



OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

Information & News for July 2014



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

West Main St (207), and the Lower Section of High Street

The Little Bridge near Dimitri's Pizza will be UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE WORK IS SLATED To Start in June and be completed by January 2015. We may be changing the traffic pattern on the lower section of High Street. If we do it will still be one way but it will travel from 207 towards Brookside. PLEASE BE PATIENT WHILE WE WORK TO IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE SAFETY OF THE BRIDGE.

THANK YOU

CATHERINE OSTEN

FIRST SELECTMAN

Sprague Public Library

Summer Hours

Monday 9-2

Tues 8-6

Wednesday 9-7

Thursday 9-7

Friday- Sunday CLOSED

Butterfly hike with Master Wildlife Conservationist

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Meet at the Gristmill 8:45am.

Will take a hike to the Watson meadows on the Sprague Preserve.

Bring a blanket, a water bottle, we will identify local butterflies.

For more info: 860 822 9808

Sponsored by the Sprague Conservation Commission

Newsletter Deadline:

There will be no late submissions accepted for the Our Town. As a reminder, the Our Town deadline is the **15th of every month**. The newsletter will be collated during the last weekend of every month at the Town Hall. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @

Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

From the Desk of the First Selectman

Thanks to all who came out and voted on the budget. It is always nice to see so many people come out to give us their opinion on the work we all do!

Your patience was appreciated as construction was going on around Town. We have finished Elm and Maple Street, a portion of River, and the repair work to the sidewalks. We are still working to complete work on the Town Garage.

The bridge near Dimitri's is being replaced with the work being funded by the State. This project may result in a traffic pattern change to hopefully accommodate an earlier than planned completion. The current target date for completion is January 2015. We received a STEAP (small town economic assistance program) grant to work on Pautipaug Hill Road. The Board of Finance authorized an additional appropriation of \$400,000 which was approved by the Town. Plans will be put out to bid in June. I know those who live in this area will be most appreciative! The target completion date for this project is October.

Don't forget to sign up for the summer recreation program, or stop by any of our outside events from by the river concerts, to outside movies, to informational hikes on the preserve there is always something going on!

As always thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Open Seat on Sprague Board of Finance

There is an open seat on the Sprague Board of Finance. The appointee will serve until the next municipal election in 2015. The seat is open to any person registered to vote in the Town of Sprague. Anyone interested in serving should send a note of introduction to the Board of Finance, P.O. Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330 or email me at clauderpellegrino@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Board of Finance,

Claude R. Pellegrino

Open Positions as of 7/1/2014

Zoning Board of Appeals Two alternate members	Recreation Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Inland Wetlands One regular member Two alternate member	Baltic Mills Committee Unlimited numbers allowed
Economic Development Commission Five regular members	Board of Finance One regular member
Sprague Housing Authority One regular member	Water and Sewer Authority Two regular members

Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

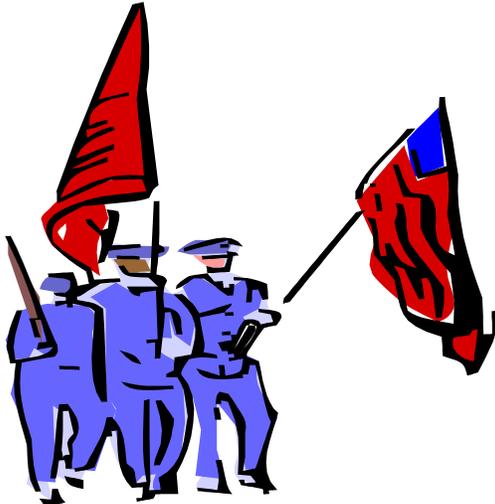
The Sprague Democratic Town Committee elected Jack Malone Chairman of their organization at its March 27 meeting. Mr. Malone replaces Cathy Osten who served in that capacity for the past four years.

