with Kory Jacques.

Staff certified Fitness Instructors Stacy Keene, Jen Small and Sarah Plummer will be available to teach Pilate's, Yoga, Spinning, and Cardio & Core & Body Blast Boot Camp. Kory Jacques is also on site to introduce you to our TRX equipment.

Why not utilize our Antigravity Complex Cardio-Fitness Mezzanine or first floor spin room? Developing your strength, flexibility and cardio fitness level gets those legs ready for ski and boarding season.



If you are looking for specialized Trampoline or Climbing Wall training we can accommodate your personal or group needs! Just call us anytime at 207-237-5566.

Antigravity Complex Hours of Operations

October 31, 2016 – April 23, 2017
 Monday - Thurs: 6-10am & 3-9pm
 Friday: 6-10am & 5:30-9pm
 Saturday: 6am-1pm & 4-9pm
 Sunday: 7am-9pm

AGC Annual Membership Rates

Memberships include access to the gymnasium, locker room skate park and fitness mezzanine.

Individual Taxpayer: \$90 for one year
 Family Taxpayer Membership: Includes 2 Adults & 3 children \$225 for one year. Each additional child is \$25 per child.

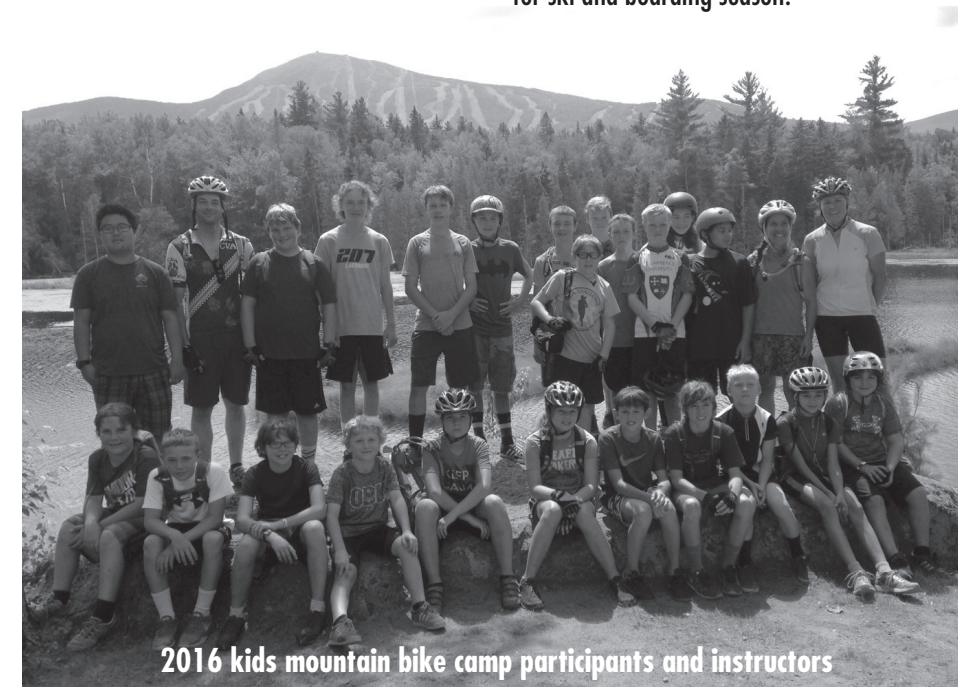
Access to the Olympic Trampolines, Climbing Wall and Fitness classes are an additional cost.

Adult Ice Hockey Pick up Scrimmages

The Sugarloaf Outdoor Center

Start Date: Tuesday January 10, 2017
 6:30-8:00 pm – Tuesday & Thursdays

Helmets are Mandatory. Protective Gear is strongly suggested. Visit us at www.carrabassetvalley.org



2016 kids mountain bike camp participants and instructors

Departmental Operating Principals – Providing you with:

- Leisure activities that enhance skills, health, and self esteem.
- Activities that incorporate current leisure trends and population demographics.
- Ways to stimulate growth in knowledge through leisure experiences.
- Opportunities to build sense of community.
- A network of services linking the community through collaboration & partnerships.
- Safe havens where participants feel welcome.
- Fun for all.

The Carrabasset Back Country Cycle Challenge sponsored by the Town of Carrabasset Valley and the Carrabasset Region of the New England Mountain Bike Association was held on Saturday July 16, 2016. More than 230 biking enthusiasts ascended and descended the 25, 50 & 100 kilometer race course. A special note of thanks to our local area business sponsors, trail volunteers, course volunteers and race coordinators for a job well done. We are very proud of the success of this race and continue to work hand in hand with the volunteer directors of The Carrabasset Region Chamber of the New England Mountain Bike Association.

**It was a grand summer for Outdoor Adventure campers and counselors...so much to do and only six weeks to fit it all in!
We covered the alphabet, and then some!**

A is for Anti-Gravity Complex, we love our time spent there, and of course our “air bicycle” warm-up.
B is for bees, we learned about their survival plight, and how to care for their stings all too many times!
C means time for closing circle where a record number of merit stickers were presented to campers.
D is for the breathtaking dawn we witnessed on our overnight on an island in Mooselookmeguntic Lake.
E always stands for environment, we are constantly talking about how to help sustain a livable planet.
F leads us to the Fairy House Village which grows every summer with more fanciful creations!
G now means Gadabouts, our new hiking program for the younger teams to foster their love of walking in the woods.
H leads us hiking; we put in many, many miles this summer up, down, and all around.
I lets imaginations run wild with creative opportunities and individual encouragement.
J gives thanks for Kory Jacques who built us a beginner mountain bike trail right at Riverside Town Park, YAHOO!
K represents King and Bartlett where we were guests who swam and cast lines in an old fashioned fly fishing camp setting.
L is for laughing, laughing, and laughing some more.
M means time for Mad Scientists who always entertain and amaze us with natural phenomenon.
N refers to nutrition, eating new things and learning about good foods to fuel our bodies for action!
O stands for overnights, King and Bartlett, Round Barn, Stratton Brook Hut, AGC, Students Island, Cathedral Pines...we all love overnight adventures, s’mores for all!
P represents our Annual Penny Challenge, this year raising money for the Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust, as well as the pleasure we all get from watching Penny swim in her Mom’s pool.
Q means lots of quality time with friends, new and old.
R is always Rough Riders with a record number of participants this summer riding twice a week.
S is for silly songs, smiles, sunscreen, swimming and Samshine!
T stands for you...Carrabassett Valley Taxpayers who make our programs possible!
U celebrates the uniqueness of each camper and staff person and the understanding to nurture each one.
V reminds us that we are very, very lucky to be part of such fun times with so many friends, in such an amazing place!
W means water, swimming in it every chance we got, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding while learning how to conserve our most valuable resource.
X is for the wooden xylophone we had on the music wall which “saw” lots of percussion noise production!
Y is for being young... in age or at heart, and taking on new challenges each day.
Zzzzzzzzz’s are what the camp counselors catch up on after camp is over before they start planning for the next summer!



