



# OUR TOWN

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Information & News for January 2016



## ATTENTION VOTERS

The Presidential Primary is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. Party changes must be completed by January 26<sup>th</sup> to vote in the Presidential Primary.

ROV  
Elizabeth Calderon  
Barbara Richardson Crouch



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COLLATE THE OUR TOWN. More help is needed getting the Our Town out on time. The deadline for submission for the month of January (for February publication) will be Friday, January 15th. There will be absolutely no late submissions accepted. We will be meeting Saturday, January 23rd at 10 am at the Town Hall for collating.

If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @  
[Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com)

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## From the Desk of the First Selectman

The Town has the appearance of winter quietly resting along silent grasses immersed in dark afternoons. I sit here awaiting the biting cold weather that is just around the bend. Honestly I do not want it but the anticipation of it is such that I wish it would come and then leave again so that I can enjoy the bright beginnings of early spring!

The golfers have been squeezing in one last game and fishermen are still along and in the river scooping up the last of the salmon and trout hoping for that freeze that will allow for huts to be put up in the middle of the ponds for the sport of ice fishing. Just the thought of this sends cold shivers through me.

I remind you all that the Library, Senior Center and Historical Society Museum are inviting, warm places to come and visit. The laughter of neighbors and friends enjoying inside time together will delight you, please stop on by.

This is that time of year when the budget is being prepared for the next year; I have sharpened my pencil and will be pouring over every line item to achieve savings for us all. As the process moves forward I will be sending out all finalized information.

A good book and old movie will help you through the season. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate overflowing with marshmallows as you sit back for that “long winter’s rest”.

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman



## ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN



**On Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**There will be a screening for**

**Preschool children ages**

**3 and 4 years old**

at

**Sayles School**

**25 Scotland Road**

**Baltic**

**The screening is for residents of  
Baltic, Hanover and Versailles only**

*For an appointment*

*Please call (860)822-8264 x115*

### Open Positions as of 1/1/2016

<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 member	<b>Conservation Commission</b> One alternate member
<b>Regional Tourism Board</b> One appointment	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b> One alternate member
<b>Sprague Housing Authority</b> Two members	

## **Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update**

At the December meeting, the DTC met and celebrated the holiday season.

Part of our meeting was devoted to honoring Richard Waterman for his devotion to the Town Committee where he functions as a member of the Nominating Committee, heads our recruitment drives, and volunteering for anything else that arises in conducting DTC business. Mr. Waterman also volunteers for many other areas of need around the Town i.e. library, food bank, etc. We were happy to honor this quiet backbone of our committee.

We will be holding a caucus in January 2016 to endorse new and returning members to the Town Committee, please let us know if you are interested. We continue as always to look for new members.

The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111. Please visit the Sprague DTC website @ [SpragueDemocrats.org](http://SpragueDemocrats.org) for updated information.

Claire Glaude  
DTC Secretary



### **Video surveillance cameras.**

**The Town of Sprague has increased its video surveillance camera systems. Monitoring of the River Park, the Veteran's Memorial Park and the clock has been included in the Town's video surveillance.**

**The cameras at the Veteran's Memorial Park also pick up the stop signs at three way intersection of 207 and 97.**

**The video surveillance of these areas will provide protection of the citizens of Sprague and their property.**



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## Branching Out....

### Notes from the Tree Warden

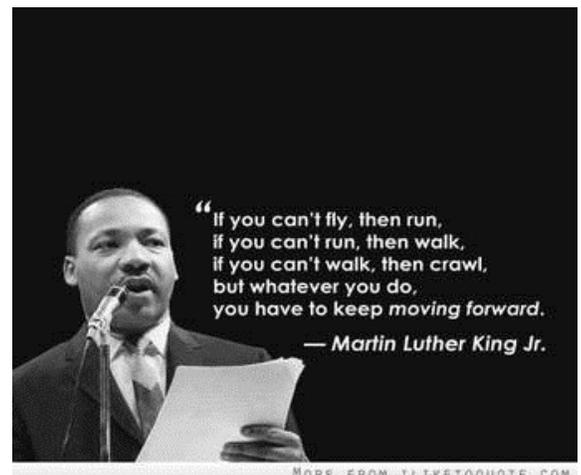
A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of getting a ride through the area of the Sprague Preserve where the EPA is removing lead contamination. The contaminated soil has been removed and clean fill and topsoil is being returned. We have acquired 60 native hardwood trees and bushes and 1500 hardwood seedlings from Arbor Day that will get planted throughout the cleanup site to replace some of the trees and bushes that had to be removed as part of the clean up process. All of them will be 'wintered over' in a temporary nursery created on the site by the EPA contractors and will be planted in April when the soil thaws. The entire 15 acres will be hydro-seeded with grass at the end of the project. It should truly be 'park-like' when it is completed.

