

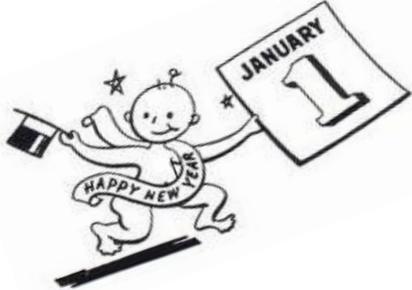


OUR TOWN

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY

January 2011

INFORMATION & NEWS



Sisters of Charity Can & Bottle Drive



Saturday, January 15th

Contact the Holy Family Motherhouse
for more information at
860-822-8241

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the United Steel Workers Local 1840 for their generous donation of food for the Sprague Food Pantry.

We also wish to thank Cascades for their generous monetary donation for the Sprague Food Pantry.

These donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to help those in need. Thank you so much.



Sprague Garden Club

Heritage Trail Winery and Cafe on Route 169 in Lisbon was the site of our holiday luncheon. The cafe was beautifully decorated for Christmas and a warm fire burned in the fireplace. We arrived that cold afternoon to warm cups of spiced cider, cheese plates and bread ready to be sampled, followed at a leisurely pace by salad and the main course and just when we thought we could eat no more in came the vanilla corks and gelato for dessert. We ended the day with the fun of a gift exchange as we sipped our choice of coffee, tea or wine then it was time to leave the warmth of the cafe and begin the short cold ride home.

Thank you to Paul and Nancy Macht for donating the greens to fill our planters. They have generously donated greens to the club for the past several years. Thank you also to our club member, Jean Macht, for making it all possible and another club member, Maureen Postler, for the holly berries that topped off the planters. The Baltic Fire Department's wreath sale made it possible to purchase locally the beautiful wreaths for the town hall.

The seed catalogs will be arriving soon and a new gardening year will soon be in the planning. We do not hold a meeting in January but look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting. Please note the new meeting time - 6 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. Mark it on your calendars.

February 2, 6 p.m. we will meet at the Senior Center for a night of reminiscing. Members are asked to bring photos of club members and activities from the past. If you were once a member of the club, please stop by for an evening of fun with some old and new friends.

If you would like to join the club or just see what we are about, feel free to call me at 860-822-6520, speak to a member or drop by our meeting in February. Hot drinks and snacks will be served. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jan Settje, Secretary



SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

What a glorious month of December we had at the SCC! The generous outpouring spirit of the Sprague Community is amazing!

Special thanks to Barbaranne and her staff at the Sprague Public Library for their cooperation in having our Gift of Giving Tree at our Sprague library. Our gratitude goes out to all of those anonymous gift givers for their kindness in giving wonderful gifts to our Christmas "adopted" families.

Our Breakfast with Santa was a great success. We had over 80 people in attendance! Santa was certainly a hit and all the children had their pictures taken with him. Ornament making, origami, and singing lots of Christmas songs on the microphone, and a delicious breakfast were all wonderful parts of this event.

We will begin the 2011 New Year, with planning of another Family Movie Night on January 14th at 6:00 p.m. Also, a Soup, Chili, & Bread Night on January 21st at 6:00 p.m. is being planned. The Community Prayer Service will continue to be held on the 3rd Wednesday night of each month. January 19th will be our January Service.

Watch our front yard sign for reminder signs of the events, date, and times. Join us for some wintertime fun! May you and your family have a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,
Brenda J. Keefe, Outreach Coordinator

12/7/10 Minutes from American Legion Post 85

Commander Dave Salemma opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Financial Officer Tom Coletti took the roll call and noted that there were 10 of the 44 members in attendance. He noted to the Commander that an official quorum was present to carry on Post business. The Commander led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the Colors. The Chaplain led the Post members in prayer. The Commander then asked that the minutes of the November meeting be read by the Financial Officer. The minutes were accepted as read by the membership in attendance.

The Commander then opened up the floor to official business. The Financial Officer noted that there was one notification for new member applications and one application that would be processed at the end of the meeting. The Financial Officer noted that Legionnaire Edgar Daigneault was on extended recovery and continues his recuperation at the Norwich Convalescence Home. The Post members wished him the best. The Post was also informed that Legionnaire Will Chabotte had a setback in his recovery. The membership expressed their concern and wished him good luck in his recovery as well.

The Commander asked if there was any unfinished business. Tom Coletti presented the Post with a Christmas wreath he made from one of the old Memorial Day wreaths. The wreath will be placed next to the November 11th Veterans Wreath. A 50/50 club fund raiser was taken during the meeting. The profits continue to increase in support of needy charitable organizations. Legionnaire Don Bastien will report on the fund raiser at the next meeting.

Jr. Vice Commander Tim Brodeur took pictures of the members present for the Post's Internet site at www.post85.webs.com. Chaplain Joe Osowski informed the membership that the Norwich Veterans Center has been very active and encouraged the Post members to use the facility.

Legionnaire Don Bastien asked if any members had any older members contact them concerning requiring any assistance during the winter months. No names were submitted. The Post encourages all older or handicapped veterans to call the Commander or any Post member if they require any assistance during the winter months concerning snow removal.