Mr. Malone has been a member of the town committee for two years and has resided in the town for eight years. He served in the Connecticut Legislature for 14 years (1995-2009) as the Representative for the 47th Assembly District and at the time the District included the towns of Norwich, Sprague, Lisbon, Scotland and Canterbury.

Malone said he was very happy to be chosen to lead the Democrats in Sprague. "There is a long history of fine service by Democrats in this community and I am eager to see that continue. I never have forgotten the enthusiastic support I received from Sprague Democrats during my time in public office and want to help ensure other Democratic candidates enjoy similar support," He said.

"It is critical to have a strong Democratic party that embraces to ideals that have made this country great and it is imperative to remind people exactly what the Democratic Party has stood for and meant in their lives," he added.

Malone encouraged Sprague Democrats to step forward and serve the community and noted there were boards and commissions in the community that could always use the help of its citizens.



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the members of American Legion Post 85, the Baltic Fire Department, the Town of Sprague and all Veterans from around the globe, we would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sprague Historical Society Museum is opened to the public.

Summer Hours: Tuesday: 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Thursday: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday to Monday: Closed

Also by appointment.

Come see our pictures and displays. Our most recent addition is pictures and videos of the effect in town that the heavy rainstorm on March 30th caused.

If anyone has any pictures or items from past days that they would like to donate or loan, it would be greatly appreciated. Pictures and articles can be scanned and returned.

New members are welcome. Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm except for the months of July, August and December.

We can be reached at:

860-822-6867 or historicalsociety@ctsprague.org

LADIES AUXILIARY

P. O. BOX 591 BALTIC, CT 06330-0591

June 11, 2014

Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 11, at the firehouse. Members discussed our annual fund raiser – Holly Jolly Bazaar. This is scheduled for Saturday, November 29 at the firehouse. We will again have tables available for rental at a cost of \$25.00 for an 8 foot table which we provide. Letters for this will be going out in mid September. If you are interested and are not already on our mailing list, please call me at 860-822-8331. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at the firehouse at 7 p.m. Have a safe and happy summer!

Please remember that anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary is welcome. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for fundraising. You need not be a Sprague resident or have a spouse or family member in the Fire Department to join the Auxiliary as a regular member. We have recently added Junior Members – young women between the ages of 16 and 18 who have a parent or guardian in the fire department or auxiliary.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps

Jeannette Deschamps,

Secretary



OUTSIDE MOVIES

will be held at the

RIVER PARK

ACTIVITIES STARTING at 7:00pm

MOVIE STARTING @ DUSK

Friday July 11th, 2014 Ghostbusters

Friday July 25th, 2014 The Sandlot

August 8 & 22—TBA

PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

I AM LOOKING TO ADD THIS MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY EVERY MONTH AS A HALF PAGE... ENTRIES LIMITED TO "1 LINE" FOR SALE, FOR SWAP, YARD SALES, HELP WANTED, HELP NEEDED, ETC. DEADLINE IS STILL THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

Email submissions to spragueourtownnews-letter@gmail.com

Miscellaneous:

YARD SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 11 10AM-2PM

SAT, JULY 12 10-4PM

SUN, JULY 13 11-3 PM

160 MAIN STREET

SPRAGUE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

WHEN: Monday, JULY 7th- Thursday, JULY 31st

8:45 AM-2PM

WHERE: Saint Michael's Gym

COST: \$80 PER CHILD (TOWN RESIDENTS-FAMILY CAP \$160)

\$100 PER CHILD (NON-RESIDENTS- FAMILY CAP \$200)

SPORTS, GAMES & CRAFTS

AGES 5-14

BRING WATER BOTTLES & SNACK (BREAKFAST SERVED@ 8:45& LUNCH PROVIDED).

ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR SNEAKERS.

PUT SUNSCREEN ON YOUR CHILD BEFORE THEY COME AS WE WILL BE OUTDOORS.

