



# OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES

IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

Information & News for September 2014



## *Spaghetti Dinner*



October 11, 2014



Serving 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Sprague Community Center, West Main St.,  
Baltic, CT

Sponsored by American Legion Post #85

Adult **\$8.00**, Children under 10 **\$5.00**

Spaghetti with Meatballs/Sausage, Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverages

Hanover Congregational Church  
Chicken Barbecue

Saturday September 27, 2014  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

270 Main Street  
Hanover, CT.

Adults-\$9.50/Child-\$5.00  
Take-outs available

For information call Jean at

[\(860\)-822-8351](tel:(860)822-8351)

**Baltic Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, September 7, 2014  
8:00 am to 12 noon

St. Mary's Church in Hanlon Hall  
54 West Main St, Baltic  
Holy Family Academy Dining Hall

Adults-\$5, Child 12 & under-\$3  
Under 2 years old-free  
Maximum family price-\$20  
Contact Brian Daly at  
860-822-1788

## **VOTER TRIVIA DID YOU KNOW?**

If you are ill, you can request Permanent Absentee Ballot Status. This status guarantees an Absentee ballot will be mailed to you for all elections.

~ Registrars of Voters

## **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](mailto:Elizabeth@Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com)

## From the Desk of the First Selectman

I certainly hope you have enjoyed this simply marvelous summer we have been having! I know a few of you are excited to see school back in session and some of you wish that summer lasted another month or so.

This has been a very busy summer for the Town, we are still working to complete the Town Garage and Shetucket Village. We will be hosting an Open House in late September so you may all see the beautiful job done at the Shetucket Village.

We have started to work on Pautipaug Hill Rd 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. The current target date for completion is January 2015.

We continue to work on roadside mowing, line painting, and stop bars while we wait for (what I hope) will be a quiet winter. 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 enjoy the fabulous colors that will be adorning our roadsides soon!

As always, thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

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](mailto:clauderpellegrino@yahoo.com).

On behalf of the Board of Finance,

Claude R. Pellegrino

### Open Positions as of 9/1/2014

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

## Dennis R. Delaney

The Sprague Historical Museum is dedicated to Dennis R. Delaney  
Sprague's First Historian

Dennis R. Delaney, a member of the Sprague Historical Society since its inception in 1968, was officially appointed to the position as the Town's first Municipal Historian on December 15, 1989. He was a lifelong resident of Sprague. He grew up in Hanover, lived in Baltic and worked in Versailles. His avocation was the study of the Town's history. In addition to his personal knowledge of the Town of Sprague, he worked painstakingly researching, gathering and recording its history for 35 years. The basic body of information of the Sprague Historical Society, and contained in the Town of Sprague Museum, is a legacy of and testament to his remarkable dedication to the Town and its history.

# **Sprague Historical Society**

## **Dedication & Exhibit**

Everyone is invited!

**Come and enjoy an evening out!**

The Sprague Historical Society is Dedicating the  
Museum to Sprague's First Historian

**"Dennis R. Delaney".**

We are also opening our new exhibit on the

**"First Industrialists of Sprague"**

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.

3<sup>rd</sup> floor Grist Mill, 76 Main St. Baltic, CT

Any questions please contact us at: 860-822-6867

[historicalsociety@ctsprague.org](mailto:historicalsociety@ctsprague.org)

# Reminder Dog Licenses Past Due



- ✓ A license is a lost dog's ticket home.
- ✓ All dogs **must** have a current rabies vaccination.
- ✓ Licensing provides vaccination and sterilization benefits for pets.
- ✓ All dogs over six months **must** be licensed.
- ✓ All dogs **must** be licensed by June 30th of each year.

A one dollar **fee will** be charged for each month late.