As I have mentioned here several times this year, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle is rapidly spreading eastward across our state. This ravenous creature is quickly affecting every ash tree and will devastate the entire ash tree population state wide within a few years. A lot of folks have had questions about what they can do about ash trees they have on their properties. To help answer some of your questions, I have arranged an informational presentation to be given in the Senior Center on January 12, 2016 at 7p.m. Dr. Claire Rutledge is an entomologist at the CT Agricultural Experimental Station in New Haven and will provide information about where EAB is, where it is going and how it kills ash trees. Chris Donnelly is a forester with the Sept. of Energy and Environmental Protection. He will discuss that status of ash trees in the state and how many towns are dealing with the infestation. Dave Stone is an arborist with Lindon Tree Company, the tree company that we use here in Sprague. He will provide some information about options available to residents for their ash trees. I encourage residents who may have "a majestic " ash tree in their yard or maybe numerous ash trees to attend what I hope to be a very informative session.

Dave Gustafson ~ Sprague Tree Warden

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)



**EMERALD ASH BORER and ASH TREE  
INFORMATION MEETING**

**WHEN: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.**

**WHERE: Senior Center, Sprague Town Hall**

**WHAT: Three guest speakers will provide information about the current status of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in CT, the current condition of ash trees in our state and options to deal with private ash trees on personal property.**

**Dr. Claire Rutledge, Entomologist,  
CT Agricultural Experimental Station, New Haven**

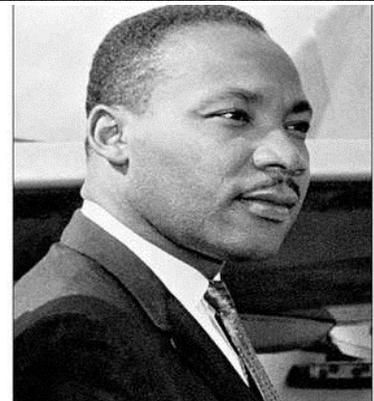
**Chris Donnelly, CT Forester, DEEP**

**David Stone, Arborist, Lindon Tree Company**

**All Sprague residents are invited to attend this presentation. Residents who have ash trees on their property should find this presentation particularly useful for making decisions for dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer.**

**Presented by the Sprague Tree Warden**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." - Martin Luther King*



The Sprague Historical Society has 2016 Calendars for Sale.

They can be purchased at the Sprague Historical Society Museum or Town Hall for \$5.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported us!

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!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

## HELP WANTED!

### ELECTION WORKERS AND CERTIFIED ELECTION MODERATORS

- ⇒ 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 an Election Worker or 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

If you want to learn more about becoming an Election Worker or 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).

Elizabeth Calderon  
Barbara Richardson Crouch



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## The Old Federal Paperboard

The following is information related to the old Federal Paperboard site. This is an outline of what has occurred thus far with a longstanding company that provided a living for many families in and around Sprague. It was owned by Federal Paperboard, International Paper, Carastar, Cascade and met its demise at the hands of a venture capital group known as Fusion Papermill. The parent company known as OpenGate capital had sites in California, Arkansas, Texas, Wisconsin and overseas. These sites held a variety of commercial entities and all received the same treatment as the Town of Sprague did.

On July 23, 2014, The Fusion Papermill (now owned by OpenGate Capital) announced it was closing. It immediately started to shed its managerial staff having no obligation to provide them with a notice of layoff timeframe. It then closed its doors in September placing most of the rest of the workforce on laid off status. This was a tragedy for the workers who were often part of generations of families who had worked at the papermill.

