



# OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES

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Information & News for October 2015



## FREE DUMP DAY



SATURDAY,

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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Bottle & Can Drive Saturday, October 17



Vote

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

6AM – 8PM

Baltic Fire Depart-  
ment



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COLLATE THE OUR TOWN, SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

### 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 on Saturday, October 24 for the November issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Elizabeth for details. **If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com**

**From the Desk of the First Selectman**

School has started and the refreshing days of fall are here! The foliage adorns the trees in vibrant reds and golds, the leaves shrink inside themselves and the squirrels and chipmunks scamper about preparing their winter cache.

The Town was fortunate to receive a donation of school supplies from the United Way. They filled a table with pens, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, etc. Thank you for your continued support of our Town. These same folks sponsor the weekly food drops at the Community Center. We are lucky to have them as a community partner.

We remain busy with roadside mowing, cutting grass, chipping fallen debris and preparing roadsides for the winter. We have completed work on a section of Inland and Potash Hill Rd fixing a little drainage and remain on track to complete a rebuild of Sunrise and Grandview before the snow flies.

The Water and Sewer department has started to work on a sewer project in Hanover. Its completion has not yet been determined.

We ended the summer concert series in September with an appearance of the Glenn Hansen Orchestra. This is a training orchestra for young people entering this live music venue. They have come every year for six years and I am so appreciative of their music and their mission. The concert series is supported by the Mohegan Golf Club another great community partner.

Take some time to enjoy the fall foliage and our lovely trails and outside venues. It is simply put a stunning place to be surrounded by.

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman



**Open Positions as of 10/1/2015**

<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b> Two alternate members	<b>Recreation Committee</b> Unlimited numbers allowed
<b>Inland Wetlands</b> One alternate member	<b>Baltic Mills Committee</b> Unlimited numbers allowed
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b> One regular members	<b>Conservation Commission</b> One alternate member
<b>Regional Tourism Board</b> One appointment	



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## 2015 DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

We pledge to continue to deliver the services and financial stability of the past eight years for the next two years.

We pledge to continue to find grant funding for Sprague's infrastructure projects.

We pledge to continue to find cost savings by regionalizing, applying alternative energy solutions, conservation, & employing business practices.

We pledge to continue to make enhancements to the quality of life in Sprague by continuing to improve the 3 1/2 roads that are left to be done, and expanding open space for recreation and conservation.

Sprague has been making good progress under Democratic leadership.

Let's continue moving our Town ahead.

Vote Democratic!

### Our Candidates

Cathy Osten	First Selectman
Denise Dembinski	Selectman
Jen Synnett	Town Clerk
JoAnn Lynch	Town Treasurer
Mary Chartier	Tax Collector
Catherine Tiffany	Board of Finance
Joan Charron-Nagle	Board of Finance
David Giroux	Board of Education
Megin Sechen	Board of Education
Richard Waterman	Board of Assessment Appeals
William Lynch	Board of Assessment Appeals
Sandor Bittman, Jr.	Planning & Zoning Commission

We ask that you support these candidates by voting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Baltic Fire House.

Paid for by the Sprague Democratic Town Committee, Jeannette Deschamps, Treasurer

## SPRAGUE RTC UPDATE:

On July 21st the following individuals were endorsed by the Sprague Republicans:

- Dennison Allen - First Selectman
- Cheryl Allen Blanchard - Selectman
- Mary Chartier - Tax Collector
- Ann Marie Osowski - Full Term Board of Finance
- Wendy Schnip - Four Year Vacancy Board of Finance
- Mark A. Lounsbury - 2 year Vacancy Board of Finance
- Joe Osowski - Board of Education
- Geraldine Meadows - Board of Education
- Selma Ward - Board of Assessment Appeals
- Warren Baker - Planning and Zoning
- Phyllis Arpin Nelson - Planning and Zoning

- Our diverse slate of candidates were selected to provide representation and a voice to the people of Sprague. We continue to encourage citizens to register to vote and to vote and participate in government. If you are interested in participating in the Sprague RTC, please contact Michael P. Meadows at [spraguertc.ct@gmail.com](mailto:spraguertc.ct@gmail.com).