Any questions, please contact Jen Synnett, Town Clerk's Office 860-822-3000, ext. 220

SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Beginning Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> we will resume our regular hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 4:30 to 7:00

Wed. & Sat. 10:00 to 1:00

*Grace Fellowship Church*  
**OF BALDIC**

Sunday  
10 a.m.  
5 p.m.

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

118 W. Main St  
Rt. 207  
Beaver Brook Mill  
Baldic, CT



### OUTSIDE MOVIES

will be held at the

RIVER PARK

ACTIVITIES STARTING at 7:00pm

MOVIE STARTING @ DUSK

Friday, September 5, 2014 Jumanji

Friday, September 19, 2014 Perry Jackson & the Lightening Thief

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:

##### For Sale:

Snare Drum Kit \$75 obo

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Call (860)204-6286

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**OUR TOWN  
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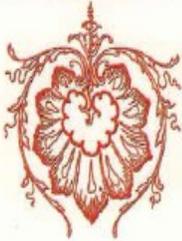
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**NRA SAFETY CLASS**

I will be conducting the NRA safety class that you need to get the Connecticut State Pistol Permit on September 13th. With the new legislation passed by the law makers of Connecticut this permit will be the **ONLY** one that will allow you a single permit for buying **PISTOLS, REVOLVERS, SHOTGUNS, RIFLES & AMMUNITION**. For details contact Warren Baker at [shooter@starshinephoto.com](mailto:shooter@starshinephoto.com)

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Baltic, CT 06330  
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Email:

[michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com)

# CERTIFIED ELECTION MODERATOR TRAINING AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> IN SPRAGUE!

- ⇒ Looking for a way to become involved with your local community without the commitment of monthly meetings?
- ⇒ Retiree or college student looking for a way to earn extra money?
- ⇒ Interested in helping your fellow citizens?
- ⇒ Looking for a way to spend Election Day with the guarantee of no political talk?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, why not become a Certified Election Moderator? The Town of Sprague will pay for your training and mileage and you can decide the elections you work.

- ⇒ In Florida for the winter? No problem you can work the Budget referendum and Primaries.
- ⇒ College student? Great addition to your resume.
- ⇒ Working Part-time or unemployed? Great way to demonstrate your leadership ability

**You must be a registered voter in Sprague.** If you want to learn more about becoming a Certified Election Moderator, please contact the Registrars of Voters at 860-822-3000 ext 220 or via email at [registrar@ctsprague.org](mailto:registrar@ctsprague.org).

Kathleen Boushee  
Barbara Richardson Crouch

## Branching Out.....

### Notes from the Tree Warden

Please take the time to read the press release issued in July by the CT Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) and included in this issue of Our Town. The rapid spread of the Emerald Ash Borer within our state will be a major impact on our forests, towns and property. The eventual loss of nearly all of the ash trees will not only cause a visual ugliness, it will also create a significant financial difficulty for all of the towns in our state. Many cities have ash trees as street trees lining many of the streets and roads and all of them will need to be removed at some point. Fortunately, we do not have any major roads or boulevards lined on both sides with ash trees. I do intend to complete an inventory of significant public ash trees in town to be able to formulate a plan of what will be involved to deal with this destructive insect in Sprague. Those folks in town that use or move firewood should also read and be very aware of the specifics of the firewood quarantine in effect in CT.

Many people have noticed and asked me about the significant number of trees turning their fall colors already (like the oak in front of the transfer station) – or just losing leaves (like the maple in the River Park). There are also many pine trees turning completely brown. The most apparent reason for these trees' loss of leaves is the stress of insufficient rain and, most likely, a problem with their root system. There are no known diseases (such as anthracnose or sudden oak death) in our area this summer as an "easy" source of these tree anomalies.

Finally, a reminder that as Tree Warden I choose to enforce the state statute that prohibits attaching signs of any kind to public trees and power/telephone/light poles. I have metal frames that can be borrowed for yard sale signs.

