

October Municipal Corner

Promotion: Brooke O' Steen is currently a paramedic (full-time) with the Stowe Department of Emergency Medical Services and has been serving as a Stowe Police Officer on a part-time basis. She was formally a police sergeant in the Washing D.C. area. She was recently promoted to serve as a Stowe Police Sergeant full-time. She will also retain her paramedic license, but not longer work full-time for EMS.

New Officer: Due to the resignation of one of our full time Officers, the Town of Stowe recently hired Ben Cavarretta to replace him. Officer has worked previously as a Dispatcher for the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office and as a patrol officer for both the Hardwick and Berlin Police Departments.

Cross Training: Stowe police officers all receive basic emergency response training as they are often the first once at an emergency scene. Recently at a public event Officer Bruce Emerson was helping with traffic when a bystander called for help as a participant collapsed to the ground. All police vehicles (cruisers) are outfitted with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). He was able to use the AED to assist in resuscitation of the patient.

Break-in: There was recently a break-in at a local jewelry store. Detective Fred Whitcomb responded to the call was able to take DNA evidence from blood left at the scene and was able to match it to a suspect. The suspect has been charged.

Drug Take Back Program: The Stowe Police Department has a container in the police lobby where people can bring prescription drugs to ensure they appropriately disposed of and don't inadvertently get into the hands of others. The Stowe Police lobby is open around the clock.

Needle Disposal Program: The Town has installed sharps containers in the bathrooms of the Akeley Building (a.k.a. Town Hall), the Helen Day Art Center Building (a.k.a. Stowe Free Library), and the Stowe Police Station for people to have a place to properly dispose of needles. If you find a needle in a public space, contact the Stowe Police Department non-emergency number at 253-7126, so they can pick it up and properly dispose of it. You can also properly dispose of your own needles at home by putting them in a puncture proof plastic container.

Right Turns: The Town has received some complaints from motorists who are stopped at an intersection and are having vehicles pull up on their right to take a right-hand turn. Unless the road is marked for a turning lane, it is not permitted to pull up alongside another car for this purpose. The only intersection in Stowe that has dedicated right turn lanes is the Main Street and Mountain Road Intersection. This can blind the driver who is in the travel lane from seeing on-coming traffic. Please be safe while driving for your and others benefit. Saving a couple seconds is not worth causing an accident.

Thank you: Emily Boeck recently resigned as the Stowe Recreation Program Director. In addition to her program duty responsibilities, she was instrumental in working with Morgan Nichols and the schools in starting and free lunch program for summer camp kids. Her caring and compassion for Stowe's youth will be missed.