ALL MEDICAL FORMS AND REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE TURNED IN TO TOWN HALL.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS AN INHALER OR TAKES MEDICINE THEY MUST BRING IT WITH THEM AND BE ABLE TO TAKE IT ON THEIR OWN.

REGISTRATION & MEDICAL FORMS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL AND ONLINE

*(GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED)

CONTACT ELIZABETH CALDERON 860-204-6286 or the SELECTMAN'S OFFICE



There are 2 summer meals sites for the summer and are as follows:

- **REC PROGRAM — SERVED JULY 7 TO AUGUST 1:
BREAKFAST 8:45-9:15 AM, LUNCH 11:45– 12:15PM**
- **GRIST MILL SERVED JUNE 30– AUGUST 15:
BREAKFAST IS 9:20 - 9:45, LUNCH IS 12:20—12:50PM**

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 7th - THURSDAY, JULY 31st

9AM-2PM

WHERE: St Michael's Center

Child's Name _____ AGE _____

Address _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

Phone Number (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address _____

Name of Emergency Contact 1: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Name of Emergency Contact 2: _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Medical Information:

Please list any allergies, medical conditions, concerns, and/or medication taken on a regular basis:

Child's Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Co. _____ Policy Number _____

Camp Info:

My child will be (circle one):

Picked up by: (name) _____ -OR- Will walk home

****Children must be picked up promptly at 2pm.**

*****Any child that is disruptive to the program will be asked to leave.**

Reminders:

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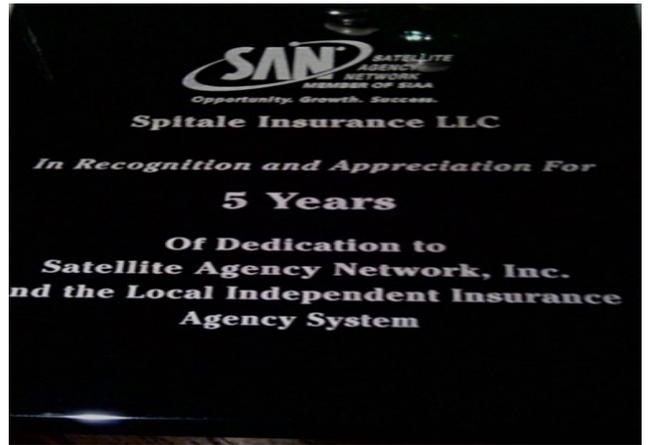
ALL WAIVER AND REGISTRATION FORMS AND CAMP PAYMENT MUST BE TURNED IN BY JUNE 27th ,

2013 CARE OF TREASURER SPRAGUE TOWN HALL, 1 MAIN STREET, BALTIC, CT 06330

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**OUR TOWN
BUSINESS PAGE:**



*Looking for NEW faces to add to
my
Make Me Over
Before and After Portfolio...
Call to make an appointment
(860)204-6286
Make up—Skin care—Eye brows
Try new products and try a new
look at no cost.
Call for details.*

For those of you who don't know.. SPITALE INSURANCE may be a small independent agency but I am a member of the largest Alliance of Independent Agents in the entire NE.. Together there are 325 agencies across 8 states- writing over \$510 million in annualized premium- I have access to a wide array of markets..... April 23rd, my agency was awarded a plaque for being a part of this amazing group for the past 5 years. With this association combined with my 20 yrs I have in the Insurance Industry, I have a lot to offer my community- SPITALE INSURANCE writes ALL Lines of Insurance- Auto, Home, Life, Boats, Cycles, Business, Workers comp, Bonds & more... Please support this local Sprague business- call for a quote today (860) 822-0818 or visit our webpage www.SpitaleInsurance.com or you can visit us on facebook too! Have a wonderful day!