Dave Gustafson ~ Sprague Tree Warden



## *The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station*

123 HUNTINGTON STREET, P.O. BOX 1106, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06504

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Protecting Agriculture, Public Health, and the Environment*

*Founded 1875*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

#### **MEDIA CONTACTS:**

Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III, Ph.D.  
Chief Scientist/State Entomologist  
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
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New Haven, CT 06504  
Phone: (203) 974-8485

Dr. Claire Rutledge, Ph.D.  
Assistant Scientist II  
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station  
123 Huntington Street  
P.O. Box 1106  
New Haven, CT 06504  
Phone: (203) 974-8484

### **EMERALD ASH BORER DISTRIBUTION EXPANDING IN CONNECTICUT**

**New Haven, CT** - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced today that the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) (EAB) infestation, largely centered in New Haven County, has rapidly expanded into Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, and Middlesex Counties and has now been detected in a total of 38 towns. The new towns where the beetle has been detected this year include: Ansonia, Branford, Bristol, Clinton, Cromwell, Derby, Durham, Litchfield, Meriden, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Seymour, Shelton, Thomaston, Trumbull, Wallingford, West Haven, Wolcott, Woodbridge, Woodbury. The insects were previously found in Beacon Falls, Bethany, Cheshire, Hamden, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Newtown, North Branford, Oxford, Prospect, Sherman, Southbury, Southington, and Waterbury in 2012 or 2013. Additional detections are anticipated.

The emerald ash borer is a destructive insect and has been responsible for the death and decline of tens of millions of ash trees from Colorado and the mid-west to New England and south to Georgia. Ash makes up about 4% to 15% of Connecticut's forests and represents about 2-3% of the urban trees in many communities.

"Unfortunately, we are now seeing a lot of dead and dying ash in New Haven County and more ash trees will die as a result of this expanding infestation" said State Entomologist Kirby C. Stafford III. When EAB is found, municipalities and homeowners can assess their ash trees and plan for the impact of this beetle. High value trees and lightly infested trees can be treated with systemic insecticides to protect them against the emerald ash borer. Untreated ash trees will be lost and can die within 2-3 years once infested. Ash trees quickly decline and become hazardous, requiring removal, depending upon their location and risk to people and property.

"The spread of EAB within our state poses a severe and imminent threat to ash trees on both private and public property," said Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Rob Klee. "It is critical for property owners to assess the condition of their ash trees and make decisions to treat trees with appropriate chemicals to try to save them or to remove trees that pose safety risks. We also strongly encourage property owners to utilize only licensed and insured professionals to either treat or remove their

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ash trees.”

Many EAB detections have been made by monitoring the ground-nesting, native wasp (*Cerceris fumipennis*), which hunts many wood-boring beetles, including the emerald ash borer. The wasp is an effective “biological surveillance” survey tool and does not sting people or pets according to Dr. Claire E. Rutledge, who runs the CAES survey program. In addition, purple detection traps have been set across Middlesex, Tolland, Windham, and New London counties by Thomas Worthley, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System. The surveillance programs are supported by the USDA-APHIS-PPQ.

In Connecticut, quarantine had previously been established that regulates the movement of ash logs, ash materials, ash nursery stock, and hardwood firewood from within Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties to any area outside of those counties to help slow the spread of the beetle. The quarantine currently applies to only those four counties and mirrors a federal quarantine also imposed on the four counties.

With the detection of EAB in Middlesex County and rapid expansion of the EAB infestation to five of the state’s eight counties, CAES plans to remove the state internal quarantine by adding Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham counties to the existing EAB quarantine. Until that time, the current state and federal EAB quarantine is still in effect. A public hearing will be held in August at the CAES Griswold Research Center, 190 Sheldon Road, Griswold, CT 06351, on a date still to be determined.

Regulations also are in effect regulating the movement of firewood from out-of-state into Connecticut or within Connecticut. These regulations were put in place to ensure that other invasive insects, not just the emerald ash borer, are not carried into Connecticut through the shipment of firewood. These regulations are not influenced by the new EAB detections.