CVA’s Board of Trustees has long supported the Sugarloaf Ski Club’s vision of a new competition center. In May 2015, CVA received an incredible gift from the Bill and Joan Alfond Foundation in support of the project such that the CVA Board, bolstered by the commitment and support of partners Sugarloaf and the Sugarloaf Ski Club, officially launched the effort to make this long awaited dream become a reality. The Sugarloaf Ski Club had the vision, the Academy took the reins, and Sugarloaf and the Town of Carrabassett Valley were instrumental in helping it come to fruition.

The Bill & Joan Alfond Competition Center is about much more than racing and competition – it is a multi-generational, four season gathering space, providing a warm and welcoming venue for athletes, coaches and Sugarloaf friends. The building, which is owned by CVA, draws upon Sugarloaf’s rich heritage, including intentional visibility of the strong structural elements of the original gondola station and a custom built fireplace honoring the globally recognized Sugarloaf logo. During the winter months the Center houses Sugarloaf’s world-class Competition Department, it is the home of the Sugarloaf Ski Club (1400 members strong) and the hub of CVA’s Weekend Program. During the summer months Sugarloaf will use the spaces for weddings and conferences. Colby and the University of Maine at Farmington have dedicated team rooms in the facility and space is also available to local middle and high school teams.

Just as importantly, the facility serves as an on-mountain extension of CVA’s campus, “it puts us right where we need to be to better support our current athletes and families, inspire the next generation, and keep our programs strong and connected” remarked CVA Head Of School Kate Webber Punderson. “The new competition center is the latest evidence of CVA’s and Sugarloaf’s commitment to world-class training and competition venues and events and we look forward to welcoming the nation again this March for the U.S. Alpine Championships.”

As soon as the project commenced, CVA formed fundraising and building committees with representatives from each stakeholder group, financing, permitting and insurance was secured, and business operations were employed to support construction. Long-term sustainability is ensured through a capital reserve fund. Sugarloaf’s generous ongoing support of the Center

includes paying the annual operating expenses. Fundraising for the project has gone incredibly well with \$2 million raised from 185 donors – almost all of whom are Ski Club Members. This includes a substantial gift of up to \$225,000 from the Sugarloaf Ski Club itself and a fantastic \$100,000 gift from the Town of Carrabassett Valley.

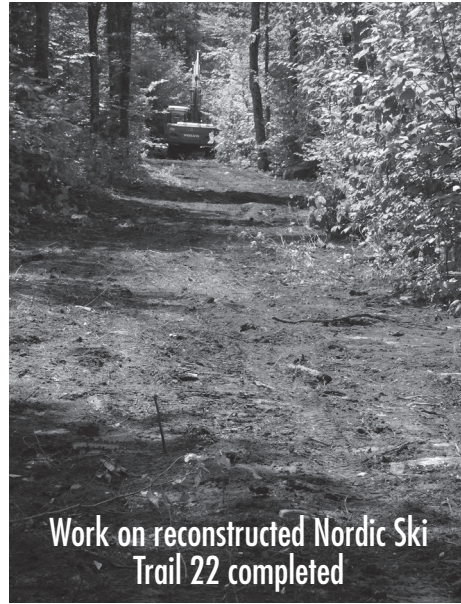
The lead project architects were avid Sugarloafer Rick Goduti and Maggie Stanley from the Portland-based firm Goduti Thomas Architects. Longtime Sugarloafer Linwood Doble served as the Construction Manager for the project and led a team of incredibly talented and primarily local craftsmen through a rigorous summer of construction. Construction began on May 1, 2016 and the building will be complete by November 15, 2016. A grand opening celebration is planned for December 10, 2016.

CVA is tremendously grateful for the support of the Town of Carrabassett Valley, the Ski Club and Sugarloaf. We welcome the public during the winter months so please plan to come in and warm up by the fire, visit with friends, and enjoy this fantastic new gathering space! Together we are fostering friendships, instilling a life-long love of winter and making competitive dreams come true for generations to come.

Key features in the Bill & Joan Alfond Competition Center include:

- The Gondola Room, a large multi-use space w/ warming kitchen and signature Sugarloaf fireplace
- “Heritage” conference room named in honor of Bruce & Kathy Miles
- Artistically designed lobby dedicated to the H. King Cummings Family
- Offices for Sugarloaf Competition Department and CVA Coaching Staff
- Office/meeting space for the Sugarloaf Ski Club
- Dedicated team rooms for use by Colby & UMF and space for local middle and high school teams
- Tuning/waxing room – available for public use
- Athletic trainers’ room
- Equipment repair workshop & snowmobile garage
- Weekend Program and CVA coaches’ locker room
- Club locker room for Sugarloaf Ski Club members

Outdoor Center News and the Upcoming Nordic Ski Season: Good News! Sugarloaf crews were hard at work this past summer and have relocated and rebuilt Nordic Ski Trail #22 which will be reopened this season. New bridges have been installed and the relocation will avoid several wet problem areas. This trail is the highest traverse across the Town's public lot and was very popular in the past. Also, the popular Redington Trail loop will be reopened this year which was closed last year due to logging operations. To check out upcoming events and trail conditions during the season check their website or call the Outdoor Center at 237-6830. Carrabasset Valley property residents and taxpayers are reminded that you are entitled to discounted season pass rates for Nordic Skiing and for use the skating rink.



Work on reconstructed Nordic Ski Trail 22 completed

Forest Management on the Town Public Lot: During the past winter over 6,000 tons of wood were harvested on 187 acres on the southwestern corner of the 2100 acre public lot. This represented the third year harvest of an approved three-year plan. In terms of revenue, our forestry consultant, American Forest Management, was able to "hit the top of the market" for most of the wood products produced (veneer, log grades, bolt wood, and lower grades) and revenues totaled \$167,695. A lot of forestry science and consideration of recreational uses of the public lot were involved throughout the initial three year timber harvesting plan process. The Town's Public Lot Forestry Committee has been very pleased with the results and they have recommended implementation of another three-year harvesting plan which may start when market conditions improve. A copy of the proposed new three-year plan can be viewed on the Town website (www.carrabassetvalley.org). Please forward any questions you may have to the Town Manager. With Town (meeting) approval revenues are being used to maintain capital maintenance (roads, bridges and Nordic Ski trails) within the Town Lot with an eye toward major trail bridge replacement (55 trail bridges) in approximately eight to ten years.

