



OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

Information & News for AUGUST 2014



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

The Little Bridge near Dimitri's Pizza will be **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**. THE PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE is January 2015. THANK YOU FOR BEING PATIENT WHILE WE WORK TO IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE SAFETY OF THE BRIDGE.

THANK YOU

CATHERINE OSTEN ~ FIRST SELECTMAN

Sayles School is looking for assistance in purchasing school supplies. The following list is what is being looked for if you can please drop off any of them to either the school administration office or the Town Clerk's office.

#2 pencils

Colored pencils

Erasers

pens

Markers

Crayons

Glue sticks

Two pocket folders

1 inch binders

Composition books

White lined paper



Reminder

Dog Licenses were due in June.

There is an additional \$1 for each month overdue. Any questions please call Jen Synnett, Town Clerk.

860-822-3000 Ext 220

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

Your patience continues to be appreciated as construction is going on around Town. We are still working to complete work on the Town Garage and Shetucket Village. We should be working on Pautipaug Hill Rd starting in August and hope to complete this project before the snow flies!

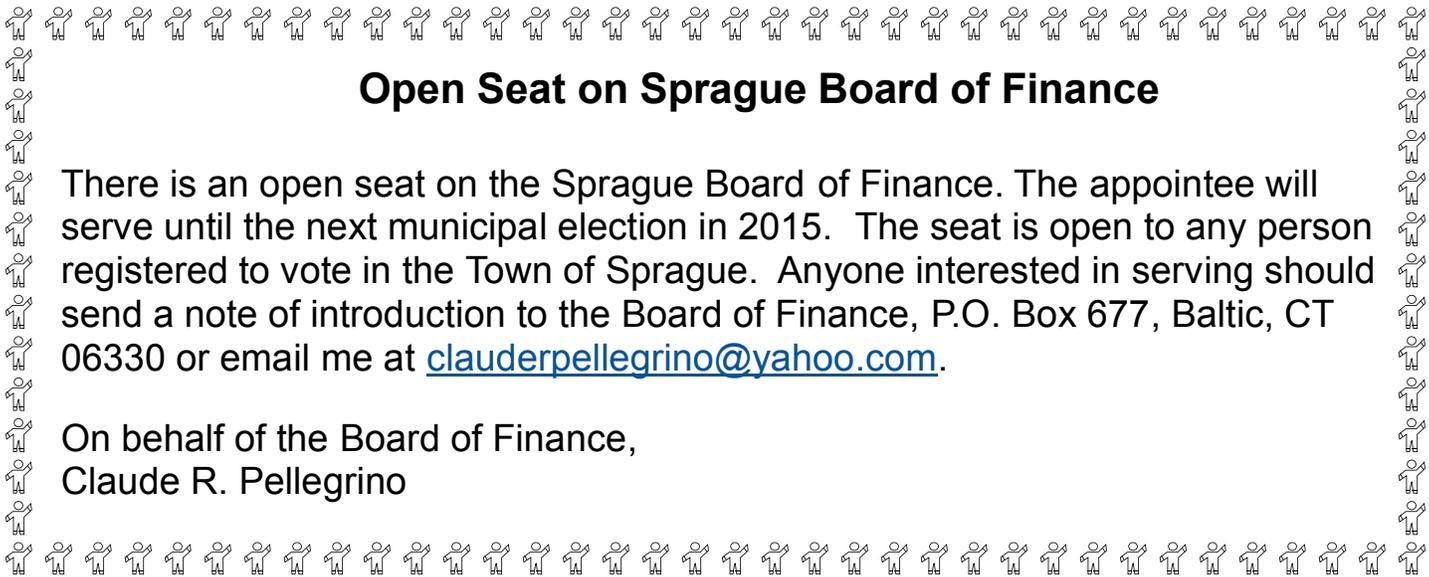
The bridge near Dimitri's is being replaced with the work being funded by the State. This project may still result in a traffic pattern change to hopefully accommodate an earlier than planned completion. The current target date for completion is January 2015.