To add insult to injury Fusion Papermill attached the 401K of the workers AFTER they had been laid off for an amount between \$1000-\$3000 reclaiming what they said was a previously never assessed administrative fee. This bad behavior continued with this company as it refused to pay workers, vendors (many local), and its Town and State obligations.

The Fusion Papermill reneged on its long standing obligations to ensure fire protection in the building still owned by Carastar and eventually lost fire protection on all remaining structures on the main site by refusing to pay its electrical bills.

The Town of Sprague attempted to maintain communication with both the Fusion Papermill and OpenGate Capital to no avail. As such when the first tax bill was not paid, the Town initiated a foreclosure action. This was to protect the Town and its right to tax revenue.

The Fusion Papermill started to be dismantled. This dismantling process was being handled by a company known as Realization Services sited in New Jersey. They also oversaw the dismantling of other companies owned by OpenGate Capital.

When the Town was made aware of an attempt of Fusion Papermill to sell off assets without meeting its obligations, an Alias Tax Warrant was issued stopping further assets from being removed.

During all this activity the State's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was initiating an environmental order to ensure the company met its environmental responsibilities. Fusion Papermill initially fought the order but has recently decided that the action was not worth fighting.

There is an environmental compliance order filed on the land records for this site. In addition DEEP staff have done a physical review of the site and there is a request into the EPA to assist with the necessary cleanup.

Fusion Papermill and its parent company OpenGate Capital have filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. The Town is in the process of filing a relief from stay in order to continue the foreclosure process.

We continue to receive requests for information on this site. As soon as we have completed the foreclosure action, we will conduct an international marketing of the site. We have completed an appraisal of the property, its sale will cover the Town (and State) liens.

The Town used to receive approximately \$200,000 in taxes per year for the 486 acres of land, approximately 10 structures and some machinery (most of the papermill machinery was tax exempt).

This is an update on the site; as changes happen you will get more updates.

As always thank you for your support,

Cathy Osten  
First Selectman



**OUR TOWN  
BUSINESS PAGE:**



# Spitale Insurance

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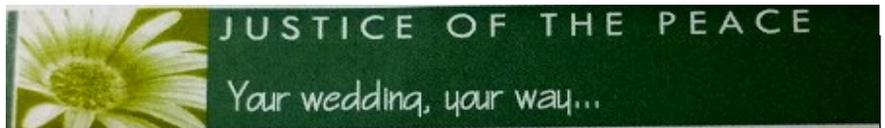
Ads must be pre-purchased at rates of: Business Card \$21; Double Business Card \$40; Half Page \$70; Full Page \$100. Purchase 11 months and receive the 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. All payments must be made prior to the submission deadline.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

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 35 Plain Hill Rd  
 Baltic, Ct 06330  
 860-465-6830  
[janeherr51@att.net](mailto:janeherr51@att.net)

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes will become due and payable on January 1, 2016. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will be sent out by the end of December and become due and payable on January 1, 2016. You will have the entire month of January to pay your taxes.

Taxes not paid by February 1, 2016 shall become delinquent and will be subject to 1 ½% interest per month. Annual interest is 18% and minimum interest is \$2.00.

Taxpayer's needing an immediate clearance for the registration of a motor vehicle and owe a delinquent tax must pay by cash, money order or certified check. All others who pay by personal check must wait until the check clears.

If you pay by mail and would like a receipt please mail entire tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

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

**TAX COLLECTORS HOURS:**

Mondays: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Wednesdays: 2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Thursdays: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Mary B. Chartier, CCMC ~ Tax Collector



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**Division of State Police**  
**RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS OFFICE**  
**TOWN OF SPRAGUE**



**To the residents of Sprague.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents, business owners, schools and town employees for making my 5 years of work here enjoyable. I had the distinct honor of working alongside the First Selectman, Catherine Osten who strives every day to make the Town of Sprague a better place.

As of December 25, 2015 I will be reassigned to the Eastern District Major Crime Unit. I am in my sixteenth year of service and have the opportunity to further my career as a detective. The position of Sprague Resident Trooper has been opened and currently in the process to find my replacement.

I know that several towns' people have voiced their concerns of issues/activity in town. I will work with my replacement and relay these concerns which will not be overlooked.