Detailed information about the current quarantine and the firewood regulations can be found at [www.ct.gov/deep/eab](http://www.ct.gov/deep/eab) or [www.ct.gov/caes](http://www.ct.gov/caes).

The emerald ash borer is a regulated plant pest under federal (7 CFR 301.53) and state (CT Gen. Statute Sec. 22-84-5d, e, and f) regulations. For more information about the EAB, please visit the following website: [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). A fact sheet providing guidelines on the treatment of ash trees to protect them from EAB is also available at [www.ct.gov/caes](http://www.ct.gov/caes).

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SAT., SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

9AM-3PM

SPRAGUE ROD & GUN CLUB FIELD (RTE 138, BALTIC)

SPONSORED BY BSA TROOP 19 & SPRAGUE ROD & GUN CLUB

HUGE MULTI FAMILY EVENT

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

COME JOIN US

INFO: HARRY SEGERSTROM SR. (860)822-6235

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*Keep your face always toward the sunshine -  
and shadows will fall behind you.*

~ Walt Whitman

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**If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much...**

~ **Jim Rohn**

### Calling all Vendors

Hanover Congregational Church is looking for Vendors to attend the  
Community Tag Sale and Craft Fair  
on Saturday October 4th, 2014  
8am-2pm  
\$10.00 per spot  
Setup at 7am  
Please call Jen at [\(860\)-822-9977](tel:860-822-9977) to register or with questions.

## **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**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Elm Street Project**

American Legion Post 85 in Baltic is continuing to raise funds in order to make improvements to our veteran's memorial in the center of town. On July 20<sup>th</sup> we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual poker run fundraiser and I'd like to thank all those involved. Starting with the Sprague Rod & Gun Club, which includes club president Erv Doubleday, the parking lot crew (orange shirts), event registration and verification staff along with the bartenders, kitchen staff and clean-up crew.

Also Budweiser, our Post members, the Brooklyn AM Vets, Montville American Legion Post 112, Norwich American Legion Post 4, Plainfield VFW Post 5446, and the Willimantic Ukrainian National Home, along with the Whiskey River Band & family.

Contributions and donations came in from the following: Allstar Sports & Apparel, Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center, Mail N More, Todd English's Tuscany at the Mohegan Sun Casino, Paula Peterson & family, All Seasons Heating & Air Conditioning, Collins & Jewell Company, Silver Star Athletic Club, Inc., Baltic Pizza LLC, Debbie Boenig, Sheila F., Norma & Lea Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Zinavage, Joe Lussier, Carson Konow, Stonehouse Bar & Grill, Brown Derby Lounge and several others.

Special thanks to all the riders who participated in this event.

Let's not forget those veterans who served and fought for this country; past, present and future.

Donald Bastien

Commander, American Legion Post 85



### Transfer Station

Acceptable Plastic Items - The Single Stream recyclable bin accepts only clean plastic items showing the recycling symbol #1 - #7. Each plastic item must show the recycling symbol. Only rinsed and clean #1 - #7 plastic tubs, plastic screw-top jars, plastic bottles and plastic jugs are acceptable. No other plastic items are allowed.

~ Walter Bell— Transfer Station Superintendent



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# SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking. –Haruki Murakami

## THE AFTERNOON DELIGHT BOOK CLUB

WILL MEET ON  
WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
AT 3:30 TO  
DISCUSS THE  
KITCHEN HOUSE  
BY KATHLEEN  
GRISSOM. THE  
BOOK CHOICE  
FOR OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
WILL BE "THE  
FAULT IN OUR  
STARS."