We have swept all the roads and parking areas around Town, we continue to work on roadside mowing as the mower is now back up and running. You will also see work being done by the Town crew fixing headwalls, fences, tree pruning & replacement. Please be mindful of the workers when you are driving around .

Please 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 8/1/2014

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 One regular members

Notice of Primary

Revised August 7, 2014

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Polling Place: Baltic Firehouse, Bushnell Hollow Road

Sample of poll ballots and absentee ballots:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY
Will Not be having a Primary.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

1 Governor Vote for One	2 Lieutenant Governor Vote for One	3 State Representative Vote for One	4 Comptroller Vote for One
<input type="radio"/> 1A Thomas C. Foley*	<input type="radio"/> 2A Penny Bacchicchi*	<input type="radio"/> 3A	<input type="radio"/> 4A Sharon J. McLaughlin*
<input type="radio"/> 1B John P. McKinney	<input type="radio"/> 2B Heather Somers	<input type="radio"/> 3B Doug Dubitsky	<input type="radio"/> 4B Angel Cadena
<input type="radio"/> 1C	<input type="radio"/> 2C David M. Walker	<input type="radio"/> 3C Noah Enslow	<input type="radio"/> 4C
<input type="radio"/> 1D	<input type="radio"/> 2D	<input type="radio"/> 3D Michael P. Meadows	<input type="radio"/> 4D

The asterisk (*) indicates the candidate that was endorsed at the July caucus. The second & third rows are the challenging candidates.

Eligible to vote: ~~Those enrolled in either the Republican or Democratic parties.~~ ****Correction**** 8-7-2014 ~~SW~~
Those enrolled in the Republican Party.

Deadlines: If either not enrolled as a voter or registered as an Unaffiliated voter –

1. Application card sent by mail must be postmarked by August 7, 2014.
2. Application card submitted in person must be submitted by 12:00 noon on August 11, 2014.

Absentee ballots are available by calling or stopping in the Town Clerk Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 822-3000 ext. 220.

Jennifer Synnett, Town Clerk

CONGRATULATIONS SAYLES SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 2014

Juliette Elizabeth Berry
Jasmeen Elisa Calderon
Ryan Michael Cash
Danielle May Corey
Arienne Elizabeth Davis
Brianna Marie Dziekan
Lucas John Eiden
Alexander Tayler Gaudreau
Cameron Joseph Genest
Kaitlyn Alexis Gifford
Nicole Marie Grills
Alyssa Nicole Jedele
Hannah Rose King
Alexzia Angel Lopez
Brianna Marie Morel

Constance Liliannah Odom
Alex Christopher Panganiban
Alexis Mackenzie Phillips
Andrew Philip Poulin
Alyssa Jean Ricatta
Jose Samuel Rodriguez
Mercedes Angelina Rodriguez
Anthony Tyler Rondeau
Nolan Michael Sanford
George Matthew Sechen III
Jaeden Christopher Spitale
Linden Bradley Staggs
Gregory Matthew Topalis
Christopher Michael Weir
Makylia Lealer Summer Williams
Shane Thomas Williamson



TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE

Every first Sunday of the month
at 6:00 pm

September 7 - 6:00 pm
**VERSAILLES UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT
(across from Occum Dam)

Come as you are. "All" are welcome.
This ecumenical service will be
the first Sunday of each month. And
we are open to continuing it
each Sunday if asked! The service is
about peaceful contemplation and
being in touch with God and your
spirituality. No sermon. Come join us
with music, prayer and scripture.

SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sprague Historical Society Museum is opened to the public on:

Summer Hours

Tuesday 3:30 – 6:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 1:00

Thursday 4:30 – 7:00

Also by appointment

In the past month we have had many new items donated and new pictures of St. Mary's Church.

Coming Saturday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Grist Mill, the Historical Society is having a Dedication of the Museum to Dennis Delaney and the opening of our new exhibit on the first Industrialist of Sprague.

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 except for the months of July, August and December.

We can be reached at:

860-822-6867 or historicalsociety@ctsprague.org



JOIN US!

Saturday August 30th, at 8:30am

Meet at the end of Holton Road. We will be making cleaning up some existing trails. New England Arabian Trail Organization will be providing drinks and lunch. This will also benefit the fall horseback rides to be held on

October 4th, 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2014.