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CARE
*Mowing, Yard Work,
Brush Cutting,
Spring and Fall Clean Ups*



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Phone: 860-213-1629

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michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net

Ads must be pre-purchased at rates of: Business Card \$21; Double Business Card \$40; Half Page \$70; Full Page \$100. Purchase 11 months and receive the 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. All payments must be made prior to the submission deadline. All ads must be emailed to the editor by the 15th of the month @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

GOV. MALLOY: ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1st

Reminds Residents to be Prepared

(HARTFORD, CT) – With the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season beginning June 1, Governor Dannel P. Malloy today is reminding Connecticut residents to be prepared. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the principal threat period for Connecticut occurring between mid-August and mid-October.

“Every home should have a basic emergency plan that can be used for any emergency,” said Governor Malloy. “I urge residents to know what potential risks your community and neighborhood may face, such as storm surge, flooding, road or bridge closures.”

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner Dora B. Schriro said, “I recommend that all Connecticut residents take three simple preparedness steps now: Get a kit, make a plan, and stay informed. Carefully monitor weather reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials if a storm approaches.”

Governor Malloy offers the following preparedness tips:

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- A whistle to signal for help
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- A manual can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Family Emergency Plan

- Identify an out-of town contact. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts
- Teach family members how to use text messaging. Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through

Subscribe to alert services. Go to www.ct.gov/ctalert to register for emergency alerts.

BALTIC FIRE ENGINE CO. #1

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Make a Plan

Families can cope with disasters by preparing in advance and working together as a team. If something were to happen, how would you contact one another, how would you get to a safe place, and what would you do in different emergency situations? Planning what to do before a disaster strikes provides the best protection for you and your family.

Create a Family Communication Plan

Because you and your family may not be together when a disaster hits, it's important to create a communication plan to help you and your loved ones connect and get help. Complete a Contact card for each family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse, or backpack.

More Tips:

- Identify an out-of-town contact, such as a friend or relative, who family members can call to let them know they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, because phone lines can be jammed. An out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Teach your family members how to text. It may seem like second nature to some of us, but not everyone texts. During an emergency it's often easier to get a text message delivered rather than a phone call.
- Subscribe to an emergency alert system. Check with your local health department (Uncas Health District 860-823-1189 to see if there is one offered for your area. Post emergency telephone numbers (911) by home phones or save them in your cell phone (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 911 for help.

Create a Family Disaster Plan

Planning for a disaster means knowing what to do in each possible situation. Whether you have to evacuate your home or you need to shelter in place, it's important to have a plan ahead of time.

Before creating your disaster plan, it's important to know what types of emergencies are likely in your area and the best way to respond. For example, if tornadoes are common in your area does your family know what the warning signs are and where to take shelter? Call your Red Cross, 860-447-3247, 200 Boston Post Rd. Waterford Ct. 06385 for more information. Because different disasters may require you to go to different places, make sure you identify a meeting place in your neighborhood, a meeting place just outside your neighborhood, and a meeting place out of town. Review these plans with all members of your family and don't forget to consider what you would do with your pets who may not be allowed in emergency shelters.

More Tips:

Learn about your community's warning signals. What do they sound like and what you should do when you hear them?

Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.

Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster. For example, during an earthquake you would want to practice "drop, cover, and hold on" under a sturdy desk or table. During a tornado, you would want to seek shelter in a lower level room without windows.

Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches.

Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher, and show them where it's kept.

Practice your plan by quizzing your kids periodically and conduct fire and other emergency drills.

Check your emergency supplies throughout the year to replace batteries, food, and water as needed.

Additional Ways to Prepare

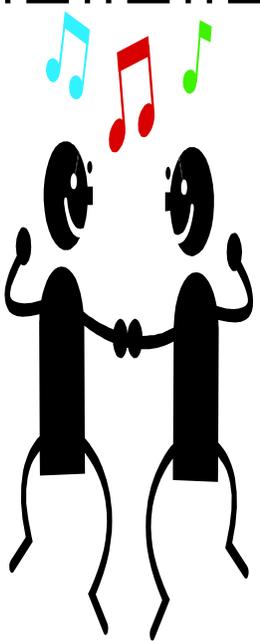
Check if you have adequate insurance coverage to cover possible flooding or structural damage to your home and property.

Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) and smoke detectors according to manufacturer's instructions.

Install at least one battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide alarm in your home, preferably near bedrooms.

Test the battery at least twice a year, when you change the time on your clocks.

Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.



RIVER PARK MUSIC NIGHTS
Sponsored by the Mohegan Sun
Come join us for a relaxing night by the beautiful Shetucket River
Saturday nights 6:00pm - 8:30pm
At the River Park
July 5th Elm Street Project
July 12th Madison Red
July 19th Rockin' Robin
July 26th Gypsy Time Surf and Friends
6pm-8:30pm

Branching Out....

Notes from the Tree Warden

I mentioned last month that many seedlings were arriving for planting at the reservoir. I didn't know then just how many trees were actually showing up to be planted.

The 150 seedlings that I ordered back in February arrived on time and were planted the end of April. I had a couple of folks that helped continue planting on the North side of the Reservoir. I also got some of those seedlings planted by the brook .

I mentioned last month that Mr. Mickman, from Minnesota, was donating seedlings to us as part of his personal goal to plant one million trees throughout the US. I thought that his donation would mean about 200 seedlings. The nursery, in MN, worked with me and repackaged their usual order method and ended up shipping 533 Black and White Spruce seedlings to me for planting at the Reservoir! Although I only had one person contact me by e-mail, 16 people showed up on Sunday morning, May 18, to volunteer their time and effort to help me get all 533 seedlings in the ground. The Road Crew was able to get the area leveled before the heavy rain arrived and that made the planting process go pretty fast.

Since last Spring, just over 1200 new trees have been planted at the Reservoir – nearly 1500 feet along the North side and 50 feet deep! Reseeding of the Reservoir is nearly complete – a couple more of “small” plantings should finish the pine restoration.

Thank you to the Conservation Commission members, the Selectmen, Road Crew, Connwood Forest Management and all of the volunteers who have helped make this project possible.

Dave Gustafson



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AT THE TRANSFER STATION

YOUR BRUSH AND SCCRRA'S TUB GRINDER WORKING
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AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR HOURS

HAPPY GARDENING!

The SCCRRA's tub grinder has completed grinding the
brush it is ready for your equipment to pick up fresh
mulch.

On July 12, Grace Fellowship Church will host the 2nd Annual Family Fest at River Park from 1:30pm til 8pm (or so).

There will be live music throughout the day, a bounce house and face painting for the children, and hot dogs and hamburgers and cold drinks.

Come on down and have a good time with your friends and neighbors. As always-no admission.

SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY JULY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER READING BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 25TH

AT THE LIBRARY WITH THE LOBSTERMAN! THERE WILL BE STORIES, LOBSTERS, LOBSTER TRAPS AND A LOT OF FUN!!!

FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM CHILDREN WILL SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING.

WE WILL HAVE CRAFTS, PROGRAMS AND LOTS OF FUN! FOR CHILDREN ALL SUMMER WHEN THEY VISIT THE LIBRARY

THERE WILL BE A LUNCH AND MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN IN AUGUST

THE CONNECTICUT AUTHOR TRAIL

The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Eastern Connecticut Libraries who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. Beginning July 8, 2014 at 6:15 pm in Franklin and ending September 4, 2014 at the Mohegan Sun, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories.

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US ESPECIALLY ON JULY 15TH TO HELP SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR OWN HOMETOWN AUTHOR TOMMY COLETTI, AND FOR OUR LIBRARY!

CONNECTICUT AUTHOR TRAIL BEGINS ON JULY 8TH

WITH AUTHOR WALLY LAMB AS THE GUEST AUTHOR AT THE JANET CARLSON CALVERT LIBRARY IN FRANKLIN. IT IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET A BESTSELLING AUTHOR. PLEASE JOIN US!!

