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Information & News for DECEMBER 2012

FOOD PANTRY



A Bountiful Thank You
to all who donated food.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Harry Segerstrom, Troop 19, and Cub Scout Pack #19 and all others who participated in collecting non-perishable food items for the Sprague Food Pantry.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU also to the volunteers for sorting through and stacking the food into the

Food Pantry.

Anyone in need of food assistance, call 860-822-3000 ext. 223 or 220.

Our Town Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community or have community service hours that you need to complete? The Sprague Our Town is assembled on the last Saturday of every month starting at 10am in the Court Room of the Town Hall and we are *always* looking for extra help! We have snacks and welcome anyone who wants to come lend a hand, even if it is just for an hour!

If interested please e-mail Elizabeth at ourtown@ctsprague.org.



Breakfast at Versailles UMC
Across from Occum Dam
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT

Saturday, December 1
7-10:00am
All You Can Eat! \$6

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries,
toast, juice and coffee.

**Next Month: Saturday, January 5 →Mark your calendar :)



Sprague's Brush Pick-up Clean up from Hurricane Sandy

The Town Public Works Crew will be picking up brush from residents the last week in November through the first week in December.

Please have the brush brought curbside for easy pick up.

Thanks, Cathy

Thank you for Food



A Special thank you to Ava Hatch and her parents for the abundant food donations for our food pantry.



From the Desk of the First Selectman

Prepare yourself we have many fun filled holiday events planned this season – including caroling, gingerbread house construction, and sharing and caring with residents who have little.

In that vein we are looking for help in providing gifts for those in need—last year the American Legion Post 85, Town Hall employees, and several businesses and individuals donated the funding necessary for us to provide clothing and toys for 23 children here in Town. In addition we supplied Holiday dinners including all the trimmings for 50 families also from the Town.

This year we suspect the need will be as great can you help us out with donations either monetary or unwrapped gifts. Any donation is appreciated!

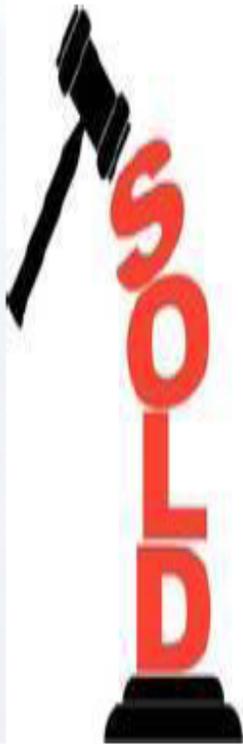
I want to thank our citizen emergency management team for helping us through this last weather event. Their help was invaluable and appreciated; it is wonderful to work with such a dedicated group! In addition several citizens stepped up to man the showers opened for public use @ Sayles School including Kelsey Allen, Dawn McQuade, Christine Kolar, Karen Sabrowski, Peter Silvestri, and Denise Dembinski.

We have included in this addition information received from FEMA, if you had any damage please contact them for assistance. Also don't forget to get all that brush debris to the curbside.

As always thanks for your support

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

15 th Annual Boy Scout Auction	
Sat. Dec. 8, 2012	Baltic Vol. Fire Dept.
Viewing: 5:30 PM	Start: 6:30 PM
Items to include:	
King size bedroom set	Kitchen set
Power lift chair	Air hockey table
Box lots	Theme baskets
Tickets to area attractions	Gift certificates
Star Wars book set	Video games
Refreshments available, for more information, call:	
Harry Segerstrom Sr, 860-822-6235	



PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Propane Gas Heaters

As we address the consequences and endure the power outage from the any winter storm it is important to remember to use propane gas heaters safely. Propane gas heaters use up the oxygen in a room and therefore they should have a steady flow of oxygen, such as an open window. Using propane gas heaters in an enclosed space that is not well ventilated frequently results in carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous as it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Poisoning occurs when you inhale too much carbon monoxide gas and is a life-threatening medical emergency. It is important to seek immediate medical attention if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning may include the following:

Dull headache	Nausea	Confusion
Weakness	Vomiting	Irritability
Dizziness	Chest Pain	Impaired Judgment

Candles

Candles are also frequently used in the absence of electricity and it is important to remember the following:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Never place a burning candle near other combustibles.
- Keep burning candles out of reach of children and pets.