### Ride the Shetucket River

The Town of Sprague has resumed the wildly popular Ride the Shetucket events for 2015. Once monthly during the warm weather season and depending on the natural water level of the river the Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle between River Park and Scotland Dam. Participants can put in any time between 10:00 and 12:00. You can ride the river as many times as you wish during that time frame. The ride is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours. Remaining dates for 2015: October 10<sup>th</sup>. Since Ride the Shetucket is dependent on the natural water level, check the Town Website prior to the event for any cancellation postings. Paddlers need to have PFD's and a distress whistle.



*Grace Fellowship Church*  
**OF BALTIC**

Sunday  
10 am  
5 pm

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

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Rt. 207  
Beaver Brook Mill  
Baltic, CT



## Daffodils Planting Day



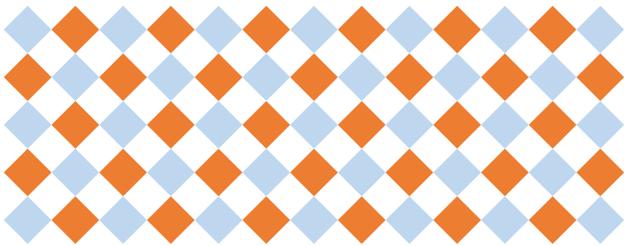
The Town of Sprague will provide daffodils to plant around the Town! Please let us know how many daffodils you or your community group are willing to help us plant. We are trying to finish up and will have groups out on the following dates:

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanks for all your help!**

Call Barbara or Cathy @ 860-822-3000 ext 201



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## Basket Raffle



- St Joseph School
- Annual Auction
- and Basket Raffle
- 10 School Hill Rd
- Baltic, Ct. 06330

- Saturday, December 5th, 2015
- Viewing to begin @ 4:30
- Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus @ 5:00
- Basket Raffle to begin @ 6:15
- Silent Auction To follow.

- Fully loaded Theme baskets, Museum memberships, Gift certificates and Much MORE!!!!!!
- Come join us for a Family night of Fun!

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**OUR TOWN**

**BUSINESS PAGE:**



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Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com



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**Zentangle Wine Down—**  
We will fill a Styrofoam pumpkin with

Zentangles! Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway, Norwich. \$25 for class, \$12 for your pumpkin and a special pen for completing your designs. Friday Oct 9, 6-9pm-BYOB! You MUST call me at least 24 hours in advance to register for this class: Carol Dunn, Certified Zentangle Teacher, 860-822-8412. I can email you a picture of this project.

The Sprague Historical Society is working on a new exhibit about Sprague Schools.

If anyone has programs, class pictures (or any pictures) from any of the schools in Sprague we would love to scan them, names of the people in the pictures would be a plus. If anyone has any items or pictures you would like to donate, scan or lend it would be appreciated. Please help us keep the History of Sprague alive!! Check us out on Facebook!! You can email us at: [historicalsociety@ctsprague.org](mailto:historicalsociety@ctsprague.org)

Write to us at 76 Main St. Baltic, CT 06330

Call us at 860-822-6867

Our hours:

Tues. 2:30 to 5:00

Thurs. 3:30 to 6:00

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

## 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 Democratic Town Committee October Update

At the September meeting, the DTC met and discussed the upcoming month's events and planned for the municipal election cycle.