Wally Lamb is the author of four previous novels. His first two works of fiction, *She's Come Undone* and *I Know This Much is True*, were both number one New York Times bestsellers and selections of Oprah's Book Club. Lamb edited *Couldn't Keep it to Myself* and *I'll Fly Away*, two volumes of essays from students in his writing workshop at York Correctional Institution, a women's prison in Connecticut, where he has been a volunteer facilitator for fifteen years. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Christine. The Lambs are the parents of three sons.

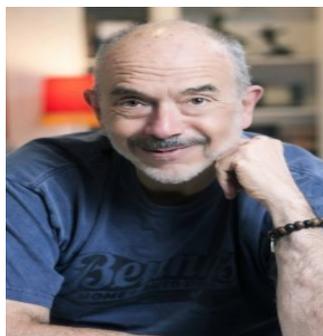
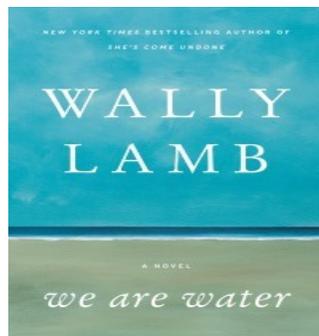
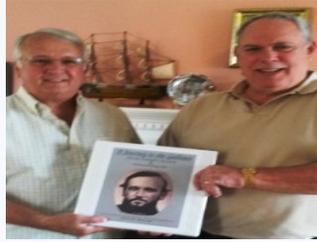


photo by Chris Hetzer

**JULY 15TH AT 6:30 SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE CONNECTICUT AUTHOR TRAIL AND
THE SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS AUTHORS
TOMMY COLETTI AND PAUL VICTOR BUTSCH**



After serving in the United States Air Force, Tom Coletti attended ECSU, graduating in 1972. He went to work at Electric Boat in Groton. He is the author of *Special Delivery*, *Dishonorably Interred* and *Liam's Story*. Paul Victor Butsch has taught Civil War classes at Norwich Adult Ed, presently serves on the Norwich Historical Society Board, is the founder and program director for the New London County Civil War Round Table, and performs Civil War tours in Yantic Cemetery in Norwich, CT. He was the director for Abraham Lincoln visit to Norwich March 2009.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 6th Annual CAT.

Passports are available **free** at participating libraries throughout the summer as a guide to the author events. If you miss an event during the summer, you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale'. The doors to The Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre open at 6:15 pm. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a themed basket. The drawing will be held at 6:45 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening with our featured speaker starting at 7:00 pm.

Sprague Garden Club

Spring is finally here! As I write this, the Garden Club plant sale hasn't happened. Rain is predicted. Thank you in advance to everyone who was adventurous enough to come out to our sale. It is always wonderful to see you and thank you to Cathy and the town crew for readying the garage for the sale.

I enjoyed seeing all the daffodils while driving around town getting the planters ready for our members to put in the summer flowers. Noticed to, a nice new driveway and parking area at the Baltic Reservoir on Baltic Hanover Road, a safer area to park while we walk.

June is the end of the Garden Club year. We will resume meetings Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Our meetings are usually the first Wednesday of each month. There are no meetings in January and February. If you are interested in joining the club, please come to a meeting or call me at 860-822-6520. It's a fun way to meet new people or old friends.