I have met and worked with many good people in town. I will still be a member of Troop E so don't hesitate to call if I can help you in anyway.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Silvestri".

TFC Randy Silvestri



### December 1, 2015 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

At 7:00 p.m. the CDR opened the meeting. 11 members were in attendance including all officers. The minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported \$281.05 in the checking account and \$3,671.72 in the Memorial Fund. The Adjutant stated 39 of the 45 members have paid dues. The Adjutant asked permission to pay a District 5 bill for \$16.00.

The Memorial Committee presented the latest artist sketch for the female soldier statue kneeling in front of the Fallen Soldier monument. The minutes of the post will be put on the post website. The chicken dinner is still planned and a February/March schedule is being considered.

Sponsoring for the Sprague Boy's and Girl's State candidates will be discussed in the upcoming months. Life Member Legionnaire Emile LaPorte has died. The Post held a moment of silence. The Poker run committee submitted prices for next year. There were no sick members reported.

There is now a worn and torn flag box at the Recycle Center. A discussion to supply an American Flag along with the K of C for St. Mary's Church was held.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Coletti, Adjutant and Financial Officer



### BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Our annual holiday gathering/meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, at T J's Café.

Once again, our Holly Jolly Bazaar was a tremendous success. A very big "thank you" to all who came to support us, our customers and local businesses who donated to our raffle, and our vendors for their help in making this yearly endeavor a success and enabling us to raise these funds to support our fire department.

A thank you to George Allen and those involved in getting the kitchen up and running again so that our burgers and fries received many compliments. Thanks to Joe Lussier and his helpers for getting the hall set up for us. It is a tremendous help and very much appreciated.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the firehouse.

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.

Our sincere best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Jeannette Deschamps*

Jeannette Deschamps ~ Secretary

Shetucket Village Is Accepting Applications

8 Wall Street – Baltic, CT  
 Must be 62 years of age and/or Disabled  
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**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:**

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**6 drawer dresser wood not pressed board with cherry red stained (2 sets of 3 drawers side by side) high \$30 ~ Call (860)204-6286**

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Double bed and mattress with bureau \$125.00 **860-334-5447**

## **Sprague Solar Farm**

The following is information related to the projected solar farm project and is gathered from a variety of sources (some copied directly from articles reporting on this project).

On September 20, 2013, Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that two renewable energy projects had signed long-term contracts as a result of the July 8, 2013 Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Request for Proposals (RFPs) from private developers to provide energy and renewable energy credits (RECs) from Class I renewable resources.

The Fusion Solar Center, a 20 MW AC solar photovoltaic system which was slated to be located in Sprague and Lisbon, Connecticut, on land primarily owned by the Connecticut-based Fusion Paperboard Company was one of those projects. The project developer for the Fusion Solar Center was HelioSage Energy.

The project almost went awry when the closure of Fusion Papermill was announced in July 2014 and the managers of Fusion Papermill and the parent company Open Gate Capital refused to cooperate with Heliosage Energy (or any others vendors, town officials, or other stakeholders).

Heliosage remained committed to the solar farm project and worked with local landowners to lease property necessary to accommodate this solar farm project. Heliosage has private agreements with these landowners.

Heliosage was bought by Coronal Development Services and continued to remain committed to this project and began to move through the state regulatory process in order to bring it to fruition. In addition the solar farm project had a public hearing with a presentation to residents from the Town and an updated presentation to the Town's Planning and Zoning Committee.

This project originally was slated to contribute \$175,000 dropping to \$110,000 within five years as the Fusion Papermill site is part of the Enterprise Corridor Zone (designated in the mid 1980's) and has built in tax benefits. In order for the project to remain viable the Board of Selectman approved a resolution, at the recommendation of the First Selectman, to provide a tax benefit for the project.

I arrived at this recommendation and ultimate resolution by comparing the taxes paid by other solar projects around the state, by comparing the power purchase agreements with the respective utilities and looking at the profit and loss statements of the project. I also conferred with the Town's assessor and the Chair of the Board of Finance.