We have candidates in all races for the November elections. They are as follows:

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| First Selectman              | Cathy Osten                              |
| Selectman                    | Denise Dembinski                         |
| Town Clerk                   | Jen Synnett                              |
| Town Treasurer               | JoAnn Lynch                              |
| Tax Collector                | Mary Chartier                            |
| Board of Finance             | Catherine Tiffany and Joan Charron-Nagle |
| Board of Education           | David Giroux and Megin Sechen            |
| Board of Assessment Appeals  | Richard Waterman and William Lynch       |
| Planning & Zoning Commission | Sandor Bittman, Jr.                      |

We are excited about our slate of candidates, some incumbents, some new, they are representative of our Town. They are democrats, republicans and unaffiliated voters. They care deeply about our Town and are willing to give of their time and expertise. We thank them for standing up and running for public office.

The Sprague DTC continues to encourage residents to register to vote. And also to vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Baltic Fire House.

Please visit the Sprague DTC website at [SpragueDemocrats.org](http://SpragueDemocrats.org) for updated information.

Claire Glaude, DTC Secretary

## Sprague Historical Society is offering a 2016 birthday and anniversary calendar.

We want to include your family's big dates! They'll want to be part of this historical calendar.  
Fill out the form below with the names and dates of people you'd like to see in the calendar.

Birthdays and anniversaries - \$1.00 each; Calendar- \$5.00 each

Send this form and your donation to: "Sprague Historical Society" P.O. Box 162- Baltic, CT 06330.

SHS will use the money to preserve Sprague's history. This calendar is part of that history.

Calendars will be available for pick up at Town hall in December. You'll be notified when they're ready.

Please help the Sprague Historical Society. Place your calendar order today.

Person ordering:	B OR A	Date	Name(s)
Phone:			
(B) Birthdays @ \$1.00 ea			
(A) Anniversaries @ \$1.00 ea			
Calendars @ \$5.00 ea			
Total paid \$			

September 5, 2015

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS / DEVELOPERS  
Town of Sprague, Connecticut

### Request for Proposals Eagle Place (formerly the Baltic Mill Site)

Mixed Use Retail / Commercial / Housing

PROPERTY LOCATION: The corner of North Main (Rt. 97) and Bushnell Hollow Road, along the scenic Shetucket River in the village of Baltic, CT

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Release Date: September 30th

Town Informational Meeting and Site Walk with Potential Investors: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (10:00 a.m.)

RFP Submission Due Date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (4:00 p.m.)



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## September 1, 2015 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

At 7:00 p.m. CDR Cathy Osten opened the meeting. The prayer was said by the Chaplain. 16 members and all officers were present. The minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported \$304.63 and \$311.21 in the checking and saving respectively. Two new members, Harry Elrod – USN, and Dept. Vic Butsch – USA, joined the Post. The Adjutant also stated that 27 of the 45 members had paid dues.

The CDR welcomed District 5 Sr. Vice CDR Duane Yuhas to the meeting. The Post members approved the 2016 Memorial Day Parade date for Monday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. The Poker Run will be held on September 13, 2016 at TJ’s Cafe.

The Adjutant notified that \$211.00 had been spent on commemorative bricks. The Post members also noted the passing of past commander William Chartier. It was also reported that Emile LaPorte had been sick.

The CDR stated that the 2015 3 Village Fall Festival will be held on October 3, 2015. The CDR ended the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club on October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Coletti, Adjutant



### Absentee Ballots

On or after October 5<sup>th</sup>, absentee ballots will be available for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

You may also request Permanent Absentee ballot status if you are permanently disabled. This requires a note from your doctor and a completed Absentee Ballot Application.

Please call or stop into the Town Clerk’s Office (822-3000 ext. 220) to request an application or for more info.

Thank You, Jen Synnett

### BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8, at the firehouse.

Main topic of discussion was the annual **Holly Jolly Bazaar**. It will be held on **Saturday, November 28**, at the firehouse from 9 am to 3 pm.

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 have been mailed. If you are interested and are not already on our mailing list, please call me and leave a message at 860-822-8331.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at the firehouse at 7 p.m..

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.