Another unfinished business matter that generated discussion was the cancellation of an informal Christmas get together by the Post members and their spouses. The idea was tabled until the next meeting and will become a February Valentine's Day get together. The Community Center will be the meeting place for the Legion to hold the informal get together. More information is to follow. A tentative date has been set for February 11th or 12th. The time and details are not available at this time.

Legionnaire Chris Mueller reported that the monument committee was still working with the Town Administration to finish up the list of names to be put on the newest plaque that is scheduled to be ready by May 2011. The Post members discussed that the list should be finalized by February so that the design and casting of the plaque to could be agreed upon and sent out. There will be one more solicitation for names in January. The Post members discussed that the modification to the monument to accept the new plaque should be completed no later than April 30th. More will follow at the January meeting.

The Commander asked if there was any further business. Tom Coletti reported that Jeremy Mish, (US NAVY – GULF) was the newest and 45th member of the Post. Welcome Jeremy. He also reported that another application is in process. A report on the status of that application will be given in January.

The Commander reported that \$1,100 was available in the treasury. With no other business to be brought, up the Commander informed the members of the next meeting date and closed the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

The Commander led the Post membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and a salute to the colors.
Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Coletti
Financial Officer

Greetings from the Hanover Post Office

I hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to an enjoyable New Year! Here is a list of up-coming price changes effective January 2, 2011 for selected shipping services. Some services remain unchanged. Remember, we deliver Quality, Convenience, and Security for you!

Price Change

Effective January 2, 2011, the Postal Service is implementing a price change for products in the competitive category, including changes to Domestic and International Shipping Services. There are two new types of Flat Rate Envelopes:

- Legal Flat Rate Envelope, available for Express Mail and Priority Mail*
- Padded Flat Rate Envelope, available only for Priority Mail*

* USPS-produced packaging for Priority Mail Legal Flat Rate Envelope and Padded Flat Rate Envelope is not available at retail but may be ordered online at www.usps.com/shop.

Express Mail - Retail Prices

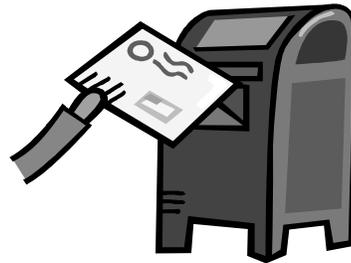
- Prices start at \$13.25
- Flat Rate Envelope price remains at \$18.30
- Legal Flat Rate Envelope also will be priced at \$18.30

Priority Mail – Retail Prices

- All Flat Rate Envelopes \$ 4.95
- Small Flat Rate Box \$ 5.20
- Medium Flat Rate Box \$10.95
- Large Flat Rate Box \$14.95
- Large Flat Rate Box APO/FPO/DPO \$12.95

International prices will increase for:

- Global Express Guaranteed (GXG)
- Express Mail International
- Priority Mail International
- International Priority Airmail (IPA)
- International Surface Air Lift (ISAL)
- Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags)
- International Extra Services



Tracy A. Medling
Postmaster Hanover 06350

VERSAILLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4 Church Street, Versailles, CT 860-822-9439

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2011

Why not start the New Year right?

Come home...come to the church with open hearts...open minds....and open doors.

We welcome all! Come in and share a cup of coffee .We want to get to know you!

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m.

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

P. O. BOX 591 BALTIC, CT 06330-0591

A Holiday Gathering/Meeting of the Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, December 14, at T J's Cafe. We extend our deepest appreciation to all who participated in and supported us at the recent Holly Jolly Bazaar. It was a huge success.

Officers for the 2011 year are:

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| President | Tina Deschamps |
| Vice President | Barbara Lambert |
| Secretary | Jeannette Deschamps |
| Treasurer | Susan Deschamps |

Service awards were presented as follows:

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|---------------------|----------|
| Susan Deschamps | 35 years |
| Jeannette Deschamps | 35 years |
| Lorraine Bisson | 20 years |
| Melinda Deschamps | 15 years |
| Barbara Alfiero | 15 years |

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7 pm 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. Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps
Secretary

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, 2011. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will be sent out by the end of December and become due and payable on January 1, 2011. You will have the entire month of January to pay your taxes.

Taxes not paid by February 2, 2011 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, mail entire tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 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;

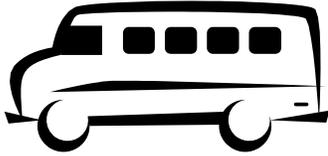
Monday and Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Wednesday 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

ASSESSOR'S HOURS;

Mondays 6:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesdays 7:00 am – 12:00 noon

Mary B. Chartier, CCMC
Tax Collector

SENIOR VAN SCHEDULE



Lisbon Super Wal-Mart and Kohl's

Bi-weekly, Monday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Norwich Big Y/Wal-Mart by request.

Norwich Stop 'n Shop Plaza

Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Norwich Shop Rite

Tuesday, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Willimantic Super Wal-Mart and

Food Co-op by request.

Medical appointments require a 48-hour notice.