Mountain Bike Trail Development Program Continues: Trail development continues as we are finishing up our sixth consecutive year of new construction. As most of you may know, the program is a collaboration between the Town, the Mountain Bike Club (CRNEMBA—see their enclosed article), Maine Huts and Trails and Sugarloaf. A memorandum of understanding between these parties describes the collaborative relationship. A nine person Trails Committee consisting of representation of these four parties provides



program guidance and makes recommendations as to future trail development locations, trail ability designations, signage, funding and other trail related issues. The existing eighty mile trail system extends over lands owned by the Town, the Sanitary District, the State of Maine, the Penobscot Indian Nation and Sugarloaf. This past year, approximately 2.25 miles of new trail were built. In the past six years collectively, over \$600,000 has been expended on trail development. More trail expansion is planned for 2017 in addition to providing new signage, and a long-term trail maintenance plan. It is very evident that we are seeing significantly more seasonal home owners and visitors to our area in the summer and fall months due to the extent and quality of our mountain bike trail system. For the first time, nationally recognized singletracks.com now lists the Carrabasset Valley trail system as the number one mountain bike trail system in the State of Maine. For more information on the trails and how you can volunteer contact CRNEMBA at carrabassetnemba.org.

When the nation's best skiers return to Sugarloaf next March for the 2017 U.S. Alpine Championships, they will arrive to a new, state-of-the-art Competition Center, thanks to the combined efforts of Carrabasset Valley Academy, Sugarloaf, and the Sugarloaf Ski Club.

The \$2.1 million Bill and Joan Alford Competition center headlines the list of summer improvements and highlights for the 2016/17 season at Sugarloaf, and is near completion as temperatures begin to dip and thoughts turn to winter.

The new center was made possible by a \$1 million grant from the Bill and Joan Alford Foundation and features office space for staff from Sugarloaf, CVA, and the Sugarloaf Ski Club, tuning and waxing facilities, trainers' room, locker room, conference room, and a great room and kitchen capable of hosting gatherings of up to 120 people.

The center is located on an expanded footprint of what was originally the loading terminal of the famous Sugarloaf gondola. The original gondola terminal will become the great room in the new center, featuring a custom built fireplace. During the summer months the great room will host wedding receptions and conferences, bringing year-round vitality to the Competition Center.

The center will house offices for the Sugarloaf Ski Club, providing a permanent, year-round home for the club for the first time, and will also feature dedicated team rooms for the Colby College and University of Maine ski teams. CVA's weekend programs will also run out of the new center, making it a true hub for community activities.

The Competition Center will serve as base of operations during the U.S. Alpine Championships, which will return to Sugarloaf March 24-29 for the second time in that past three years. The country's top alpine skiers, including Mikaela Shiffrin and Lindsay Vonn, will compete for national titles in slalom, giant slalom, super g, and combined.



The championships will once again allow Sugarloafers the opportunity to witness the country's best skiers in action, and get up close and personal with many of them at the opening ceremonies and a special autograph session.

The championship races will be hosted on the world famous Narrow Gauge trail, which was the recipient of more than 7000 feet of new snowmaking pipe during the summer. The pipe replaced both the water and air lines, increasing capacity on the trail and allowing snow-makers to run snow guns from top to bottom simultaneously.

Sugarloaf's lift maintenance department was also busy throughout the summer once again, tackling numerous projects on various lifts throughout the resort. Lift technicians and engineers from Doppelmayr worked together to install a new communication line on the SuperQuad — a major project that should greatly improve reliability and consistency of lift operation.

On the Skidway lift, the counterweight was relocated to accommodate the new competition center. In addition to the counterweight relocation, Skidway's gear box and electrical drive were rebuilt.

The lift maintenance department continued with its rigorous inspection schedule throughout the summer, continuing its work to ensure all of Sugarloaf's lifts maintain the highest possible standard for safety.

The Sugarloaf village will see the addition of a new retail store this season, with a new Kuhl Signature Store opening in Village South. The space was completely renovated during the summer and the new store will feature exclusively Kuhl merchandise. Born in the mountains and anchored in the ski industry, the Kuhl brand has become a staple in the outdoor and active wear segments, and has been a top seller at the Downhill Supply Company. The new store will bring new vitality to the Village South commercial space, animating the space between the Bag & Kettle and Gepetto's.

For more information on Sugarloaf and its offseason upgrades, visit www.sugarloaf.com.

Flagstaff Area Business Association

Submitted by Richard Fotter

Maine's High Peaks®
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The Flagstaff Area Business Association (FABA) is a Non-Profit, State of Maine Corporation marketing the region as Maine's High Peaks. We are home of Maine's 14 Highest Peaks! Not only does the Maine's High Peaks region offer the best outdoor activities you could ever dream of, our small towns and villages will make you feel right at home with plenty of dining, shopping, art and cultural activities and more. Once you've experienced our "Mountains of Possibilities", you'll come back home... again and again.

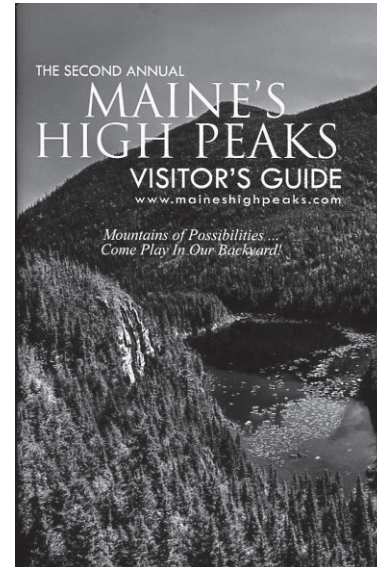
Thank You, the Carrabasset Valley taxpayers and Board of Selectmen for investing in FABA and for the use of the Carrabasset Valley Regional Information Center. During the last 12 months, we have had 1500 visitors to the

Information Center. Over 700 people have contacted MHP by phone or email (from 49 States) to request our Second Annual Official Maine's High Peaks Guide Book. We have given out over 18,000 Guide Books in the last 9 months at many locations. Another 4000 Guide Books will be available at travel shows and businesses during the next 4 months for a total of 22,000. Two thousands were given out to the 16,000 guests at the Boston AAA Show at Foxboro last Spring.

We invite you to stop at the Information Center. The Grande Dame of the Valley Joni Blanchard, Doug Archer, Richard Fotter, along with Lucy will be happy to welcome you and explain how Maine's High Peaks is supporting the entire region.