## SUMMER READING

WAS A BIG SUCCESS AGAIN THIS  
YEAR! 28 CHILDREN ALONG WITH 15  
ADULTS CAME TO CELEBRATE THE  
FINALE WITH A PIZZA AND MAKE YOUR  
OWN SUNDAE LUNCH FOLLOWED BY  
THE PROGRAM: "BIRDS ON THE RUN"  
WHERE EVERYONE WAS INTRODUCED  
TO MANY DIFFERENT, EXOTIC, AND  
BEAUTIFUL BIRDS. GREAT JOB KIDS!!!

## STORY HOUR

IS EVERY THURSDAY  
AT 10:30AM AND  
AT 1:00PM.  
COME VISIT THE  
LIBRARY FOR A  
STORY AND A CRAFT

## THE FICTION ADDICTION BOOK CLUB

WILL BE READING  
SISTER BY ROSAMUND  
LUPTON FOR THEIR  
SEPTEMBER MEETING.  
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# 3 VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 4, 2014

NEW time 12pm-6pm

Babe Blanchette Field

Bring the whole family for a great day of food, fun, and games!

There will be:

Face painting

Video game van

Pumpkin coloring

Bingo

Yellow duck race

Local organizations

Dunk tank

Human hamster ball

Donut eating contest

Luis Pabon dancers performing

Blowup obstacle course

Food and vendors

4 vs 4 mixed volleyball tournament

Nick Bosse and the Northern Roots Band performing

For more information or to have a vending table please contact

Craig Staggs @ 860-710-5063

Sprague Park and Recreation Chairman

3 Village Fall Festival  
Little Miss & Mr. Sprague  
Pageant Registration Form  
Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm-6:30pm  
River Park, Baltic

Welcome to children ages 4-9 residing in Sprague  
There will be 2 divisions this year 4-6 year olds and 7-9 year olds  
7-9 division winner will receive a \$75 gift card  
4-6 division winner will receive a \$50 gift card

All contestants will receive a prize  
7-9 division will be asked: What do they want to be when they grow up and why  
4-6 division will be asked: Who is your favorite person and why  
Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm will be a rehearsal

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name & Contact # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please have children dress appropriately.  
For question, please call Craig Staggs at 860-710-5063

## Sprague Land Preserve open to hunting...

As you know, we will be again allowing permit-only hunting in the Land Preserve in the fall. All information can be found in the Town Clerk's office. We remain confident that all visitors will still be able to enjoy what promises to be an exceptional fall, not only at the Preserve but all over town. If you get a chance, please visit the Preserve; remember to wear orange—and make your pets wear orange too; as has been said before it's just good sense to do so in all parks this time of year.



Sprague Garden Club



September is here. Hopefully, everyone's gardening efforts have been successful. My tomato plants are over 7 feet tall with a great variety of grape, sungold, plum and jet star tomatoes.



The cucumbers and jalapeno peppers are keeping me busy canning refrigerator pickles.



Our next meeting is on September 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. Our guest speaker will be Patty Lucente. Her subject will be "The Love of Gardening". Many of you may remember her from Holdridge's and Agway. Our meetings are open to the public. Refreshments and coffee will be served.



September is the beginning of our new year. It is a great time to become a member of the club. If you are interested in joining or just interested in learning more about the club, we would enjoy meeting you. Please call me at [860-822-6520](tel:860-822-6520) for more information.



Jan Settje



## 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.

**September 27th**

**Note Date Change—October 18th**

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](http://www.ctsprague.org)

**SEE YOU THERE!**

## As of 9/1 Grant Update

I am happy to report we received the following grant, with this we will be able to complete 3 more roads here in Town. This leaves just 4 roads left to be done!

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

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. 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.

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

<b>STEAP Grant - Small Town Economic Assistance Grant</b>		<b>Town Portion</b>	<b>Grant Portion</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>
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	

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

Catherine Osten  
First Selectman

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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 Lindsey D'Amato, MPH, RD.