So what will the Town of Sprague receive as a tax benefit? The Town will receive \$200,000 a year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 for the next 20 years. This is a total of \$4 million dollars for the Town of Sprague and covers the tax benefits we used to receive from the Fusion Papermill.

This is the history of the solar farm project and its relationship with the Town. I am pleased to work with this professional company and very happy to provide the Town of Sprague with a steady revenue stream for the next two decades.

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten  
First Selectman



# TVCCA SENIOR CAFE JANUARY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal.</p> <p>Menu is subject to change with out notice.</p>  <p><b>4</b> Cheese Manicotti w/ marinara Garlic Bread Lima Beans Green Beans Oatmeal Cookie Grape Juice</p>	<p><b>5</b> Breaded Pork Chop Yellow Rice &amp; Black Beans Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p><b>6</b> Pub Burger w/ bun Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup</p>	<p><b>7</b> Southwestern Crusted Cod Rice Pilaf Broccoli Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b> Program Closed</p>
<p><b>11</b> Salisbury Steak w/ gravy Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p><b>12</b> Pineapple Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Peach Cup</p>	<p><b>13</b> Cream Chicken Alfredo w/ Pasta Peas Carrots Cupcake Orange Juice</p> <p><u>Birthdays Celebration</u></p>	<p><b>14</b> Stuffed Pepper Casserole Cumin &amp; Garlic Rubbed Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Pineapple Cup</p> 	<p><b>15</b> BBQ Pulled Pork w/ roll Baked Beans Snap Peas Fresh Orange</p>
<p><b>18</b> Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday  Program Closed</p>	<p><b>19</b> <u>Ethnic Celebration</u> Chicken Curry Rice Casserole Broccoli Diced Carrots Danish Cranberry Juice</p>	<p><b>20</b> Meatloaf w/ gravy Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans &amp; Diced tomatoes Fresh Fruit</p>	<p><b>21</b> Stuffed Shells w/ marinara Garlic Bread Zucchini Yellow Squash Peach Cup</p>	<p><b>22</b> Beef Stroganoff Buttered Noodles Chuck wagon vegetables Fruit Cocktail</p>
<p><b>25</b> BBQ Chicken Thigh Rice Pilaf Yellow Squash Applesauce Cup</p>	<p><b>26</b> Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole Zucchini Baby Carrots Fresh Orange</p> 	<p><b>27</b> Hot dog w/ roll Baked Beans Coleslaw Pineapple Cup</p>	<p><b>28</b> Hungarian Chicken Paprika Parley Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p><b>29</b> Crispy Cod Patty Macaroni &amp; Cheese Broccoli Sugar Cookie Grape Juice</p>



**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 of you who helped those in need this year in a number of ways. Donate whatever you can to the Salvation Army Upper New London County Service Unit by sending a check to 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330. 90% of that money is used to help your neighbors.

There were Angel gift cards at the Town Hall; I want to thank each of you who gave one or more gift cards. They were used for many things, food, gas, gifts, things food cards don't cover. I also want to thank those of you put money in the Bell-ringing Pots, 90% of that money stays here. I also want to thank each of you who donated food to the food pantry at the town hall.

The Boy Scouts did a great job in their food drive. If you need food, stop by the Town Hall and see Colette and she will help you.

Be thankful for all you have been given, no matter how things seem to be going.

Our Heavenly Father LOVES YOU!

Dennison (Denny) Allen



# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Happy New Year</i> New Year's Day	2
3	4 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	5 American Legion 7 pm, Rod & Gun	6 BOE, 7pm Sayles School  Garden Club 6:30 pm, Senior Ctr  Knights of Columbus 7 pm, Fire House  P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	7	8	9 Sisters of Charity Bottle & Can Drive
10	11 Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall	12 Comm. On Aging 1:30 pm, Town Hall  Econ. Develop. Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall  Library Bd. Mtg. 5:30 pm, Grist Mill  Informational Mtg Ash Tree, 7 pm Senior Center	13 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall  BOE, 7 pm Sayles School	14	15 Our Town Submissions Deadline	16
17	18   Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	21 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall	22	23 Our Town Collating 10 am, Town Hall
24	25	26 Historical Society 6:30 pm, SHS Museum	27	28 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Lisbon Town Hall  Recreation Comm. 8 pm, Town Hall	29	30
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