Please contact the Senior Center for availability

before making your next appointment. (860)

822 3000, ext 203.

BUS SCHEDULE

Shetucket Village: 8:45, 9:45, 11:45 a.m.

Playground Brookside and High Street:

8:52 a.m., 9:52 a.m., 11:52 a.m.

TJ's Parking Lot, Route 97 and Main Street:

9 a.m., 10 a.m., and Noon

Arrival in Occum Corner of Hooper Street and

Route 97, by Red McKeon Park: 9:10 a.m.,

10:10 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Return

Stop as needed for return trip

Express Return: 3:15 p.m. to Senior Center

Service runs Monday through Thursday except holidays.

(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 information, visit www.seatbus.com.

For more information, call Buddy Meadows,

Sprague Senior Center Coordinator at 860-822-3000 x210

Salvation Army Upper New London County Unit

I ask you to look and see if there is some way you can give to the Salvation Army Upper New London County Unit. This money will help your neighbors here in Sprague.

Please send your check (whatever you can spare) to Salvation Army Upper New London Country Unit, PO Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383

For those of you in need of food, please contact Colette at the Town Hall or me.

May the Lord Bless you as you share with others,

Dennison Allen,

Sprague Service Unit Member

Deadline for submissions is the **15th of each month**. Submissions may be e-mailed to OurTownNews@gmail.com, or mailed to Town Hall, P.O. Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330. Information: (860) 822-3000. The writer's name, address and a contact phone number must be included with each submission. The focus of Our Town is community events, articles, commission notes and other items of town-wide interest. These items will take priority over personal opinions. Annual budget considerations may affect page appropriations. ~ Our Town is a free monthly publication of the Town of Sprague, serving the communities of Baltic, Hanover and Versailles. Primarily funded by the Town, support is also provided by paid advertisements. Opinions expressed in Sprague ~ Our Town are not necessarily those of town officials or the community at large, but solely reflect those of the writer. Submissions may be edited for clarity and format as necessary. Libelous or obscene materials are not permitted.

VNAEast
34 LEDGEBROOK DRIVE, MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06250
PH: 456-7288 FAX: 456-4267

January Health Screenings

Blood Pressure Screenings:

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| Wed | Jan | 5 | Andover Old Fire House | 12:30-1:30 |
| Wed | Jan | 5 | Willington Senior Center | 1-2 |
| Thurs | Jan | 6 | Florence Lord Marlborough | 11-12 |
| Tues | Jan | 11 | Hebron Senior Center | 10:30-11:30 |
| Wed | Jan | 12 | Chaplin Senior Center | 9-10 |
| Fri | Jan | 14 | Columbia Beckish Senior Center | 12:30-1:30 |
| Mon | Jan | 17 | Marlborough Senior Center | 1:30-2:30 |
| Tues | Jan | 18 | Lebanon Senior Center | 12:30-1:30 |
| Wed | Jan | 19 | Scotland Town Hall | 12:30-1 |
| Wed | Jan | 19 | Ashford Senior Center | 1:30-3 |
| Thurs | Jan | 20 | Marlborough Town Hall | 2-3 |
| Tues | Jan | 25 | Franklin Senior Center | 10:30-11:30 |
| Tues | Jan | 25 | Sprague Town Hall | 11:45-12:45 |

Adult Health Screenings - including blood pressure, Cholesterol, HDL Cholesterol, blood glucose, earwax, and foot care. Blood pressure screening is free; other services have a nominal charge. Call (860) 456-7288 for appointments, costs and information on other services. Clinics will be held:

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| Wed | Jan | 19 | Chaplin Senior Center | 11:30-1 |
| Thurs | Jan | 20 | Hebron Senior Center | 8:30-1 |
| Thurs | Jan | 20 | Hop River Homes | 1:30-3 |
| Mon | Jan | 24 | Willington Senior Center | 1:30-3:30 |

Superintendent Search Survey

There are 4 drop boxes at the following locations:

Sayles School, Senior Center, Town Hall, Town Library



January 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! |
| 2 <i>Take advantage of a health screen or clinic in January!</i> | 3 | 4 <i>American Legion Post 85 Mtng 7 p.m. in the Senior Center</i> | 5 | 6 <i>Stop in at the Thursday morning story time at 10:30 am (Prek – K)</i> | 7 | 8 <i>Call the library and see what fun events are planned! 822-3012</i> |
| 9 | 10 <i>Sprague Public Library Board Mtng 6:45 pm</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:15 pm, Town Hall Court room</i> | 13 <i>Sprague Conservation Commission, 7 pm Town Hall Courtroom.</i> | 14 <i>Family Movie Night Sprague Community Center 6 pm</i> | 15 <i>Drop off your recycled cans and bottles at the Holy Family Motherhouse</i> |
| 16 | 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 18 | 19 <i>Community Prayer Service at the Sprague Community Center</i> | 20 <i>Board of Finance Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Board Room</i> | 21 <i>Soup, Chili, & Bread Night (SCC) 6 pm</i> | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Historical Society Meeting 6:30 pm in the Grist Mill</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |