

## Municipal Corner

**Bruce Godin & Mike Manning:** Bruce is retiring after 42 years of service as the Parks Superintendent and Mike is retiring after 36 years as the Parks Foreman. That is 78 years of service to the Town of Stowe.

Both Bruce and Mike grew up in the Town of Stowe. Many kids and other community members got to know them at Jackson Arena. Some youth also had the good fortune to work with the Parks Crew during the summer. I called it *Camp Bruce* where they were expected to work hard and be responsible. Some may have grumbled at times, but they learned how to work, which will serve them well in life. Bruce and Mike could also be seen around the community taking care of the grounds and parks facilities during the warm weather months. Both are strong men with a gentle touch and a *green thumb*. When we needed something to turn green, we turned to the Parks Crew under their leadership to make it happen.

Probably the thing that touched me the most was the care they took of Stowe's cemeteries and the burial of her citizens. Many of these people were their friends and neighbors. I hope when I came to my final resting place, I am laid down to rest in a place so well taken care of and with compassion towards those that come to pay their respects.

Some other things the community should tankful was the establishment of the Quiet Path, which is his idea. He is also the person who came up with the Stowe logo you see on our municipal signs and vehicles. We will be looking for a new Parks Superintendent and Parks Foreman. While we won't be able to replace them these two co-workers and friends, it is an opportunity for two others to continue a proud tradition and leave their own mark on Stowe.

**Welcome to Stowe – A Newcomers' Night:** The Town of Stowe and Stowe Vibrancy are hosting the event, which will be on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm to 7pm at the Stoweflake Resort. Our generous co-sponsors are Stoweflake Resort, Pall Spera Real Estate, Copley Hospital and Milford Cushman Design Group

The event is to welcome the 200+ residents who have arrived recently. Key organization speakers will introduce the Town, Health Care, School and Volunteer organizations. Newcomers will be able to mingle and talk to members of our many volunteer organizations. At the municipal tables we will also provide an opportunity for people to register to vote, obtain their library card, register for recreation programs, and otherwise ask questions about the community. The event is free to both volunteer organizations and newcomers. The volunteer organizations must rsvp to Mary Altadonna ([mary.skelton@gmail.com](mailto:mary.skelton@gmail.com)) to reserve table space. Reservations for Newcomers are also required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/newcomers-night-tickets-322139446757>.

Our Stowe Community works well because so many people bring special skills and have a *serve others* attitude. We look forward to meeting our new neighbors.