## TVCCA CAFE MENU SEPTEMBER 2014

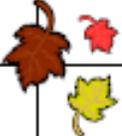
**MONDAY**

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**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

 <b>Program Closed</b> <b>Labor Day Holiday</b> 1	<b>Beef &amp; Bean Chili</b> Seasoned Rice Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Pineapple Cup <b>Ethnic Celebration</b> 2	Chicken Florentine Roasted Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Cranberry Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie 3	<b>Crispy Cod Patty</b> Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail 4	<b>Sloppy Joes w/ Bun</b> Baked Beans Broccoli Fresh Fruit 5
Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup 8	Cod Newburg <i>(no Strip)</i> Buttered Noodles Capri Vegetable Medley Grape Juice Danish 9	Cuban Braised Pork Loin Yellow Rice & Black Beans Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes Fresh Orange 10	Eggplant Rolette Penne w/ Marinara Italian Vegetable Medley Applesauce Cup 11	<b>Braised Beef Short Ribs</b> Garlic & Cumin Roasted Potatoes Carrots Fruit Cocktail 12
<b>BBQ Chicken Leg Quarter</b> Baked Beans <b>Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley</b> Cupcake & Orange Juice <b>BirthDay Celebration</b> 15	Pineapple Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fresh Fruit  16	Tuscan Beef Stew Peas Carrots Applesauce Cup 17	Pesto Cream Chicken Rice Pilaf Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes Pineapple Cup 18	<b>Stuffed Shells</b> Wax Beans Italian Vegetable Medley Peas w/ mandarin oranges 19
<b>Baked Zit w/ sweet sausage</b> Peas Carrots Fresh Orange 22	<b>BBQ Chicken Breast w/ Bun</b> Baked Beans Italian Vegetable Medley Peach Cup 23	Cheese Ravioli w/ Marinara Broccoli Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Fruit Cocktail 24	Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peas w/ mandarin oranges 25	<b>Stuffed Chicken Cordon Blue</b> Rice Pilaf Bean & Carrot Medley Grape Juice Sugar Cookie  26
<b>Salisbury Steak</b> Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail 29	<b>Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole</b> Peas Carrots Peas w/ mandarin oranges 30	 30	1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. <u>Menu is subject to            change without notice.</u>	



**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](http://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 mailing a check to the Upper New London County Service Unit, PO Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383.

Fall is on its way in... 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.

By the way have you sat down with your family and talked about where to go if you need to leave your home in case of an emergency? Set up time together to develop a disaster plan, so everyone is accounted for.

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 with all the things needed for you and your family.

~Dennison Allen

# September



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1          <b>Labor Day</b>	2 American Legion 7 pm, Sprague Rod & Gun Club	3 BOE, 7 pm Sayles School  Garden Club 6:30 pm Senior Ctr  Knights of Columbus 7 pm, Fire House  P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	4	5 Outside Movie "Jumanji" River Park, 7 pm	6 Breakfast 6:30am-10am Versailles Methodist Church  River Park Music Elm Street Project 6 pm – 8:30 pm
7 Pancake Breakfast 8am to 12noon By K of C held at Academy of Holy Family Dining Hall	8 Agric.Comm.Mtg 7 pm, Town Hall  Cons. Comm. Mtg 7 pm, Town Hall  Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	9 Comm. On Aging 2:00 pm, Town Hall  Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	10 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall	11	12	13
14	15  Deadline for all OUR TOWN submissions	16	17 Water & Sewer Authority, 4 pm, Town Hall	18 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall	19 Outside Movie "Perry Jackson and the Lightening Thief" River Park, 7 pm	20 Comm. Yard Sale 9 am to 3 pm Rod & Gun Club  Historical Society Museum 6:00 pm Dedication
21	22	23 Historical Society 6:30 pm, Museum  Housing Auth. 7 pm Town Hall	24	25 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Bozrah Town Hall  Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	26	27 Ride the Shetucket, 10am River Park  Hanover Cong. Church, Chicken Barbecue 4:30 – 6:30 pm
28	29	30				



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