Friends of the Shetucket River Valley is a non-profit organization which was formed to raise funds to preserve open space in the Shetucket River Valley; we worked with The Sprague Land Preserve to help purchase an additional 230 acres, totaling over 500 acres of open space for use of hiking, biking and horseback riding. We are continuing our efforts to preserve open space one land parcel at a time.

Need more details? Call Phyllis at 860-608-3915

SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Sprague Public Library would like to thank authors Tommy Coletti and Vic Butsch for coming to the Connecticut Author's Trail event on July 15th. Thank you for the wonderful program!



THE SUMMER READING FINALE WILL BE TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 10:30 AM. WITH BIRDS ON THE RUN FOR OUR PROGRAM. THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PIZZA AND MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY. THERE WILL ALSO BE REWARDS FOR OUR READERS!



THERE WILL BE A BASKET RAFFLE DRAWING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH AT 6 PM. THE DEADLINE TO DONATE A BASKET WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 31ST. THE TICKETS WILL BE 3 FOR \$1.00 OR AN ARM LENGTH OF TICKETS FOR \$5.00. FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY.



**OUR TOWN
BUSINESS PAGE:**

Grace Fellowship Church
OF BALTIC

Sunday
10am
5pm

**Come as you are.
All are welcome.**

Jesus said "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

Pastor John Gilmartin
860-208-1027

113 W. Main St
Rt. 207
Beaver Brook Mill
Baltic, CT

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

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michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net



Baltic Fire Engine Company #1

Grilling Safety

Grilling

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

PROTECTING THE CITIZEN, OF THE TOWN OF SPRAGUE, THROUGH EDUCATION

SAVING OUR SHETUCKET RIVER TRAILS (FoSRV) BENEFIT RIDE 2014

October 11, 12, 13, 2014 (light rain or shine)

Sponsored by NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION

Sat. 7/11/18/22, & Sun. 7/11/18/22, & Mon. 7/11

NEHT/NEATO affiliated miles

Sign in at 8:30; lunch at 12:30. On Monday riders must be back by 5:00pm

Benefit ride to assist the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley with the purchase and preservation of an additional 111 acres in the Shetucket River Valley. Open land is disappearing fast, but our trails and woods can be preserved. Let's make a difference.

Please come and ride these beautiful trails and help save them for our future



Paid entry fee includes lunch

Additional lunches are \$5.00 each

Free T-shirt to the first 15 people

Raffle prizes will be drawn after lunch on Monday

Tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6 tickets

Secretaries for sign in: Sandy Andrews and Cathy Gluck

Ride manager: Celeste Santos 860-564-6522 morgan.cb@att.net

Linda Krul 401-397-5768 dakrul@hotmail.com

Ride contact on trails and camping: Phyllis Alexander 860-608-3915

Camping is available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night. Call Phyllis for reservations for Friday night. Camp parking is in a large hay field. **NO camp fires or grills.** A main fire pit and wood will be available near the barn for cooking. Also a Port-a-Potty near barn is available.

There is a \$5.00 per camper charge per night.

Easy Riders, gentle loop about 7 miles

Rough riders, long loop @11 miles with some hills

Ride is on dirt roads, single-track trails, view of waterfalls, fields and some hills. Some of the trails follow the Shetucket River, through Sprague Land Preserve, Konow Fish Camp and a view of the Scotland Dam. On Monday all riders must be back by 5:00 pm. Ride or hike or just attend and have lunch.

Please remove all manure and hay from your area.

Parking at Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT., 06254

Directions:

I-395 South

Exit 82, Take right off the exit ramp onto Route 32 North, and then Right onto

Route 207, go 2.5 miles, then take a left onto Ayer Road, follow the signs to the parking area in the field.