Again, thank you Carrabasset Valley for your continued support as FABA dba Maine's High Peaks continues to grow. We have grown by

35 new members in the last 9 months to 195 members. FABA /Maine's High Peaks has been a member based organization for 21 years. Please call 207-235-6008 or email info@mainehighpeaks.com.



News from the Greater Franklin Development Council

Submitted by Morgan Spencer

The Economic Development Landscape in Franklin County

Autumn is a busy time of year for Greater Franklin Development Council. We reflect on the exciting leads and projects that occurred in the summer months, work on new opportunities for the future, and make sure we take time to enjoy one of the most beautiful times of year in our own backyards. This past year has progress in both new and developed projects in industries from health care to manufacturing, bringing jobs to attract employees to our wonderful communities in the Maine High Peaks region. Here are some highlights of our busy year! Polycor Inc., based in Quebec, Canada operates over twenty-five quarries and five fabrication plants in North America. This past September they officially opened Swenson Curbing by Polycor, their 10,000 square-foot curbing plant in North Jay. The quarry and the plant added 15 jobs in roles spanning from office management to quarrying.

Representatives from Woodlands Senior Living broke ground on their new Memory Care Center

in Farmington in early September, and are expected to complete the construction in September of 2017. They aim to hire 30 full-time employees to run the facility. Chief Operating Officer Matthew Walters estimates that there are approximately 700 individuals in the Franklin County area living with Alzheimer's or other memory loss conditions, and that number is expected to rise with the aging population. On November 7th, a non-profit Children's Center, which currently has locations in Augusta, Skowhegan, and Gardiner, will open their Farmington location in the Fairbanks School Meeting House. The Children's Center will offer center-based programming to children from birth to age five with an autism or mental health diagnosis, and will employ 10-12 people. Earlier this summer, GFDC Executive Director Alison Hagerstrom helped organize a Familiarization Tour with the Maine Office of Tourism. In two days, four representatives from the Maine Office of Tourism toured the Greater Franklin County area with Alison and Penny Meservier, Executive Director of the Franklin County

Chamber of Commerce. Participants stayed at the Nestlewood Inn in Carrabasset Valley and met with folks from Sugarloaf and Maine Huts and Trails for dinner at the Coplin Dinner House in Stratton.

This past May and October GFDC, in partnership with the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and Women's Business Center at CEI, hosted our bi-annual Entrepreneurs Connect events. Each event brought out 15-30 local entrepreneurs and many other attendees. GFDC always looks forward to these events – the inspiration of the entrepreneurs is infectious!

Looking forward into the next year, we know how vital it is for economic development in the more rural parts of the state to bring more extensive broadband and cell phone connectivity to the state. In 2017, we expect to champion this effort to not only allow visitors to stay connected, but allow businesses and potential employers to utilize and offer this connectivity. This effort is vital to strengthening Franklin County Tourism, our local tourism network, and continuing to see growth in our hometowns that have endless potential.

News from J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club

Submitted by Brenda Robbins, Club Secretary



Now that we are coming into fall, the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club has started to prepare for a new season of snowmobiling. The Club was formed in 1987 and has been going strong since. The Club has over 55+ miles of well-groomed maintained trails as well as being part of the "Black Fly Loop" a vast network of more than 134 miles of trails. In spite of last year's weather, the club still had the largest number of members join! The club is accepting new memberships as well as it's time to renew for the 2016/2017 Season. To make it convenient for members, the Club offers storage space for Snowmobiles & Trailers. To learn more about the Club, either stop on your way through the Valley (the club house is located next to the Sugarbowl) or write to: J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club, Valley Crossing #11, Carrabasset Valley, ME 04947. The club house has a supply of membership cards, trail maps and most likely you will meet one of our loyal club members who continuously work year-round to maintain the trails, equipment and storage sheds! On behalf of the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club, I would like to thank our landowners, our business sponsors, the Town of Carrabasset Valley, and our club members. Even with little to no snow last year, we had 97 individuals and families joined the club to support our continuous trail and groomer improvements. We appreciate all the support.

News from the Carrabasset Valley ATV Club

Submitted by John McCatherin

Trail expansions highlight C.V. ATV Club's 2016 Season

Having focused on trail improvements our first five years, the Carrabasset Valley ATV Club spent its major effort this year in expanding that system, adding an additional six miles to our network. We began the season with an early project on the Poplar Mountain trail, working jointly with the J.V. Wing Snowmobile Club which has used that trail for years. Club crews and a hired excavator soon repaired damaged bridges, removed crushed culverts, re-established drainage ditches and smoothed out the countless dips and valleys in the trail. As sort of the frosting on the cake, we cleared out an overlook with a view south toward Ira and Claybrook Mountains and Kingfield and then built and placed a picnic table on that site. That trail was officially opened on June 4th and currently measures about four miles. Our objective is to continue this trail to connect to trail systems in Highland Plantation and Lexington and we're currently studying routes to accomplish that.

The second major project of the year reopened a long-closed snowmobile trail providing a shorter route from Carrabasset to Kingfield. The trail departs south from the Owl's Head Road, also known as the Julie Pond Road, about 3.2 miles from Route 27. From there it's a straight shot for a mile south and then turns right up a steep hillside to the Kingfield Town Line and then another mile to where it joins the Kingfield Quadrunners trail to Kingfield. We finished off that project with another overlook and picnic table location providing a scenic view of Owl's Head Mountain.

From the Carrabasset trail head behind the Sugarbowl bowling alley, it's a 15.8 mile ride to Kingfield, about 8 miles less than the other route by way of Rapid Stream Valley. Using the new and old Kingfield routes together, it provides a 39-mile loop ride returning through Rapid Stream and by Owls Head Mountain.

The ATV Club was established in 2000, taking over about 23 miles of trail previously maintained by other clubs. Since that time we have accomplished major work on almost all of those original trails and now, with our two trails added this year, our network totals 31 miles of trail.

For more information about the Carrabasset Valley ATV Club please contact John McCatherin at johnmccatherin@tds.net or 207-235-2121.



Mountain biking is FUN! The Carrabasset Trail Network offers trails for riders of all levels of skill and interest. The trail system is rated on a system of Green (beginning/entry), Blue (intermediate) and Black (advanced/expert). Of the 82 miles of trail currently in the network, approx. 16 miles are rated Green, 55 miles Blue, and 11 miles Black. The trail system offers entry level trails such as the Grassy Loops that offer flowy single-track on relatively flat terrain, a range of intermediate trails with flow and different surfaces, backcountry riding on the Esker Trail or Redington Pond loop, and expert riding on the Real Deal.