Additional tips for enjoying candles and using them safely:

(Candle tips from the Fire Prevention Office of Scott Air Force Base scott.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=12310617)

- Keep candles away from drafts and vents.
- Trim wicks to one-fourth of an inch prior to each use.
- Normally do not burn candles more than four hours at a time.
- Extinguish taper or pillar candles when they get within two inches of their holders.
- Always use containers that have been made for candle usage.
- Discontinue use of a container candle when one half of an inch of wax remains.
- Keep matches, wick trimmings and foreign objects out of the candle wax.
- Do not place lit candles in windows where they may come in contact with blinds and curtains

.Cathy Osten – Sprague First Selectman



Carol Dunn- Little River Studio & Gallery

Photographer, Printmaker, Artist, Framer. Located at 457 Main Street in Hanover
Visit my website to see my artwork, get info about art classes given or current exhibits.
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Email: www.caroldunnart.com

Phone: 860-822-8412



Branching Out Notes from the Tree Warden...

Another year, another two whopper storms. Although most of us suffered without electricity, Sprague seemed to fare better than some of our neighbors. Recovery time was certainly quicker than after Irene. Far fewer trees came down during Sandy than during Irene and most of the trees that were blocking roads were from private property rather than public trees in the Town's Right of Ways. As much as I don't like to remove public trees from town, I will always post 'problem' trees to be taken care of as soon as practical. Please continue to inform me about questionable trees so that I can inspect them. Keep in mind that since we are back to Standard Time it is dark when I get home from my 'day' job and it may be a few days before I can see to locate the tree, let alone inspect it.

I attended the CT Invasive Plant Working Group bi-annual conference recently. While most of us know of many plants that 'take over everything' in our yards, the state and federal governments have specific requirements to identify invasive plants. The Federal requirements are: 1) non-native and 2) cause harm-economic, environmental or human. CT adds some additional specifics: must have rapid growth, a high dispersion and out-compete other plant life for sunlight and nutrients. There are currently 97 invasive plants on the CT list and 80 of them are prohibited for sale in the state. Two new plants added to the invasive list this year are Mile-A-Minute (which we have in town along the Shetucket River) and Purple Loosestrife. More information can be found about invasive plants in CT at:

www.ct.gov/caes; www.cipwg.uconn.edu; and www.newenglandwild.org/gobotany.

I want to thank Kord, Don, Lucas and Reg for helping me to prepare the next area at the Baltic Reservoir for the planting of pine seedlings next spring.

Dave Gustafson ~ Sprague Tree Warden

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DID YOU KNOW?

Federal Aid Program for State of Connecticut (FEMA) Disaster Recovery has a list of resources for family and individuals, affected by Storm Sandy and other natural disasters.

*Rental payment, home repairs, replacement of household items, not covered by insurance.

*Grants and low interest loans available, to replace personal property, and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other related needs not covered by insurance.

*Unemployment up to 26 weeks for workers who lost their job temporarily and who do not qualify for benefits. Assistance also available for self-employed individuals.

*How to apply for assistance, residence and business on line, www.Disasterassistance.gov or call 1-800-621-3362, TTY users should call directly 1-800-462-7585. Toll free numbers available 7: am to 10: pm, (local time) Monday to Sunday. (Applications in English and Spanish).

*Applicants registering for aid should be prepare to provide basic information about themselves, social security number, current & pre disaster address, telephone number, where you can be contact, insurance information if it applies, total household annual income, and other information about losses.

After you complete your application you will receive a FEMA, registration number, please keep in safe place for future reference.

*For food you must contact your local agencies. For information about these agencies please contact 211).

*Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), for legal advice or if you have been discriminated against. Please contact: Legal Advisor Brenda M. Bergeron. Telephone number 860-256-0816, Email: BrendaBergeron@ct.gov located within the Office of Deputy Commissioner, legal assistance provided at local, tribal, state, and federal level, as well as private sector.

(Other resources for assistance and information Salvation Army & 211)

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS ~ ANA LAZU



SABIA USTED?

Programa Federal de ayuda para el Estado de Connecticut (FEMA) Recuperacion de Desastres tiene una lista de recursos para familias, individuos, afectado por la Tormenta Sandy y otros desastres naturales.

*Pagos para alquileres, reparaciones de casas, para replasar articulos , que no son cubrido por su seguro.

* Prestamos a bajo intereses y otro tipo de ayuda monetaria disponible para replasar propiedad personal, y ayudar con gastos de medico, dental, funeral, transportacion, y otras necesidades que no son cuberta por su seguro.

*Ayuda de Desempleo asta 26 semanas para trabajadores que perdieron sus trabajo por tiempo, temporario y no califican para beneficios de desempleo regular. Tambien ayuda para individuos que trabajan para ellos mismo.

*Como aplicar para asistencia, residentes y negocios por correo electronico al www.Disasterassistance.gov. o llame al 1-800-621-3362, personal que usan el TTY debe llamar directamente al 1800-462-7585. Estas llamadas son gratitua, estan disponible de 7: am a 10:pm, (hora local) de Lunes a Domingos. (Aplicaciones en Espanol y Ingles)

*Aplicantes que se registren para ayuda debe estar preparado para prover informacion basica, sobre usted, numero de seguro social, direccion de donde vivia antes del desastre natural y la presente, numero de telefono donde se pueda comunicar con usted, informacion de seguro si le aplica a usted, ingreso total de su hogar en total annual, y otras informaciones sobre sus perdidas.

Despues que complete su aplicacion usted recibira un numero de registracion de FEMA, favor de mantenerlo en un sitio seguro, porque lo va a necesitar para el future.

*Para comida usted tiene que ponerse en contacto con sus agencias locales. Para informacion, llame al 211.

*Departamento de Emergencia y Manejo y Seguridad de Homeland (DEMHS) para consejos legales o si usted a sido discriminado, favor de ponerse en contacto con La Congera Legar , Brenda M. Bergeron. Telefono es 860-256-0816, o correo electronico, BrendaBergeron@ct.gov localisadaen la Oficina de el Comisionador, proven asistencia legal a el level local, tribal, estado, y federal, como igual a como a otros sectores privados. PASEN UNO FELIZ DIA DE FIESTA , ANA LAZU



FEMA

For Disaster Assistance You Must Register with FEMA

If you sustained losses or damages from Hurricane Sandy, you may be eligible for disaster assistance

www.DisasterAssistance.gov

m.fema.gov

When you apply for disaster assistance, please have the following available:

- Social Security number
- Private insurance information, if available
- Address and zip code of the damaged property
- Directions to the damaged home or property
- Daytime telephone number

You can still register by calling toll-free 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) or by visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-421-FEMA (3162). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION FACT SHEET
OCTOBER 30, 2012

On October 30, 2012, President Obama issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Connecticut triggering the release of Federal funds to help people and communities recover from Hurricane Sandy that began October 27, 2012 and continuing. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows.

Declaration Number: FEMA-4087-DR
Incident: Hurricane Sandy
Incident Period: October 27, 2012 and continuing
Federal Coordinating Officer: Albert Lewis, National FCO Program
Individual Assistance (IA): (Assistance to individuals and households)
IA Designated Counties: Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, and New London Counties and the Mashantucket Tribal Nation and Mohegan Tribal Nation located within New London County.
Public Assistance (PA): (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster- damaged facilities)
PA Designated Counties: Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven, and New London Counties, and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Mohegan Tribal Nation located within New London County for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.
Hazard Mitigation (HM): (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards)
HM Designated Counties: All counties and Indian Tribes in the State of Connecticut are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation grant program

Other: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Questions or more information call (202) 646-4500 FAX (202)646-3600.