SAVING OUR SHETUCKET RIVER TRAILS (FoSRV) BENEFIT RIDE 2014

Sponsored by NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY NIGHT CAMPING - RIDE October 11, 12, 13, 2014
SATURDAY MILES 7/11/18/22 - SUNDAY MILES 7/11/18/22 - Monday 7/11
NEHT / NEATO affiliated
Park and camp at Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Name _____ Phone _____
Street _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Horse's Name _____ Coggins# _____ will be checked at secretary's table
Breed _____ Adult/Junior _____ Rider NEHT # _____ Horse# _____
Email: _____

Ride Fees: Pre-entry and payment must be received by October 6th to guarantee lunch.
Pre-entry consist of a completed entry form, payment, and signature by the date stated above. One entry per person.

Mail to: Celeste Santos-Rivera, 964 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384. Make checks payable to: NEATO

Pre-entry: \$20.00
All Per day: Post entry: \$25.00
Junior (rider 18 and under): \$10.00
Lunch for non-rider: \$5.00
T-shirt sales: \$10.00 each
Raffle tickets: \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00
Camping: \$5.00 per night per camper Saturday - Sunday - Monday (circle day)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check in time: 8:30 am. The above fees include lunch. **Lunch @ 12:30.** Monday riders must be back by 5:00 pm.

Coggins and rabies certificates required. All riders are encouraged to wear protective headgear and appropriate footwear.

**For safety reasons we strongly recommend a red ribbon in the tail of horses that kick, a green ribbon in the tail of green horse or rider and a yellow ribbon in the tail of a stallion.

Refund Policy: Rider must contact the Ride Manager seven (7) days prior to the ride notifying the Manager they will not be attending in order to have their pre-entry check returned to them. Refunds will be given after the cut-off date in the event of a medical emergency provided that event management is notified prior to the start of the ride. No refunds will be made after the cut-off date for non-medical reasons. Refunds will be given if the event is canceled for any reason.

Waiver of Liability - Under Connecticut law, each person engaged in recreations equestrian activities shall assume the risk and legal responsibility for any injury to his person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports.

THE NEW ENGLAND ARABIAN TRAIL ORGANIZATION OR THE OWNERS OF Sprague Land Preserve, Seymour Adelman, Sarah Ayer, David Ayer, Robinson Et Al, or the owners of Konow's Fish Camp and Ayer Mt. Farm.

WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO RIDER, SPECTATOR, OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Signature on this form consents agreement to these conditions as well as the NEATO event rules. A representative who is of age must sign the entry blank and who, by such signature, individually accepts responsibility and risk as stated above.

ASTM/SEI approved helmets strongly suggested, required for riders under 18 years.

Please be advised that photos may be taken at this event for use in NEATO publications as well as the Equine Journal magazine. Please indicate below if you do not consent to have your picture published in this manner.

Signature _____ Date _____ including permission

Please be advised that photos may be taken at this event for use in NEATO or FoSRV publications as well as the Equine Journal magazine. Please indicate below if you do not consent to have your picture published in this manner.

Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor child _____

Emergency # _____

Allergies/Medical Issues _____

Mail entries to: Celeste Santos-Rivera, 964 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384. Website:

www.orgsites.com/ct/neato email morgan.cb@att.net or call 860-564-6522

*****We are taking donations of horse related items for future sales at the Federation of Riding Clubs Flea Market, March 2015. Please bring items to Gail Miller on this weekend or contact her at millergail08@gmail.com

Message from the postmaster.

Hello Sprague! This month I'd like to tell you about a wonderfully inexpensive mailing option open to anyone who wants to reach every address in town with information, requests, or any topic you can imagine – all for 17 ½ cents per household! It's called Every Door Direct Mail - EDDM for short. It guarantees legal, complete notification to every mailing address, both street delivery and PO Boxes, in Sprague (over 1400 homes and businesses) all for less than \$250.00, with no annual permit fees.

Just print up your flyers or any multipage mailing up to 3.5 oz, making sure to include the EDDM mailing indicia in the place where postage would be affixed and address them to Local Postal customer. Then go online to usps.com/everydoordirectmail. With a few clicks, and minimal information, we give you step-by-step preparation instructions online for carrier-ready drop-off at the post office. All you supply is the mail pieces and the check (or pay online), and we do all the running around to get your mailing in each and every box.