**Happy Planting to you,
Jan Settje**

Historical Society

Summer Hours:

Tuesday: 3:30 pm to
6:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am to
1:00 pm

Thursday: 4:30 pm to
7:00 pm

Closed: Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, and Monday

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The first installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes will become due and payable on July 1, 2014. Motor Vehicle tax bills will also become due and payable on July 1, 2014. You will have the entire month of July to pay your taxes. Taxes unpaid as of August 4, 2014 will become delinquent and will be subject to 3% interest, from then on additional interest of 1 ½% per month (18% annually) will be charged. Minimum interest is \$2.00. Please make checks payable to Town of Sprague. You may pay all bills – Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles with one check. If you pay by mail and would like a receipt, please mail entire tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. Taxpayers needing an immediate clearance for the registration of a delinquent motor vehicle must pay by cash, money order, or certified check.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, you may call the tax collector at 822-3000, ext. 224. Any questions regarding address changes, assessments, exemptions, or your correct tax town should be directed to the Assessor at 822-3000, ext. 222.

Mary B. Chartier, CCMC ~ Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Hours

Mondays: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Wednesdays: 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Thursdays: 8:00 am – 12:00 noon



Ride the Shetucket River

The Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle between River Park and Scotland Dam.

Water release is scheduled for 10:00 am on days of the event. Participants can put in any time between 10:00 and 12:00. You can ride the river as many times as water level allows. The ride is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours.

July 26th
August 30th
September 27th
October 11th

Since Ride the Shetucket is weather sensitive, check the Town website on the Thursday prior to the event for any cancellation postings. Paddlers need to have PFD's and a distress whistle. www.ctsprague.org

SEE YOU THERE!

Grant Update

Below is a list of grants that have been applied for that are intended to either cover completely or in part the next few infrastructure projects or open space purchases. Please note that CDBG can only be used in the Village of Baltic. We will update you as we receive information.

If we receive these grants we will be down to only two roads left to be done. Thanks for your patience as we work to complete these vital projects.

CDBG - Community Development Block Grants		Town Portion	Grant Portion	Total Project Cost
14/15	LID roads - First, Second & Third	\$60,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$560,000.00

Connecticut Main Street		Town Portion	Grant Portion	Total Project Cost
14/15	Bus Lot & Bus Shelter	\$50,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$550,000.00

STEAP Grant - Small Town Economic Assistance Grant		Town Portion	Grant Portion	Total Project Cost
14/15	Road Sunrise, Grandview	\$400,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,300,000.00
15/16	Road Sunrise, Grandview	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	

Open Space Land Acquisition Grant Possibilities		Town Portion	Grant Portion	Total Project Cost
13/14	Robinson Property	\$0.00	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00

Catherine Osten
First Selectman

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TVCCA CAFE MENU JULY 2014

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SALAD CHOICE MEAL Every Wednesday & Friday  Suggested Donation for Salad Meals \$ 4.00	1 Chicken Cacciatore Buttered Noodles Bean & Carrot Medley Applesauce Cup	2 Cuban Braised Pork Loin Yellow Rice & Black Beans Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes or <u>Egg Salad Platter</u> Fresh Orange	3 Baked Ziti w/ Sweet Chicken Sausage Broccoli & Carrots Peach Cup	4 Independence Day Holiday  Program Closed
7 Chicken Marsala Rice Pilaf Italian Vegetable Medley Pears w/ mandarin oranges	8 Baked Cod/ Tomato Black Bean & Corn Salsa Carrot & Garlic - Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Fresh Fruit	9 BBQ Chicken Leg Baked Beans Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley or <u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u> Orange Juice & Cupcake Happy Birthday 	10 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed vegetables Applesauce Cup	11 Stuffed Shells w/ Marinara Peas & Carrots or <u>Tuna Salad Platter</u> Pineapple Cup
14 Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Orange	15 Honey Mustard Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Fruit Cocktail	16 Cheese Manicotti w/ Marinara Green Beans Wax Beans or <u>Tuna Salad Platter</u> Pineapple Cup	17 Pesto Cream Chicken Seasoned Rice Broccoli Peach Cup	18 Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Italian Vegetable Medley or <u>Chicken Caesar Salad</u> Cranberry Juice Sugar Cookie
21 Ravioli w/ Marinara Peas & Carrots Pineapple Cup 	22 Stuffed Chicken w/ Broccoli & Cheese Rice Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Grape Juice Danish	23 Spanish Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Capri Vegetable Medley or <u>Chicken Cobb Salad</u> Applesauce Cup	24 Crispy Cod Patty Macaroni & Cheese Bean & Carrot Medley Pears w/ mandarin oranges	25 Sloppy Joes w/ Bun Mashed Potatoes Broccoli or <u>Egg Salad Platter</u> Fresh Fruit
28 Cheese Omelet Roasted Potatoes Chuck Wagon Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	29 Cheesburger Noodle - Casserole Peas & Carrots Pears w/ mandarin oranges	30 Cod Florentine Rice pilaf Stewed Tomatoes or <u>Egg Salad Platter</u> Fresh Fruit	31 Chicken Supreme Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peach Cup 	1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change without notice.



BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

<u>Points of Departure to Occum</u>	<u>Time</u>		
Shetucket Village	7:45am	9:45am	11:45am
Playground	7:48am	9:48am	11:48am
Brookside & High Street			
TJ's Parking Lot	7:50am	9:50am	11:50am
Arrive Occum- SEAT Connection Site	8:10am	10:10am	12:10am
Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97			
Points of Departure to Sprague			
	Time		
Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97 (stop as needed for return trip)	8:15am	10:15am	12:15pm
Express Return to Senior Center	2:15pm		

Times are approximate and may vary several minutes earlier or later. Service runs Monday through Thursday except for holidays. For more information call Buddy Meadows, Sprague Senior Center Coordinator at 860-822-3000 ext. 203. *The Sprague to Occum Bus is a courtesy of the Town of Sprague and the Sprague Senior Center. For seat schedule visit www.seatbus.com. **Winter Weather Schedule:** The bus will follow the school closure schedule during the winter. Watch early morning television on Channel 3, 8 or 30 for closures.*

**The Salvation Army
Upper New London County Service Unit
Dennison Allen Town of Sprague Representative**



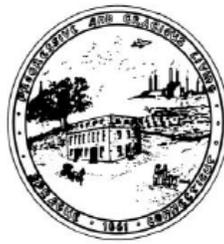
DOING THE MOST GOOD

I want to thank all who have donated to the Salvation Army by donating by check to the Upper New London County Service Unit, PO Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383.

You should know that all the money that has been donated so far has been used to help your neighbors here in Sprague. Summer is here, but many of our neighbors are still having problems. So your help is still needed.

Keep your fuel tanks full, keep food/water and other supplies on hand in case of bad weather. Do you follow a budget, to know where your money goes every month? Money in and out... what to do with money not needed this month? ...maybe, put it into savings.

If you need food, call Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to "Scouting for Food" there is food to help you. May the Lord bless you this year.



July

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 BOE, 7 pm Sayles School Knights of Columbus 7 pm, Fire House P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	3	4  Independence Day	5 Breakfast 6:30am-10am Versailles Methodist Church River Park Music Elm Street Project 6 pm – 8:30 pm
6	7 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	8 Comm. on Aging 2:00 pm, Town Hall Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	9 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall	10	11 Outside Movie "Ghostbusters" River Park, 7 pm	12 Family Fest at River Park 1:30 pm – 8:00 pm River Park Music Madison Red 6 pm – 8:30 pm
13	14 Agriculture Commission Mtg 7 pm, Town Hall Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall	15 Deadline for all OUR TOWN submissions	16 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	17 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall	18	19 River Park Music Rockin' Robin 6 pm – 8:30 pm
20	21	22	23	24 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Bozrah Town Hall Rummage Sale St. Joseph's School 5 pm – 8 pm	25 Rummage Sale St. Joseph's School 9 am – 7:30 pm Outside Movie "The Sandlot" River Park, 7 pm	26 Rummage Sale St. Joseph's School, 9am-2pm Ride the Shetucket, 10am River Park River Park Music Gypsy Time Surf and Friends 6 pm – 8:30 pm
27	28	29	30	31 Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall		



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