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

TVCCA SENIOR COMMUNITY CAFE DECEMBER 2012

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

<p>3 Eggplant Rollatini Penne Pasta w/ Marinara Broccoli & Carrots Peach Cup</p>	<p>4 Chicken Marsala Rice Pilaf Mixed Vegetables Orange Juice Oatmeal Cookie <u>Ethnic Celebration</u></p>	<p>5 Swedish Meatballs Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>6 Hearty Pork Stew Roasted Potatoes Capri Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange</p>	<p>7 Chicken Carciatore Rice Pilaf Normandy Vegetable Medley Pineapple Cup</p> 
<p>10 Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole Peas Carrots Pineapple Cup</p>	<p>11 Maple Mustard Glazed Ham Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>12 Chicken Florentine Seasoned Rice Stewed Tomatoes Orange Juice Cupcake <u>Happy Birthday</u></p>	<p>13 Beef Stroganoff Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>14 Crispy Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Capri Vegetable Medley Pears w/ mandarin oranges</p>
<p>17 Stuffed Chicken w/ Broccoli & Cheese Seasoned Rice Stewed Tomatoes Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>18 Penne Pasta & Meatballs Italian Vegetable Medley Peas Applesauce Cup</p>	<p>19 Lemon Butter Cod Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>20 Savory Chicken Stew Rice Pilaf Long Bean Medley Pears w/ mandarin oranges</p>	<p>21 Christmas Celebration Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sugar Snap Peas & Carrots Grape Juice Christmas Cookie <i>First Day of Winter</i></p> 
<p>24 <u>Program Closed</u></p> 	<p>25 <u>Moxy Christmas</u> <u>Program Closed</u></p>	<p>26 Sloppy Joes w/ Bun Buttered Noodles Chuck Wagon Vegetable Medley Pears w/ mandarin oranges</p>	<p>27 Cheese Manicotti Broccoli Carrots Apple Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie</p>	<p>28 Chicken Parmesan Penne Pasta w/ marinara Italian Vegetable Medley Fresh Orange</p>
<p>31 Cuban Pulled Pork w/ Bun Baked Beans Green Beans Orange Juice Danish New Years Eve</p> 		<p>1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out notice.</p>		<p>NEW 24 Hour Reservation System. see cafe staff for details</p>

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SAYLES PTO

The Sayles School PTO is in full swing, kicking off the school year with three successful fundraisers. Thank you to all who stopped by to see us at the Three Villages Festival. We are continuing our year-long fundraising initiative with the Mustang Pin sale, \$20 for Gold and \$10 for Silver pins. The PTO will be sending forms home shortly as these pins make an excellent holiday gift. Please mark your calendars as we are currently planning our Annual Breakfast with Santa which is slated for Dec. 15th at Sayles School, additional information will be forthcoming. Looking ahead, the PTO Basketball program will begin mid-February with registration information being sent home after the winter break. Thank you for all of your continued support, please visit our web site, <http://saylesschoolpto.yolasite.com> for additional information. Our next PTO Meeting will be Dec. 6th at 6:00pm in the Media Center of Sprague School.

**THE KIDS THANK ALL WHO DONATED FOR
PROJECT SAFE HALLOWEEN!!!**




Post 85
11/6/12 Minutes

The Commander was absent. Vice Commander Fred Zinavage opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that 3 of the 7 officers were present. 6 members were noted in attendance. The minutes for October 2nd were read and accepted. There were no new members or no sick members reported. The Vice Commander welcomed the 5th District officers – Jack Pelto, Sr. Vice Commander and Allen Iott, District Commander.

The financial report was not given due to the absence of the FO. Adjutant Bastien reported that the Duck Race grossed \$515.00. The money will be turned over to the FO for the memorial fund. There was no report available on the bake sale or tag sale held during the Town Festival.

Jr. Vice Commander Coletti talked about the upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony. The Adjutant has volunteered to orchestrate the ceremony. A new Veteran's Flag is also planned to be raised at the War Memorial Park. Coletti also reported that the Post minutes were not published in the Our Town newspaper for an unknown reason. The entire minutes are available on the Post website.