*Jeannette Deschamps*

Jeannette Deschamps,

Secretary



# 2015 Project Safe Halloween Program



The members of the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 Fire Department will once again host our very popular Halloween Program at our fire house on the night of October 31, 2015. **Our Halloween Program runs ENTIRELY on the donations from you, we use NO TAX dollars to host this program. Our Safe Halloween Program is held to allow the children of our community a Safe & Fun way to Trick or Treat without having to deal with any of the hazards of going door to door to Trick or Treat.** The attendance for our Safe Halloween Program has been over 1,000 ghosts & goblins walking through our doors at the Baltic Fire House for numerous years. ***Without the donations from our community and those who attend, we would not be able to host this very popular community event.*** That being said, **we NEED contributions from EVERYONE in order to host this event!!** Please make checks out to the "Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1" and PLEASE write "Safe Halloween: in the memo area of your check so that the donation will be deposited into the correct account.

We are offering a couple of drop off areas for any candy donations. You can drop off any sealed bags of candy at the Sprague Town Hall at the Town Clerk's office OR on any Monday from 1000A.M. through 1200P.M. and also from 6:00 P.M. through 9:00P.M at the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1, 22 Bushnell Hollow RD, Baltic, CT. PLEASE make sure that your name & address are written either with a marker on the bag or written on a piece of masking or duct tape and taped to the bag.

If you happen to belong to a civic group and would like to become involved in our Safe Halloween Program please contact Reg Patchell. WE are always looking for someone to run/monitor the Halloween games, pumpkin painting, etc. If you happen to have any ideas for a game please let us know and you can always run the game that you recommend.

We HOPE to see all of the children & parents at the fire house on Halloween night, PLEASE make sure that you watch out for any Trick or Treaters who may be walking along the roadways coming to / from our event. The men & women of the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department want to say thank you for your donations!

We are also asking for any community organization who may want to assist us with set up or man a table, run a Halloween game, etc. to PLEASE also contact us. Halloween is only a couple of months away and we have a LOT of work to do to allow this program to run BUT the MOST IMPORTANT request that we need to make is to ask for YOURE Donations , which in turn allows us to purchase the candy, bike helmets, etc. that we Give away.

The event will start off with a costume parade starting at the town hall and walking up to the fire house where the participants in the parade will be allowed into the event first. That being said- anyone not participating in the costume parade will HAVE to wait in line until all parade participants have entered the fire house. The parade will start at 6:00 P.M. and the Halloween event will close at 8:00 P.M.

Please mail your checks to the:  
**Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1**  
**Attention: Safe Halloween Program**  
**PO Box 314**  
**Baltic, Ct. 06330**

Thank you so very much, we look forward to seeing you on Halloween Night in Costume. We do also have prizes for Adults in costumes!!

**Shetucket Village Is Accepting Applications**

**8 Wall Street – Baltic, CT  
Must be 62 years of age and/or Disabled  
No Pets Allowed; No Section 8 Housing  
If you would like an application sent to you,**

**please call 860-822-1512**

The **Sprague Economic Development Commission** has been busy working to bring together a couple of items. The first was a business summit held last month in the Grist Mill meeting room we had about twenty participants including some who actually do business here in town. We had a number of guests that brought information about resources available to small business.

Tom Giard, Chair of the Griswold EDC came and shared what they have been doing to foster all the wonderful growth Griswold/Jewett City is experiencing. We also had Bob Mills President of the Norwich Community Development Commission talk about how they are interested in helping smaller towns in our area because when we all succeed the whole community is healthier. John Ferrara came from SCORE and Dick Shriver from the Mentoring Corps for Community Development. They represent organizations of volunteers that come in alongside of small businesses and non-profits to help them move to the next level of success. Tracy Medling, our Postmaster showed how affordable and easy to use direct mail is. If you are a small business person, this group can represent a gold mine of resources. Please let us know if you want to make a connection with any of them. Their services are offered for low or no cost.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our next business summit is **Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 at the Grist Mill.**

The next item we have been working on is the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Baltic Mill site. I know many good people have worked on this for the last 20 years and we are hoping that this time may be the one that breaks through and brings something helpful to our town.

Our goal is to grow the economic base of our town in order to bring more opportunity and resources to our town and to increase the grand list so each of us pays less in taxes to live here. If you can see the value in this we would appreciate your participation in the work we are doing. In fact, we do have an opening on our commission. If you are interested please contact me.

Phyllis Nelson  
Chair SEDC

*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.

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# NEW MOVIES

# SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ADULTS

(movies PG-13 and higher ratings)

- Gone Girl
- Stephen Hawking-and the theory of everything
- Captain America - The Winter Soldier
- The Grand Budapest Hotel
- Aloha
- Hot Pursuit
- While We Were Young
- Interstellar
- The Good Wife - Season 5 & Season 6
- Scandal - Season 3
- The Monuments Men
- American Sniper
- Woman in Gold
- Big Eyes
- The Rewrite
- Downton Abbey - Season 5

## KIDS

(movies rated G and PG)

- Home
- Madagascar 3 - Europe's Most Wanted
- Paddington
- Spongebob Squarepants Movie - Sponge Out of Water
- Scooby-Doo - Mine Your Own Business
- Big Hero 6

**LIBRARY FALL HOURS BEGINNING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
MONDAY 1AM-6 PM  
TUESDAY 1AM-6PM  
WEDNESDAY 9AM-6PM  
THURSDAY 9AM-6PM  
FRIDAY- CLOSED  
SATURDAY-9-2  
SUNDAY- CLOSED**



**FICTION ADDICTION BOOK CLUB  
WILL BEGIN MEETING  
SAT., OCTOBER 17 @ 1PM  
BOOK :  
TEMPTING FATE BY JANE GREEN**



**THE AFTERNOON DELIGHT BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 4PM  
THE BOOK WILL BE  
THE HUSBAND'S SECRET  
BY LIANE MORIARTY**



## Branching Out... Notes from the Tree Warden

I attended training last month for a refresher and update on the status of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Connecticut. I was surprised to find that the Town of Sprague is now listed by the state as having EAB in town. In fact, that determination was based on finding a single EAB on the Blanchette ball field in the grip of a wasp that feeds on the EAB. It has not been determined where the wasp found the EAB or that trees in town are infested with EAB.

It is inevitable that all the ash trees in town are going to get infested with this pest. EAB is now in more than half of the state and is rapidly moving East. Homeowners who have ash trees need to make a decision about what they want to do with ash trees on their property. There are several treatment methods that have proven effective to kill the EAB larvae in the tree and keep the tree from dying. Or the trees can be removed. I will place several pieces of reference materials at the Town clerk's office for residents to be able to review. The following web sites may also prove useful for additional information:

[www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info)

[www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/eab)

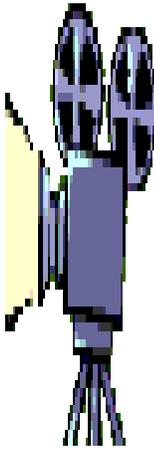
[www.ct.gov/deep/forestry](http://www.ct.gov/deep/forestry)

[www.ct.gov/deep/eab](http://www.ct.gov/deep/eab)

I am formulating a management plan for the ash trees in the town. The first step is to conduct an ash tree inventory for open spaces (the parks and ball fields) and within the right of ways (row) for all town roads. Since there are 53 roads totaling 26 miles in town, I am asking for help with this inventory. I will have a brief training session for any one who would like to help me with this task, probably on a Saturday toward the end of October. Volunteers can then survey a specific street, or their road and we will compile the collective results. This will enable me to assess the number of ash trees, their diameters and whether they should be treated or scheduled for removal. Any one interested in assisting me can contact me by e-mail at: [gus-tafson\\_david\\_b@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gus-tafson_david_b@sbcglobal.net)

Dave Gustafson

Sprague Tree Warden



**OUTSIDE  
MOVIES**  
will be held at  
the  
**RIVER PARK**  
**MOVIE START-  
ING @ DUSK**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Frozen**  
**PROVIDED BY  
THE RECREA-  
TION  
COMMITTEE**

Town of Sprague Parks and Recreation Department

# Three Villages Fall Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2015  
(Rain Date Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>)

11am to 5pm



## Shetucket River Pleasure Trail Ride

*A Benefit for The Friends of the Shetucket River Valley*

Sponsored by: the Town of Sprague & the Sprague Conservation Commission

**October 17, 2015 (rain date Oct 24)**

10 – 20 miles NEHT/NEATO affiliated miles

Ride is on dirt roads, single-track trails, fields and some hills. Trails follow the Shetucket River, through Sprague Land Preserve, Konow Fish Camp and other private lands.

Pre-entry \$25.00 Post entry \$30

Benefit ride to assist the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley in preserving trails along the Shetucket River. Open land is disappearing fast but our trails and woods can be preserved.

**“Please come and ride these beautiful trails and save them  
for our future”**



Ride managers: Loree Osowski and Gail Miller

Parking at Konow Camp grounds; Baltic, CT., 06330

New & improved entrance to Konow's parking area!

Ride or hike or just attend and have lunch.

Sign in 9-11:00 riders must be back by 5:00pm

lunch (12-2:00) is available for \$10.00

*hot dog/hamburger, chips, baked beans, drink, apple, cookie*

Raffle prizes will be drawn at 1:00

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

Please remove all manure and hay from your area **Directions:**

**From 395 heading North:**

Take exit 81W; merge onto CT 2W/ 32N; take exit 25 turn rt onto 32 North: right turn onto Baltic Rd.; Left on 207W; turn rt onto Pautipaug Hill Rd; follow signs to ride headquarters.

**From 395 heading South:**

Take exit 83; turn left onto 97; left onto 207; rt onto Pautipaug Hill Rd; follow signs to ride headquarters



# Shetucket River Pleasure Trail Ride

Print this page, fill out and mail with your entry fee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Coggins# \_\_\_\_\_ will be checked at secretary's table

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Adult/Junior

Rider NEHT # \_\_\_\_\_ Horse# \_\_\_\_\_ Coggins and rabies certificates required

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-entry: \$25.00 **Pre-entry consists of a completed entry form, payment and signature by Oct 10**

**First 20 pre-entries receive a free t-shirt**

Post entry: \$30.00

Junior (rider 18 and under) \$15.00

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00 **Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: Loree Osowski; 211 Pautipaug Hill Rd.; Baltic, CT 06330 Make checks payable to: FoSRV**

**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.

**\*\*For safety reasons we are strongly recommend a red ribbon in the tail of horses that kick, a green ribbon in the tail of a green horse or rider and a yellow ribbon in the tail of a stallion. ASTM/SEI approved helmets strongly suggested; required for riders under 18 years.**

THE OWNERS OF **Sprague Land Preserve, or Konow's Property/Fishing Camp, Seymour Adelman and the State of CT.**

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

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

*Please be advised that photos may be taken at this event for use in Yankee Peddler and Equine Journal magazine. Please indicate below if you do not consent to have your picture published in this manner.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor child \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Issues \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail entries to: Loree Osowski; 211 Pautipaug Hill Rd; Baltic, CT 06330.**