It's a great service for very little money and it can be used for a wide variety of uses. Of course, it's an economical way of letting local people know about your business or service from home, from home based party businesses like Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and others to lawn mowing and plowing services, day care options, small engine repair or and any other service you offer. It's also a great option for political mailings, locating lost pets, meeting notifications, or any other reason you want to reach a lot of people in the same area at the same time.

Remember, it is not lawful to use someone's mailbox to send any kind of communication without postage affixed through the proper mailing channels. It is a federal violation of privacy and sanctity of the mails (as previously communicated in this newsletter a few months ago). This includes using the inside of the box, the flag on the side or the post behind the box. Only hooks or tubes separate from the mailbox itself may be legally used for matter other than mail (i.e.: newspapers, flyers, phone books, invoices, invitations, etc.)

Recently, some parties in town have used people's mail boxes to distribute flyers on a variety of reasons from restaurant advertisements to political mailings. This is not allowable by federal law, and is considered "tampering with the mail". Anyone violating these statutes is subject to fines and/or imprisonment if prosecuted through the Postal Inspection Service. Anyone who sees or knows anyone who uses other's mailboxes in this manner can call the Baltic Post Office or report it directly to the Postal Inspection Service at 1-(877) 876-2455. These incidents have been relayed to legal authorities and are being advanced to the next level.

Going through EDDM would save anyone the associated legal entanglements of misuse of the mails and still get the word out about anything you want to share. The applications are only limited by your own imagination! Most recently, the Town of Sprague sent out copies of the proposed town budget and the Sprague Library sent out flyers about the upcoming Beer Tasting and Chili cook off that was on June 28th – to every house, every address, in one fell swoop, no waiting, no annual fees and no gas money driving all over town. I am sure there will be more to come with multiple summer events, the political season coming up and lots of local businesses – old and new – taking advantage of this great opportunity! Find out how to get the word out about your event, business or inquiry by checking out EDDM online at usps.com/everydoordirectmail retail or come in to the office for more information.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Tracy Medling, Postmaster

RIVER PARK MUSIC NIGHTS



SPONSORED BY THE MOHEGAN SUN

**Come Join Us For A Relaxing Night By The Beautiful Shetucket River for Family Fun
Saturday Nights 6:00pm - 8:30pm**

August 2nd	not yet confirmed
August 9th	Gypsy Time Surf and Friends
August 16th	Nick Bosse and the Northern Roots Band
August 23rd	Stone Creek
August 30th	Glenn Hansen Orchestra
September 6th	Elm Street Project

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



OUTSIDE MOVIES

will be held at the

RIVER PARK

ACTIVITIES STARTING at 7:00pm

MOVIE STARTING @ DUSK

August 8th, 2014 - Space Jam

August 22nd, 2014 - Hotel for Dogs

PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ride the Shetucket Reminder

Due to the unpredictability of the water level behind Scotland Dam this summer, it's important to check the Town Website (ctsprague.org) after 3:00pm on the Friday before a scheduled trip for the most current information. You may also call Lou Dzialo 860 822-6043.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in June when very little went according to plan; we plan to avoid a repeat.

2014 Shetucket River CTR

25-Mile Competitive Trail Ride

Pass/Fail Division

Sponsored by **NEATO**

Sanctioned by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association

Date: Saturday October 4, 2014

Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Entry Requirements: Entries open to all members of the equine family four years and older. No stallions in the junior division. Entry fee must accompany entry form. Entries must be received by September 20, 2014. Ride management reserves the right to refuse entries. **CTR** Ride limited to the first 35 paid entries by postmark with a waiting list thereafter. Any still on the waiting list by ride date will receive a full refund. No refunds after September 27, 2014, unless spot can be filled from the waiting list. Entry fee includes ECTRA drug testing fee of \$1.00.

Divisions:	CTR Juniors	17 and under as of 1/1/2014
	CTR Senior	18 and over
	CDR	Open

Camping & Stabling: Overnight camping is available. No hookups or stabling on grounds. All dogs are to be leashed and have proof of current rabies vaccine. Call Tammy for reservations for Friday night. Camp parking is in a large hay field. NO campfires or grills. A main fire pit and wood will be available near the barn for cooking. There is also a port-a-potty near the barn. There is a 5.00 per camper charge per night.

Food: The entry fee includes pre-ride coffee & muffins, on trail snack, and a meal after ride. Extra meal tickets are available. Pizza Party Friday night! Chip in \$5.00 and we will deliver!

Pre-ride Exams: CTR Numbers and packets will be available Friday afternoon@ approx 1:00 pm. Vetting will begin Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and continue till dark.. Any horse not camping overnight must be on grounds no later than 6:30 am for vetting or will be disqualified. Pre-ride briefing will be held approximately ½ hour prior to start. The start will be at 8:00 am SHARP on Saturday morning.

CDR Horses may be vetted Friday afternoon or Saturday morning prior to the ride out at 9:00 am sharp. Leg protection and alternative hoof protection are acceptable but must be removed for hands on pre and post ride inspections. See ECTRA 2013 Rules Handbook for other specific rules.

Trail, Time & Distance: CTR Approximately 25 miles to be completed in 4:10 to 4:40 hours. This includes a 20-minute hold back at camp. The exact distance and timing to be announced at the pre-ride briefing. Trails are mostly rolling hills, woods trails and sandy/gravel dirt roads. (Some connector trails may be rocky) Please bring your horse well shod. Course will be well marked and have mileage markers every 5 miles with the last 5 miles being individually marked.

WATER: Natural water and stock tanks will be accessible on trail.. Ride Management will supply water for the hold. If possible, bring water for your horse at your trailer and potable drinking water for yourself. Ride management will also provide bottled drinking water for riders and volunteers.

Awards: Completion awards to all horses that complete trail and pass the judging exam. Champion, Reserve Champion, 1st through 10th place for Adult divisions, Junior Division 1st through 6th. Plus, prizes and additional awards such as for breed, Rookie Horse, and Rookie Rider.

Team Division: Any two riders with highest combined score. Entry for team division is optional and requires an additional fee of \$5 per person or \$10 for team. Awards to both team members for first, second, and third placings. Sign up and pay when you arrive.

Rules: All ECTRA rules apply. It is your responsibility to know them. All competitors must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet at all times while mounted. Forward progress only while mounted with the exception of loss of shoe. Any rider going off course for any reason must return to same location in order to continue. No salves, liniments, or medication of any kind. No devices for leg protection. No hosing of horses. Water for washing may not be artificially heated or cooled. No Crewing. Fly spray and electrolytes are permitted. A copy of ECTRA rules, procedures and requirements can be viewed at www.ectra.org .

Ride Management:

Ride Manager: Tammy Lamphere; PO Box 28 Hopkinton, RI 02833; 401-862-8579; tlamphere1@verizon.net

Ride Secretary: Wanda Stazick, 109 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT 06333 860-447-3976 wstazick@sbcglobal.net

Judges: Dr. Nick Kohut DVM and Linda Levitre (lay judge)

2014 Shetucket River NEATO CTR Entry Form

25-Mile Competitive Trail Ride

Pass/Fail Division

Sponsored by NEATO

Sanctioned by Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Assoc. (ECTRA)

Date: Saturday October 4, 2014

Ayer Mt. Farm, Ayer Road, Franklin, CT 06254

Rider name: _____ Riders ECTRA # _____ Age (if Jr.) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Owner of horse: _____ Owner's ECTRA# _____

Owner's address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Horse's name: _____ Horse's ECTRA# _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____ Breed: _____

Registration number: _____

Is your horse a rescue horse? _____

Is this your first ride? _____ Is this your horse's first ride? _____

Are you a member of ECTRA? _____ Are you a member of NEATO? _____

If you wish to start with a friend, please name: _____

Starting positions will be assigned in order by postmark with special requests honored if possible. Do you have a preference for starting order? ____ If yes, where? _____

Are you bringing someone that can help during the ride? (Helpers eat for free.) What would this person like to do? _____

Please read carefully, and sign the following release:

I hereby enter the above horse at my own risk and subject to all rules of the NEATO and of the Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association. I agree to accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding, and for any persons and/or vehicles I may bring with me. I further agree that if any damage be occasioned by or loss occur to any of the aforementioned, I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury, or loss due to my participation in the ride, and free from any liability for such injury or loss. I hereby grant permission to have my horse drug-tested at the discretion of Ride Management.