The Vice Commander closed the meeting with the Pledge, a Salute to the Colors and prayer. The meeting closed at 8:03 p.m. The next meeting will be at the Rod and Gun Club at 7:00 p.m. on December 4th, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Coletti ~ Junior Vice-Commander

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Sprague Public Library

Magazines!!!!

We have ordered several new magazine subscriptions and they have started to arrive. Please stop in and check them out. The current issues will have to be read in the library, but all other issues can be checked out for one week. Some are:

Martha Stewart Living

Consumer Reports

Newsweek

More

Birds & Blooms

Ladies Home Journal

And more are arriving every day.



Gingerbread House Program
Saturday December 15th
At 10:30 AM
You must sign up by December 8th to attend this program



The Library will be closed for the holidays on:
December 22nd 24th & 25th
December 29th 31st
January 1st

No Book Clubs in December

Afternoon Delight will meet on January 2nd at 3:30 to discuss The Beach Street Knitting Society and Yarn Club.

Fiction Addiction will meet on January 10th at 5:30 to discuss Cloud Atlas

Christmas Caroling at the Grist Mill !!!

Please join us on Friday December 14th at 5:30 PM.

For Christmas Caroling and a visit from Santa Claus at 6PM

All three villages should join together for this annual event.

Song books made by the

Historical Society are on sale now at the Library for \$5.00. Support the Historical Society and purchase one now.

November 2012

Dear Sprague Families and Community Members:

This is a quick note regarding the performance of Sayles School's 3rd-8th grade students on last spring's (2012) Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT's). As you can see from the District Reference Group F (i.e. similar towns) results, our students in grades 3-8 performed above the state average in every category. Also, in comparing our students to the other 15 towns in our District Reference Group F, they achieved a ranking of 7th or higher in all subject areas.

Sayles School's intervention system continues to evolve and grow to better meet the needs of every child. Professional development aligns with and supports our school improvement plans.

The staff continues to use test data to make informed decisions on plans for future improvements at each grade level and for each individual student. We are collaborating on curriculum improvements based on the Common Core of State Standards and on developing stronger support systems for our students. We want to help them improve and ultimately reach advanced levels on the CMT's.

We believe you will find the overall performance of our Sayles school students to be very encouraging and competitive. The staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality public education for all students. There are always problems we need to solve. With the community's continuing support and involvement and the hard work of staff and students, we will continue to improve our teaching and students achievement levels.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edmund G. Senesac, Superintendent

Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke, Asst. Superintendent

Mrs. Jean Wierzbinski, Principal

Sprague District Results 2012

Rank within DRG F, Percent of 3rd through 8th Grade at or above State Goal

	Math %		Reading %		Writing %		Science %	
1	Wolcott	82	Wolcott	81.4	Wolcott	85.9	Voluntown	81.7
2	Canterbury	80.8	North Canaan	78.1	Canterbury	79.9	Wolcott	79.8
3	Voluntown	80.4	Canterbury	78	Voluntown	73.3	North Canaan	74.6
4	North Canaan	78.1	Voluntown	76.3	Plainville	72.6	Canterbury	73.9
5	Plainville	75.7	Sprague	75.7	Stratford	69.1	Sprague	71.4
6	Enfield	75.6	Plainville	73.7	Sprague	67.1	Sterling	69.4
7	Sprague	72.4	Enfield	72.3	North Canaan	67	East Windsor	68.7
8	Seymour	70.8	Stratford	71.9	Enfield	66.4	Montville	67.2
9	State	68.7	State	70.3	Plymouth	66.4	Plymouth	66.8
10	Sterling	68.4	Sterling	70.2	State	66.3	Plainville	66.7
11	Montville	66.4	Griswold	69.3	Seymour	65.8	Griswold	63.7
12	Stratford	66.2	Plymouth	68.5	Montville	65.3	State	63.1
13	Windsor Locks	64.6	Thompson	68	Windsor Locks	64.8	Enfield	62.2
14	Plymouth	63.2	Windsor Locks	67.1	Griswold	60.6	Stratford	61.8
15	East Windsor	61.2	East Windsor	66.9	East Windsor	59.2	Seymour	60.4
16	Griswold	60.6	Seymour	66.6	Thompson	58.4	Windsor Locks	60.3
17	Thompson	58.9	Montville	65.9	Sterling	55.3	Thompson	60.2

