

## Municipal Corner – October

Halloween: To accommodate trick-or-treating in a safe manner, Maple Street will be closed from 5pm to 8pm on Halloween (Monday, October 31). Traffic will be rerouted via Mountain Road, Weeks Hill, Mayo Farm Road to West Hill Road.

Also Stowe Parks & Recreation will host their annual Halloween Party at Stowe Elementary School from 4:30pm to 6pm on Halloween. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Finally, if you have never had the opportunity to do so, you should come to the Stowe Elementary School Halloween Parade. The kids dress up in their costumes and make a route around the village, including Main Street. It is one of my favorite times of the year. There is nothing like kids smiling to make your day. The parade starts at the Elementary School at 1:30pm on Halloween.

Selectboard Agendas: To help ensure that people are aware of what is on the Selectboard agendas, we have added a box to the “Stay Connected” section of our municipal website ([www.townofstowevermont.org](http://www.townofstowevermont.org)) that will automatically send you a copy of the agenda if you sign up by providing us with your email address. You can also see the agenda, agenda summaries, and minutes of the Selectboard meeting on the municipal web site under “Agendas & Minutes” Any interested party (resident, second homeowner, business person, etc.) is welcome to attend the meetings to provide input. If you prefer, you can also send something to me in writing requesting that it be distributed to the Selectboard and I will do so.

Akeley Building (a.k.a. Town Hall) Handicap Parking: The Town has installed a second handicap parking space on the back drive of the Akeley Building, along the guard rails. The rear entrance is handicap accessible and there is an elevator in the building.

Street Numbers: Please make sure the street numbers to your home are in a visible location. If your home is not visible from the road, then you should put something by the entrance to your driveway. It makes it much easier for emergency responders to find you when time is of the essence. Although you are not required to use them, reflective address number signs are available through Stowe Rescue Squad. They are green and have white reflective numbers 3” in height (reflective arrows are also available to direct people in certain directions). The signs are available for \$15 or \$20 with a steel sign post that can be pounded into the ground. To obtain a sign for your address please call the Stowe EMS office at (802) 253-9060 and arrangements will be made.

Quiet Path Bridge: The Quiet Path Bridge is open to allow users of the Quiet Path to cross the West Branch River without having to go onto Weeks Hill Rd. This bridge has been in the planning stage for over a decade. The original idea came from Stowe’s Nat Goodhue, who was hired by the Town in 2002 to look at safer ways for kids to bike and walk to the Polo Fields. When the State was replacing the Miller Brook Bridge on Nebraska Valley Road they needed a place to stage their equipment. Cliff Johnson, former Stowe Public Works Director, suggested that we allow the contractor to stage on town property if we could have the beams, which were later incorporated into the design of the Quiet Path Bridge. Harry Shepard, current Public Works

Director, designed the bridge. Brenda Ross Winter left \$50,000 in her will to be used by the Town for the benefit of the Recreation Path or Quiet Path. The Selectboard earmarked her donation for this project and dedicated the bridge to her. The balance of the money was appropriated by the voters at Annual Meeting. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for 5pm on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the site of the Brenda Ross Winter Bridge on the Quiet Path. The general public is welcome to attend.

Town Hall Staffing Levels: All Town Hall employees generally have an open door policy unless we have a meeting or are with a customer. The Town Clerk's office has more than one employee and will typically have someone available to assist you because of the wide array of services they provide to the public, such as registering to vote and paying taxes. However, some offices don't have more than one employee and sometimes those employees may be away from the office. For example, the Town Appraiser often needs to be out in the field assessing property. If you want to be sure an employee is available you can call to set up an appointment. Phone numbers to various departments can be found in the phone book under Town of Stowe or on our municipal web site ([www.townofstovevt.org](http://www.townofstovevt.org)).