I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider's signature: _____ Dated: _____

Owner's signature: _____ Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian if Jr. Rider: _____ Dated: _____

Emergency contact: Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Check payable to NEATO must accompany entry:

CTR Entry	\$70.00	_____	_____
CTR Juniors Riders Deduct	(\$10)	_____	_____
Extra dinner(s) _____ @ \$10.each:		_____	
Total:		_____	

Please include copy of negative coggins and proof of rabies with entry and check.

.Mail to: Wanda Stazick, 109 Grassy Hill Road, East Lyme, CT 06333 860-447-3976 wstazick@sbcglobal.net

Please note: E-mails will be sent acknowledging receipt of your entry. If you do not receive notification within two weeks of mailing your entry, please call Wanda.

Directions from the North and West (Connecticut)

I-395 South

Exit 82. Take **right** off the exit ramp onto **Route 32 North**, and then **right** onto **Route 207**, go **2.5 miles**, then take a **left** onto **Ayer Road**, follow the signs to the parking area in the field.

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.

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.

Branching Out....

Notes from the Tree Warden

The good news this month is that almost all of the 533 spruce trees planted in May on the north side of the Reservoir are doing well. Only a few of them fell victim to the dry weather. The weeds, grape vines and bittersweet have not spread to that area yet, either.

Those folks who frequent the Reservoir to enjoy the scenery will see that the first pine seedlings that were planted about four years ago by the cell tower road are now eight to ten feet tall!

Unfortunately, the weeds, grape vines and bittersweet have nearly buried most of the seedlings on the south and east sides. This creeping vegetation is nearly impossible to keep under control around the entire mile of road during the summer.

There is a small area left to plant next Spring to complete reforesting the entire Reservoir. Hopefully it won't take too long to be able to "see" the benefits of all the volunteers' hard work and all can enjoy this wonderful town asset even more.

According to a press release made by the CT Agricultural Experimental Station regarding the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, EAB is now as close as Branford and Rocky Hill. At this rate of travel, I would expect this destructive bug to be here within a couple of years.

Dave Gustafson ~ Sprague Tree Warden

Food Pantry



We need to beef up our food pantry.

The Sprague Food Pantry is in need of

some non-perishable food items

especially the following:

Cereal, peanut butter, rice, canned goods such as soups, meats, baked beans, and fruits

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring food items to the Town Hall

1 Main Street, Baltic.

Also anyone needing food can call

860-822-3000, ext. 223 or 220



summer rec

I want to say a special thanks to all the kids who came to the program this summer. It was a joy to play, laugh and have fun with you. I am very proud of you all, you did a great job! Remember the 3 rules: **BE SAFE, TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT (INCLUDING YOURSELF), AND HAVE FUN! (AND REMEMBER TO USE YOUR "SUPER POWERS" FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR EVIL.**

Biggest hugs and have a great rest of the summer and awesome school year.

Thanks to The Academy of the Holy Family, for once again allowing us the use of the St. Michael's Center. Their generosity allows us to use the gym facilities to house the program and keep the kids safe and cool while they played and had fun. We also want to thank the Sprague Community Center for opening their doors to us for the final week of camp. We had fun playing board games, Wii games, watching movies.... The Summer Meals program was a great success, serving the 40—50 kids and counselors at camp every day. They provided healthy and nutritious meals, making breakfast and lunch a real treat for the kids every day. Thank you to the Pat Dixie and staff at the Norwich Summer Youth Employment program for the extra staff every year, so many more kids were able to participate in camp because we had the additional staff. Thank s to all of the staff, for making camp fun for all of the kids.

Special thanks to the people who put all the programs in motion, so that we have a safe , nurturing and fun environment for the kids to go to every summer. Thank you for visiting us— Senator (and First Selectman) Cathy Osten, Congressman Joe Courtney, the private donors who fund summer meals and summer youth employment program, John Beauregard— the Executive Director of the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, and Pat Dixie and Nate Moore of the Norwich Summer Youth Program.



TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program is supported by Senior Resources-Area Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act. This menu meets 1/3 RDA and conforms to U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Certified by Lindsay D'Amato, MPH, RD.



TVCCA CAFE MENU AUGUST 2014

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SALAD CHOICE MEAL Every Wednesday & Friday		1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change without notice.		
 Suggested Donation for Salad Meals \$ 4.00				
Stuffed Chicken w/ broccoli & cheese Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup 4	<u>New</u> BBQ Beef Short Ribs Rice & Black Beans Capri Vegetable Medley Fruit Cocktail 5	Chicken Supreme Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli <u>or Egg Salad Platter</u> Cranberry Juice & Sugar Cookie 6	Cod Florentine Seasoned Rice Peas & Carrots Fresh Fruit 7	Cuban Braised Pork Loin Yellow Rice & Black Beans Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes <u>or Tuna Salad Platter</u> Fresh Orange 1
Salisbury Steak w/ gravy Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Grape Juice & Oatmeal Cookie 11	Crispy Cod Patty Mashed Potatoes Bean & Carrot Medley Fresh Orange 12	Pineapple Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes <u>or Tuna Salad Platter</u> Peach Cup 13	Stuffed Shells w/ Marinara Italian Vegetable Medley Wax Beans Pineapple Cup 14	Spanish Beef Stew Seasoned Rice Mixed Vegetables <u>or Chicken Caesar Salad</u> Applesauce Cup <u>Ethnic Celebration</u> 15
Baked Cod w/ Tomato Black Bean Corn Relish Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Cocktail 18	BBQ Chicken Leg Quarter Baked Beans Chuck Wagon Veggie Medley Orange Juice Cupcake <u>Birthday Celebration</u> 19	Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara Wax Beans Green Beans <u>or Chicken Cobb Salad</u> Fresh Fruit 20	Pesto Cream Chicken Mashed Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Peas w/ mandarin oranges 21	Baked Ziti w/ sweet chicken sausage Broccoli Carrots <u>or Egg Salad Platter</u> Peach Cup 22
 <u>New</u> BBQ Chicken Breast w/ Bun Baked Beans Capri Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange 25	Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed vegetables Pineapple Cup 26	Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole Peas Carrots <u>or Chicken Caesar Salad</u> Peas w/ mandarin oranges 27	Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Fruit Cocktail 28	Stuffed Chicken w/ ham & cheese Rice Pilaf Stewed Tomatoes <u>or Tuna Salad Platter</u> Apple Juice & Danish 29

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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			
<u>Points of Departure to Sprague</u>	<u>Time</u>		
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.*

Miscellaneous:

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 spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

The Grace Fellowship Church of Baltic will hold a Tag Sale on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 115 Salt Rock Road in Baltic.





August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Rummage Sale St. Joseph's School 10 am – 4 pm	2 Breakfast 6:30am-10am Versailles Methodist Church Rummage Sale St. Joseph's School 9 am – 2 pm River Park Music 6:00pm-8:30pm
3	4 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	5	6 Knights of Columbus 7 pm, Fire House P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	7	8 Outside Movie "Space Jam" River Park, 7 pm	9 River Park Music 6:00pm-8:30pm Gypsy Time Surf & Friends
10	11 Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall	12 VOTE Republican Primary 6am – 8pm Baltic Firehouse Library Bd. Mtg. Cancelled	13 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall BOE, 7 pm Sayles School	14	15	16 Grace Fellowship Tag Sale 9am to 3pm 115 Salt Rock Rd River Park Music 6:00pm-8:30pm Nick Bosse & the Northern Roots Band
17	18	19	20 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	21 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Bozrah Town Hall	22 Outside Movie "Hotel for Dogs" River Park, 7 pm	23 River Park Music 6:00pm-8:30pm Stone Creek
24	25	26	27	28 Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	29	30 Ride the Shetucket 10am & 12 noon River Park River Park Music 6:00pm-8:30pm Glenn Hansen Orchestra
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