TVCCA's Senior Nutrition Program is supported by Senior Resources-Arma 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 SENIOR CAFE OCTOBER 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 Don't forget to check the Batteries in your smoke detectors!			1 Crispy Cod Patty Rice Pilaf Italian Vegetable Medley Applesauce Cup	2 Beef & Bean Chili Steamed Rice Corn & Lima Beans Pears w/ mandarin oranges
5 Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Chuck Wagon Medley Orange Juice Oatmeal Cookie	6 Chicken Parmesan Penne Pasta w/ marinara Zucchini Fresh Fruit	7 Beef Stroganoff Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Pears w/ mandarin oranges	8 Chicken Stew Garlic Roasted Potatoes Baby Carrots Peach Cup	9 Stuffed Shells w/ marinara Garlic Bread Wax Beans & Green Beans Fruit Cocktail
 12 <b>Columbus Day</b> Senior Nutrition Program Closed	13 Hot Dog w/ Roll Baked Beans Yellow Squash Applesauce Cup	14 Tuscan Beef Stew Buttered Noodles Winter Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange	15 Chicken Teriyaki Steamed Rice Oriental Blend Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	 16 Meatball Grinder w/sub roll Mozzarella Cheese Italian Vegetable Medley Grape Juice Danish
19 Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Fresh Fruit	 20 Mexican Baked Cod w/ corn salsa Seasoned Rice Broccoli Fruit Cocktail	21 Cuban Braised Pork Loin Yellow Rice & black beans Chuck Wagon Medley Orange Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie <u>Ethnic Celebration</u>	22 Manicotti w/ marinara Garlic Bread Wax Beans & Green Beans Cinnamon Applesauce	23 Pub burger w/ bun Mashed Potatoes Curry Vegetable Medley Peach Cup
26 Pineapple Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Zucchini & Diced tomatoes Fruit Cocktail	27 Stuffed Pepper Casserole Cumin & Garlic Rubbed Potatoes Long Bean Medley Grape Juice Cupcake <u>Birthday Celebration</u>	28 Lemon Garlic Chicken Roasted Potatoes Broccoli & Carrots Peach Cup	29 BBQ Pulled Pork w/ roll Baked Beans Soup Peas Pineapple Cup	 30 Tuscan Baked Chicken Seasoned Rice French Style Green Beans Fresh Orange

1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out 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			
<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

Fall seems to be here. I know that money has been tight this year; however, your neighbors will still need help. If you can find a little money to help others, you will be blessed. Send no matter what you can find to give. Send checks to: Upper New London County Salvation Army Unit, 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330.

Keep your fuel tanks full and keep food, water, and supplies on hand in case of bad weather. By the way have you sat down with your family and talked about where to go if you need to leave your home, so all can be accounted for? Do you have 24 hour kit ready if you need it?

Each Friday there is food at The Community Center, 18 West Main St, Baltic. Be there at 1pm to sign up, distribution starts at 2pm. Another resource if you need food, is the town food pantry. Call Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to the Boyscout Scouting for Food drive there is food to help you.

May the Lord bless you with all the things you ask for and need.



# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Outside Movies "Frozen" Starting at Dusk River Park	3 3 Villages Fall Festival 11 am to 5 pm Babe Blanchette Park
4	5 Inland Wetlands, 7 pm, Town Hall  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	6 American Legion 7 pm, Sprague Rod & Gun Club  Economic Development Mtg, 7 pm Town Hall	7 BOE, 7 pm Sayles School  Garden Club 6:30pm, Sr. Ctr.  Knights of Columbus 7 pm, Fire House  P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	8	9	10 Ride the Shetucket, 10am River Park
11	12 Agriculture Commission Mtg, 7 pm, Town Hall  Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall  Columbus Day	13 Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm Grist Mill	14 Board of Selectmen, 5 pm, Town Hall	15 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall  Deadline for all OUR TOWN submissions	16	17 Shetucket River Pleasure Trail Ride, Sign in 9-11:00, Konow Campgrounds
18	19	20	21 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	22 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Sprague Town Hall	23	24 Free Dump Day 8am – 4pm  Collating of November Our Town 10:00 am Town Hall
25	26	27 Historical Society 6:30 pm Grist Mill	28	29 Senior Smilers 1pm, Senior Ctr  Recreation Commission 7 pm, Town Hall	30	31  Project Safe Halloween at Baltic Fire House



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