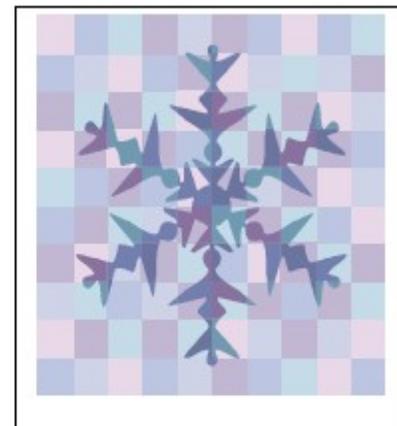
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Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At our November meeting, the DTC met and discussed the last minute details for the election activities.

All of our endorsed candidates in the November elections— Chris Murphy for Senate, Joe Courtney for Congress, Catherine Osten for State Senate, and Brian Sear for State Representative were elected. We thank everyone for coming out to vote!

We continue to encourage people who are interested in volunteering on boards and commissions to submit an application located on the new Town website (www.ctsprague.org) and in the Town Clerk's office. There are still openings for the Office of Justice of the Peace, again please let us know if you are interested.

As always the Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact me or DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111.

Please visit the Sprague DTC website @ SpragueDemocrats.org for updated information.

Catherine Osten

DTC Chair



RTC Column

As you read this you will undoubtedly be preparing for the Holidays, we hope yours is a safe and healthy one. On that note the SRTC will be holding its Second Annual Coat and Non Perishable Goods Drive December 1, 2012 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM, location has yet to be determined but should be available on www.spragueforward.org shortly. Last year was a great success and we are hopeful for the same or better results.

Thanks to all those who participated in the last election, there were some good races and the electorate has spoken. The important thing is that we all participate in the process and judging by the turnout in Sprague, many of you took advantage of that privilege.

We meet the second Monday of every month in the Town Hall Senior Center at 7 PM, our next meeting will be December 10, 2012.

Happy Holidays,

Michael W. Smith ~ SRTC Chairman

PROJECT SAFE HALLOWEEN 2012!



We would also like to thank **ALL** of the businesses and **MANY** families who dropped off the many bags of candy at the Sprague Town Hall and at the Baltic Fire House. **PLEASE** help us to continue on with this community program for 2013 by making a donation to the Safe Halloween Fund Baltic Fire Department.



VNA East

34 LEDGEBROOK DRIVE, MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06250

PH: 860-456-7288 FAX: 860-456-4267

Blood Pressure Screenings

VNA East will hold the following clinics:

Blood Pressure Screenings:

Tues	Dec	18	Franklin Senior Center	10:30 – 11:30 am
Tues	Dec	18	Sprague Town Hall	11:45 – 12:45 pm
Tues	Dec	18	Lebanon Senior Center	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Wed	Dec	19	Scotland Town Hall	12:30 – 1:00 pm



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 Brookside & High Street	7:48am	9:48am	11:48am
TJ's Parking Lot	7:50am	9:50am	11:50am
Arrive Occum- SEAT Connection Site Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97	8:10am	10:10am	12:10am

<u>Points of Departure to Sprague</u>	<u>Time</u>		
Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. & Rte. 97 (stop as needed for return trip)	8:15am	10:15am	12:15pm
Express Return to Senior Center	2:15pm		

Times are approximate and may vary several minutes earlier or later. Service runs Monday through Thursday except for holidays. For more information call Buddy Meadows, Sprague Senior Center Coordinator at 860-822-3000 ext. 203. *The Sprague to Occum Bus is a courtesy of the Town of Sprague and the Sprague Senior Center. For seat schedule visit www.seatbus.com.*

Winter Weather Schedule: The bus will follow the school closure schedule during the winter. Watch early morning television on Channel 3, 8 or 30 for closures.