Chapter Membership/Trail Ridership

The mountain bike club is known as "CRNEMBA" (Carrabasset Region of the New England Mountain Bike Association) and membership is open to all levels of mountain bike riding enthusiasts. We are focused on attracting those new to the sport and serving individuals and families with home and condo ownership in the Carrabasset area.

While there is no user fee to ride these trails, and all trails are open to the public, we encourage you to support the mountain bike trail system and building of new trails by joining the local chapter of NEMBA.

Memberships are available at very affordable rates for Individuals (\$35) and family (\$45). Please visit <http://carrabasset.nemba.org/join-carrabasset-region-nemba/> for information on registration.

Events

During the year, a number of events are held with mountain biking as the main attraction. The inaugural Sugarloaf Mountain Bike Festival was held in September of this year and is a collaboration of CRNEMBA, Sugarloaf Mountain and Maine Huts & Trails. This three day, non-competitive event provided daily guided rides (led by CRNEMBA volunteers), food, music, and demo bike rides over 3 days. The inaugural event attracted 275 participants; expect 2017 to be bigger and better!

The 2016 Carrabasset Backcountry Cycle Challenge (CBCC) attracted almost 350 competitors (including 31 for a fun kids 'race'). This is an increase of over 50 percent from 2015. This event is becoming a signature, 'must do' event for competitive mountain bike cyclists from around New England and beyond. The net proceeds of this event go to CRNEMBA and are used to continue the expansion of the trail network.



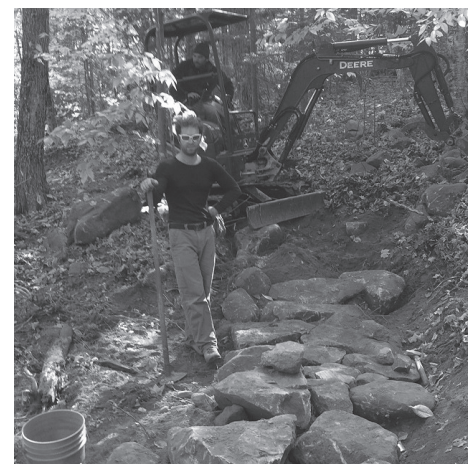
Other annual and regular events include the annual Sugarloaf Fat Tire Festival, scheduled for Feb 11-12, 2017, Baxter Duathlon held in early August, and regularly scheduled trail work days from May through October.

Trail Network and New Construction

During 2016 approximately 2.25 miles of new single track trail were completed. This includes about 0.5 mile of green and 1.75 miles of blue trail. For 2017 we expect construction on a new trail designed to provide an easy and fun trail connecting the Sugarloaf base area to the Outdoor Center. CRNEMBA has set aside \$7,500 for further trail survey and design work for next phase trail construction.

Visit us at: Facebook: Carrabasset Region NEMBA Web: www.carrabasset.nemba.org

2016 trail development on 'Hurricane Knoll' Trail



Some "local" riders in the successful mountain bike festival held at the Outdoor Center and sponsored by Sugarloaf, CRNEMBA and Maine Huts & Trails



The CVOA is a vibrant club with diverse interests springing from a single core: our love of the outdoors. For the past 16 years, our mission has been simple and straight-forward: To foster and promote the conservation of our natural resources and the creation of recreational opportunities in our region.

Our members number nearly 900, and during the last year we offered a full calendar of events, including a ski trip to Whistler, B.C.; a bike trip in Montreal; an overnight at the MH&T Grand Falls hut; a weekend in Bar Harbor; and a 4-night cruise on the Victory Chimes. Our Annual Meeting was held at the Sugarloaf Inn with dinner and guest speaker Cary Kish, AT hiker and author. Other events included a day at a mid-coast cove, our annual winter social, a golf outing at Lac Megantic, and other day activities based on all forms of non-motorized locomotion.

Our 2017 calendar is in process, and will include dancing to the band Delta Knights; our annual ski trip has filled up with 70 members traveling to Telluride, CO. We will also



schedule variations of past event; we are always on the lookout for new events.

CVOA contributes to our community when the opportunities arise. Members participated in the annual Route 27 cleanup in May, and we stocked a trout pond at the Outdoor Center for catch and release fishing. We also support our community with donations to local organizations. Our donation policy includes an application form, guidelines and criteria; foremost, the request must reflect our mission statement. This year, one donation was to the Stratton Summer Recreation Program so local kids could go on overnight camping trips.

Over the years we have built a top notch shooting range overlooking the majestic

Bigelow Mountains. Our range offers rifle, pistol, and trap ranges. With the very generous support of the Town of Carrabasset Valley, and the State of Maine IF&W, our range is in the process of adding a Five Stand Sporting Clay Range. The full Five Stand will be completed by early next summer, but we expect to hold organized shoots in the next few weeks. The CVOA Range wishes to also thank the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center, Sugarloaf Mountain, and the numerous individuals involved for their support of this project.

CVOA has managed to keep our annual dues at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Membership to the range is just an additional \$20 per range member. If you are not already a member of CVOA, we welcome you to join us. Check us out at: www.cvoutdoors.com.





Over at Maine Huts & Trails, the hardworking crew is gearing up for another winter season, and hoping that the Farmer's Almanac is right about their impressive snowfall predictions. Nordic skiers all around New England are due for a few more powder days than last year, and the team at Maine Huts & Trails is hard at work to make the experience the best it can be.

Among the many trail improvements, two of the best are near Stratton Brook Hut:

- The Bigelow Approach Trail has been a summer-long project, and offers Nordic skiers, hikers, and snowshoers direct access to the trails and peaks within the Bigelow Preserve. This trail will not be groomed, so be prepared for a true backcountry experience once the snow falls.
- If you've been to Stratton Brook Hut via Oak Knoll or Newton's Revenge, you'll be happy to hear that there's a new reroute now complete. It features more forgiving switchbacks and mellowed out pitches; perfect for beginner/intermediate skiers and mountain bikers.

All the huts are open for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30-1:30 during full-service season. This fall and winter, full-service season runs through October 23rd, and resumes December 16th through March 26th. Trekking out to a hut for lunch is the perfect day trip; especially when you want to avoid long lift lines on the weekend!

The 80 mile professionally maintained trail system is open and free to the public year-round. You're welcome to stop by a hut anytime to refill your water bottle, use the bathrooms, or just take a break. To spend the night, you'll need to make reservations through the Kingfield office by calling (207)265-2400. Three meals are included with your stay during full-service season, and locals stay half-price every Tuesday night, all year.

For more information, including special events, volunteer opportunities, and daily trail conditions, check out the website: www.mainehuts.org, call (207)265-2400, or stop by the office in Kingfield Monday through Saturday from 9-5. Happy Trails!

THANKS, MEMBERS!

With your support, Maine Huts & Trails offers over 80 miles of multi-use trails, professionally maintained and free to the public all year.

In return, members get:

- 10% off lodging, lunches and retail.
- Free day use of canoes and kayaks at Flagstaff Hut.
- Complimentary private room upgrades when available.
- Free admission to the Annual Members' BBQ.
- Periodic Member-Only discounts.

It's easy to join. Just visit www.mainehuts.org and click on 'become a member'. One year memberships are \$75 for an individual, and \$100 for a family.

News from the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center

Submitted by Kayla Miner

"Your Adaptive Gateway to the Outdoors!"

The Adaptive Outdoor Education Center is a nonprofit organization, located on the Outdoor Center Road. Officially opening in January 2016, the Center offers low-cost, fully accessible lodging for all people with disabilities and their families and friends.

Our purpose is to provide adaptive outdoor recreation and education opportunities, while also being a resource for the general public. The Center provides year-round programming with activities including adaptive water sports, biking, nature walking and hiking, challenge playground elements, sailing, snowshoeing, arts and crafts, and much more! We focus on promoting stewardship in Maine through all of our programs, with our intent being to have shared public land for the benefit of outdoor recreation and management of the natural community.

We are pleased to share that our founders, Bruce and Annemarie Albiston, are being recognized as Spurwink's Humanitarians of the Year! The Albistons have donated their time, resources, energy, and funds to ensure that both the Adaptive Outdoor Education Center and Aphasia Center of Maine provide quality programs to enhance the quality of life for all populations served. Their passion for the work that they do is honorable and huge congratulations to them both!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 21st: Rock & Roll in the Yurt! An evening of entertainment with rockin' music from The Elmore Twist Band and a silent auction! The event is a collaborative fundraiser with Spurwink on the Slopes, which provides a ski program for children with autism. All proceeds benefit both organizations! Stay tuned for more information.

March 4th: Mystery Dinner It's time to put your detective skills to the test! Enjoy a three-course dinner while a mystery show is played out before you. Follow the action and write down clues to solve the mystery of "whodunit?"

Stay connected by 'liking' us on Facebook and for more information on the Center and upcoming please events visit: www.adaptiveoutdooreducationcenter.org or email us at infoAOEC@gmail.com.



Sugarloaf Golf Course News

Submitted by Zack Zondlo, Sugarloaf Golf Pro

With the perfect weather conditions and ideal playing conditions, Sugarloaf Golf Club was once again the course to play in Maine. Shaun Osborne and his crew did a magnificent job to provide golfers the best conditions all season. The golf course was able to benefit from their tireless work and had a recent record year in rounds.

One of our many reasons why we had another successful season was our many outings we hosted. We were fortunate to host a new event



this year, The Hammond Lumber Golf Tournament. The Maine Celebrity Classic was once again a success and we are already looking forward to what John Beaupre can do next year. We appreciate all of our event sponsors that continue to support the golf course by bringing their events here to Sugarloaf Golf Club.

For the fifth consecutive year, Sugarloaf Golf Club was able to host some of the best national and international junior golfers during the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Coca-Cola Junior Championship. During the second round, there were three hole in ones and a course record 16-year old Sophia DiGuesaldo's 70, was the first woman in the course's thirty one year history to break par! RuQing Gin won the girls event and Nicklas Staub won the boys event. During this event we utilized volunteers each day to help the tournament be the success it was. We appreciated all the help we received from the local

community in making this incredible event happen. If you are interested in volunteering next year please contact the golf shop.

With the purchase of SNAG Golf from funding from the Town's Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Fun, the golf course is excited to have another way to instruct junior golf and provide more junior golf programs through this winter and throughout the golf season next year. Juniors age five to eighteen are eligible to participate. If you have someone interested in the junior golf programs please contact the golf shop.

The golf course has continued to benefit from our support of our members. Their active participation and support of the club are one of the many reasons we take pride in hanging our clubs here. We would like to congratulate this year's Club Champions: Derek Blake, Ron Merrill, and Barb Taber. We look forward to another successful season next year.

News from the Sugarloaf Christian Ministry

On the first Sunday in December 1982, a vision expressed by a small number of Sugarloaf "old-timers" was realized. Reverend Skip Schwartz opened with prayer and thanksgiving, and Sugarloaf Christian Ministry held its first service at the Bell Chapel. Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry began serving the winter ski community, providing spiritual services on the mountain for local and seasonal Sugarloafers. This tradition of bringing the Good News to the mountain during the ski season evolved into the only year-round church in Carrabassett Valley, with the appointments of the Reverends Pamela and Earle Morse in the fall of 1990, as co-pastors of our Ministry.

This past June, during the closing presentations of Ministry's Bible Adventure Days, the congregation and friends from the community, surprised Pam and Earle with a cake celebrating 25 years of service to the Ministry. The cake with Pam and Earle's picture on it, flowers, balloons, and a 25 year notebook of remembrances celebrated the continuity of spiritual service and community partnerships the Ministry has enjoyed throughout the years, attained through their guidance, leadership, dedication and their vision for the future well-being of the church at Sugarloaf.

The church is made up of people, and not just those found in the pews on Sunday mornings. In Peter 3:15 we are told to *"be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"* Our purpose at Sugarloaf Christian Ministry is *"to seek to inspire in all persons a love for Christ and an eagerness to live out their responsibilities to God and to all people, without exception."*

Renting the shared use of the Chapel, the Ministry, also known as Sugarloaf Christian Ministry has no infrastructure to expend critical time and resources to maintain, therefore allowing us to focus our resources outside the walls of the Chapel and into the heart of the community. The financial support the Ministry receives from past and present church members and associates and the Sugarloaf area community, and the many volunteers who lend a hand, hammer, paint brush, or unique skills and talents, all help us make a difference in preserving a quality of life in this rural community we call home or a home away from home.

Please browse our websites, www.sugarloafministry.com and www.cvalleynetwork.org to

Submitted by Gerry Baril, Board Chair



familiarize yourselves with the various spiritual and social services provided through the Ministry and the many outreach partnerships the Ministry has become associated with in Western Maine. You can "Like Us" on Facebook, call us at 207-237-2304 or contact us through traditional mail at Village West #18, 5085 Access Road, Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM., or Downhill Worship on the slopes from Christmas to Easter, and for a grand opening celebration on top of Sugarloaf at The AMP on Homecoming Sunday, October 9th at 11:00 AM. It is our hope to offer regular Sunday outdoor services at The AMP next summer, because Life Looks Different From The AMP. Check the websites and our monthly newsletter for later details. Come when you can, come as you are, all are welcome at God's house!

News from the Western Maine Center for Children



WMCF first welcomed families in the doors in January 2010. Our mission is to provide quality Early Childhood Care and Education to the children of our area's workforce. We currently serve children from Kingfield to Eustis and every town and territory in between, at our facility in the Carrabassett Valley Public Library and Community Center. The infants we cared for in 2010 are now in second grade, and there has been a steady supply of endearing young children following in their path. In any day spent in the Valley, I would bet that you interact with, or experience the reliable work of someone who has or had, a child in our care.

We are grateful to have the support from the Town of Carrabassett Valley residents who have voted the last two years to provide our classroom and play space rent-free, enabling us to keep our parent fees affordable and our fundraising needs reasonable. Our two main fundraisers are the Annual Homecoming Auction in October, and Pedal for Preschoolers in early June. If you ride a bike (road or mountain) please plan on joining us Sunday morning June 7, 2017 as we ride varying distances on scenic Route 27 between Eustis and the Canadian border, fully supported with Sheriff Patrol, rescue personnel, and manned rest stops.

WMCF received a grant in 2016 from The Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust which enabled us to fund summer training and purchase a four-seater stroller, an inside infant/toddler soft play space, art supplies, and six ride on bikes and tricycles.

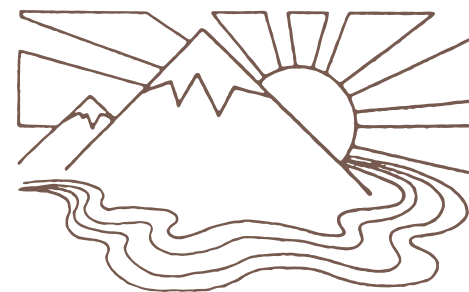
We are always open to new grant opportunities and private donations.

We run a tight center: almost all of our toys and furnishings are donated; our Licensed Program Director and our Board of Directors are volunteers. Our staff (two full time, five part time) is a very dedicated group of professionals and is the backbone of our program successes. Our successes are seen in happy, secure, self-confident, kind, imaginative, active, curious children AND parents who can work at their full capacity because they know their children are in good hands.

We look forward to many more years of providing Quality Early Care and Education for our youngest Sugarloafers.

Submitted by Marcia White

Carrabassett Valley Youth Scholarship Programs



Town of Carrabassett Valley Scholarship Program

Administered by the Town of Carrabassett Valley Scholarship Committee

For many years Town of Carrabassett Valley property taxpayers have generously funded scholarships to deserving Town of Carrabassett Valley resident High School seniors to pursue college, trade school and related further education. Students are eligible to receive this scholarship each year for up to four years of college or trade school but must apply annually. To qualify students must be Carrabassett Valley residents for a minimum of five years and must fulfill the application requirements (application, three references, etc.). Currently, there are twelve students receiving this scholarship. The amount of the average annual scholarship varies between \$500 and \$2,000 depending on available funds and student need. In 2016, the Town appropriated \$12,000 for this program. The Town also has \$80,000 in a Trust Fund to help fund this program. Annual applications are available on the Town website (www.carrabassettvalley.org) and must be submitted in full by May 1st of each year. The Town's Scholarship Committee administers this program. Through the years many deserving Carrabassett Valley students have received this scholarship.

Ski and Snowboard Youth Scholarship Program

Administered by the Sugarloaf Ski Club

We are fortunate to live in a community that is so progressive. A community that not only strives to help its own children, but also the children of our neighboring communities.

Carrabassett Valley is also a community that recognizes and values strong partnerships with organizations that operate within our town.

An example of this is the Scholarship Program administered by the Sugarloaf Ski Club. Since the late 80's the Town has provided an annual appropriation (\$10,000 in 2016) to assist the Ski Club in awarding scholarships to area youth to pursue their skiing and riding dreams at Sugarloaf. In October, the Club utilized the Town funding to award funding to thirty-three area youth who attend schools in the RSU 58 and Stratton school districts. This area includes Stratton, Strong, Kingfield, Carrabassett, Phillips and several unorganized territories.

In addition to Town funding, the Sugarloaf Ski Club and its foundation, the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation, raise funds and administer several other youth ski programs. They are listed on the Club's website at www.sugarloafskiclub.org. For the upcoming ski season over \$22,000, including the town funding was awarded to a total of sixty-three youth. Some of these recipients are as young as three years old and will participate in learn to ski/ ride programs such as Mini Cuffers. Other youth will participate in Bubblecuffers and CVAWP. In addition to the \$22,000 awarded this fall, \$2,000 will be given to the area elementary schools to assist their Ski / Skate programs. A truly heartwarming video of this program can be viewed on the Sugarloaf website. Some of the children and youth who receive scholarships will go on to compete in College ski programs, the U.S. Ski team and some may become Olympians. To get there, it takes money. That is why, in the spring, the Ski Club will also award "Merit Grants" to young skiers and Snowboarders who have excelled in their sport and need financial assistance to compete at a higher level. If you would like to learn more about the Ski Club Scholarship programs and/or how you can contribute, go to their website scholarship page.

The Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program

Administered by the Town of Carrabassett Valley and Sugarloaf Golf Club

The Alden MacDonald Junior Golf Program has been in existence since September of 1985. The program was originally established as a result of a very generous financial donation from Alden and Margaret MacDonald of Dover New Hampshire and Carrabassett Valley. The MacDonald's believed that the Sugarloaf Golf Course and The Town of Carrabassett Valley could facilitate a viable and sustainable golf program for our area children. It only made sense for them to involve town government, as well as the community and local youth with this program. The MacDonald's commitment, perseverance, inspiration and generosity laid the groundwork for today's noteworthy program.

Although this not exactly a "scholarship program" funding from the Town's annual financial match (\$1,500 in 2016) and local matching funds (including the annual Ayotte's Golf Tournament) are used to pay expenses for the instruction for both the Town's junior golf program and for the many youth from the Town's Outdoor Adventure Camp who receive golf instruction every summer. A \$90,000 trust fund for this program is also in place if needed. This funding helps reduce the cost to youth who participate in the six week junior golf program at the Golf Course and also provides available equipment if needed. For further information contact Town Recreation Director Deb Bowker at dbowker3@roadrunner.com.



Team SWA is going strong. We had an ~~uneventful~~ GREAT ski season, enabling the team to devote resources to safety and teambuilding, continuing education classes to fulfill licensure requirements, as well as specific technical courses necessary to upgrade and maintain our SCADA/HMI and other information systems almost entirely in-house.