Sprague Historical Society 2013 Birthday and Anniversary Calendar.

If you have not submitted your order yet, please do so immediately.

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.

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 \$			

SAFE HALLOWEEN DONORS, THANK YOU !

The men & women of the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 wish to thank all of the businesses and families who were able to make a donation which in turn, allowed us to hold this year's Safe Halloween Program. This program takes hundreds of hours of untold man hours to arrange the donations, pickups, set ups, take downs, etc. We also want to thank all of the volunteers, both in and out of the department who have made this event a success. Thank you all!! Below is a partial list of contributors for this program:

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to our donors who have supported our program since the beginning. AMGRAPH Inc, Ken Fontaine was once again our # 1 contributor who has helped to make sure that this program continues to run. Sharkey's Pizza, High Street in Baltic, owners Al & Connie have donated 6 bikes every year since we started this program. Frito-Lay, Dayville, for the assorted chips. Wal-Mart Lisbon Store was able to give us a grant again this year which in turn we used to purchase over twice the amount in candy. Vinnie of Malerba's Farm Market, Norwich, CT for all of the pumpkins that are donated every year.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sprague's Senior Smile Program ■ Sprague Rod & Gun Club ■ Affordable Air & Refrigeration LLC ■ Margaret Campanelli ■ Target Lisbon Store ■ Frank Davis Sr ■ Leo Stewart & Norma Morgan ■ Julia & Chris Wood ■ John Atterbury III ■ Barbara Furbacher ■ Big Y Stores ■ PFP Electrical ■ EF RA Conde ■ Dorothy & Valindria Morin ■ Brian Shukis ■ Sharon Crouch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Edwin Muenzner CPA ■ Baltic Wine & Spirits ■ Steven & Virginia Smelser ■ Stop & Shop Norwich ■ Sprague Democratic Committee ■ Albert & Anice Bastien ■ Stonewall Apiary LLC ■ Gerald Stefon ■ Guillot Funeral Home ■ Mr. Leep ■ Chris Regst ■ Hanover Nursery School ■ Lorraine F Allen ■ Gerald & Sandra Arpin ■ George Ozga | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Baltic Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary ■ 72 Degrees Heating & Cooling ■ Bubbles to Butterfly Swim School ■ Jewett City Savings Bank ■ The Blackham Family Colchester ■ Mohegan Sun - dinners for 2 ■ Lisbon O'Neil Theaters-movie tickets ■ Michael & Jennifer Sullivan Jr & Family ■ Margaret Woodhouse Becker Falcon Farm ■ Thomas & Joan Lane ■ Roger & Grace Newton ■ Marie & Peter Glaude ■ Alphonse & Kimberly Hoard ■ New Britain Candy & Norwich Staples Store ■ June Trainor |
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December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	4 American Legion 7 pm, Rod & Gun SFC Little League Brd Mtg, 7 pm, Town Hall	5 BOE, 7 pm Sayles School Knights of Columbus 7pm, Fire House P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	6	7	8
9	10 Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall Agriculture Comm., 7 pm Town Hall	11 Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	12 Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall	13 Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall	14	15
16	17	18 SFC Little League Brd Mtg, 7 pm, Town Hall	19 Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25  Christmas Day	26	27 Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Lebanon Town Hall Housing Auth. 7pm, Town Hall Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					



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The Salvation Army
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I want to thank all who will donate to the Salvation Army Kettles (outside of various store locations) and the Angels gift card program (at Town Hall) this holiday season. Ninety percent of the money raised by the Upper New London County Service Unit kettle will be kept here.

Also I would like to thank all of those in the community who supported the Scouting for Food Drive this year. Thanks to the Boy Scouts efforts there is food available to those in need at the town food pantry. I also want to thank those who have donated checks to the Upper New London County Service Unit. We can still use your help; donations can be made by sending checks to Salvation Army Upper New London County Service Unit, P.O. Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383.

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 and thank the Lord for all you have. Dennison Allen~
Town of Sprague Representative



Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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