The team has been busy this spring and summer accomplishing a lot of really good work towards completing improvements recommended in our 20 year Capital Improvement Plan developed by Wright Pierce Engineering and funded in part with a grant from Maine's Drinking Water program (DWP).



Capital Projects Underway Include:

SCADA/HMI Upgrade - Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition/Human Machine Interface (all new server and client computers running all new operating systems and applications, protected by new security software, behind a new firewall).

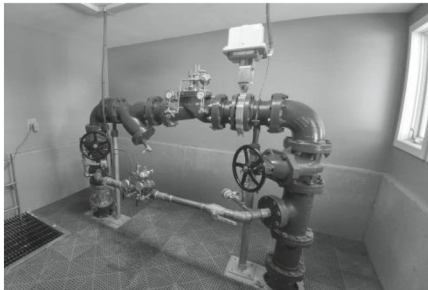
Source Water Development Study. (Partially DWP grant Funded up to \$10,000).

New Finished Water Storage (to increase fire protection and to meet future peak demands)

Ground Water Source Redevelopment Study (Pump and quality testing to determine feasibility of redeveloping a previously discontinued ground water source)



Reservoir Access Upgrades (for greater maintenance safety and protection from surface water contamination)



Pressure Reducing Station Upgrades (for greater maintenance safety and fire suppression capacity, and installed new monitoring equipment and isolation valves)



Eliminated Two Dead-end Mains (by looping them back into the distribution system (and gave some Birchwood condos a great new view of the Bigelows in the process)

Ground Water Source Upgrades (to reduce sand, iron, and manganese into the distribution system)

In addition to the grants for the Capital Improvement Plan and the New Source Water Development Study, the Water

Association has secured a \$7,300 grant to developing a formal Watershed Protection Plan as recommended by the DWP during their 2015 Sanitary Survey; and a \$2,300 grant to increase well head surveillance, and to develop a formal Wellhead Protection Plan, required to be eligible for future DWP grants.



Construction and system maintenance activities did result in 2 water main breaks this summer. Our team sincerely apologizes to all affected. The Water Association has worked with Sugarloaf Security and Owner Services to improve the flow of information to those affected by such a water system event in the future.

A vertical distribution system such as the one servicing much the sugarloaf community requires many pressure reducing valves (PRV's) to prevent the natural forces of gravity from over pressuring our distribution system. PRV's are also required to protect the customer's water system from pressure spikes that can occur within our distribution system. You should contact your plumber or property manager if you are not sure that you have a properly working PRV on your properties water service.



In our continuing efforts to reduce the mountain of wasted resources

associated with bottled water, the Water Association has donated a total of five bottle filling stations to facilities throughout the resort. To date, the use of these bottle filling stations has help eliminate the waste from over 75,000 disposable bottles. Thank you Sugarloafers, for helping our team help our Environment.



WSKI-TV 17 and our website www.wskitv.com continue to provide information and inspiration to our viewers with our VRG (Very Real Goal) to make them stay another day in our region all year-round.

We reach a unique audience in a special place, in a stress-free frame of mind away from the hassles of home: part of the reason for success is confirmed by research consistently showing vacationing viewers have 30% greater ad recall.

From in the studio to on mobile devices, we are always striving to give our viewers the power to improve their experience in the Maine High Peaks with the on-going delivery of info that won't be found and shared with our region's visitors anywhere else.

We give real-time, credible updates on what's happening, new places to discover, how to best prepare for your adventures outside, and events not to be missed.

Our perpetual #1 Ratings and on-going broadcast of Local Recreation Focus Television on

Cable from Kingfield to Eustis for over 35 years is an outcome of our ability to give viewers info to **Know Before They Go** & therefore reliably deliver results for our sponsors.

Our popular Mountain Report live shows are streamed for viewing by anyone, anywhere, making valuable information available even if you do not get Time Warner Cable. Our Guests, local Forecast and First Tracks report, and videos we produce to show recreational features of our region, are guaranteed to enhance time spent in Carrabassett throughout all four seasons.

Our initiative to provide information that can't be found elsewhere has resulted in the creation of mountain bike videos following the progression of Carrabassett's grass roots growth as the best mountain biking destination in Maine. Scores of videos for ideas of things to do for all ages and physical abilities are all available on our website; check it frequently as we are always producing new videos. There are hikes from difficult to short and easy, ATV and snowmobile trail info, and so much more!

Snowfields Productions improve our services every year despite the on-going relatively flat local economy which has supported our existence as a small business in Carrabassett

since we became an independent operation in 1986. Only two people running a TV station and website that contributes so much to the visitor's time in our region, is a lot of work with a lot of hardware, and sometimes a lot of headaches!

Our aspirations may be limited by our budget, but there is no end to our commitment to helping our community as creatively as possible; we are not week-enders; we are not winter-only! We are full timers and our only income has been and always will be here in Carrabassett Valley from providing services that keep viewers watching, keep them going through the doors of our sponsors and keep our sponsors seeing results for their investment in marketing with WSK-TV 17 and wskitv.com.

We are always looking for more support from any business who wishes to get a message out to our region's guests. WSKI-TV 17 makes viewers want what our sponsors offer! Call anytime FMI: 237-6895

Lodging magazine (fall 2015):

"...multiple mobile devices have not diminished the importance of television. TV is the hub of the in-room entertainment experience. The TV is the design & media center of the room. It's the first thing guests see and has the greatest impact..."



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Sugarloaf Explorer Transportation System — www.sugarloafexplorer.com

Come Ride with Us

The Sugarloaf Explorer program was initiated nine years ago as a collaborative effort between the Town of Carrabasset Valley, Sugarloaf Mountain, the State of Maine and Western Maine Transportation Corp. It is designed to transport homeowners and guests in the Valley and at the Mountain to the ski area, local restaurants and businesses and other local recreational facilities. The system moves people around the mountain safely and efficiently, reduces parking congestion and reduces pollution from vehicles. The system has been hugely successful with ridership averaging over 125,000 passengers during the operating season.

The 2016/2017 season will see few schedule changes. Changes that will occur are as follows:

Week day changes: Rt. 3 - AGC and Mtinside Grocers will now be serviced by the on call bus and not the Rt. 3 bus.

Week night changes: Because of the variability in demand, week night scheduling will be made on a nightly basis and a call to the dispatch office (237-6853) will confirm operating schedule.

Weekend/Holiday changes: No changes will be made.

Weekend/Holiday nights: The buses will run on a published schedule until 11:00pm and operate as on call buses until 1:00am.

You can now follow the Explorer bus schedule on Twitter: SugarloafBus or on the Explorer website: www.sugarloafexplorer.com.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please call the **Explorer dispatch office at 237-6853**.



Two new 12/2 passenger vans added this year