

Friends of the *Sprague Public Library* Cordially Invite You

to our Annual

*Wine & Cheese
Social*

Tickets available at the
Sprague Public Library
\$20 Per Person

To be held at our beautifully renovated
Grist Mill in Baltic

Library Director, Chris Kolar (860) 822-3012

SEP 30 2011
6³⁰ - 9PM

Sprague Public Library Newsletter

September 2011

Thank you!

The Sprague Public Library would like to thank all of our patrons for their patience through renovations. If you have not stopped in, we invite you to visit our beautifully redone Grist Mill and Library.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

New Hours

Monday 2 PM to 7 PM

Tuesday 2 PM to 7 PM

Wednesday 9 AM to 7 PM

Thursday 9 AM to 7 PM

Saturday 9 AM to 2 PM

Staff

Christine Kolar- Director
Kristin Elliott
Jamie Sweet
Karen Sabrowski

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Baltic, CT 06330
860-822-3012
Spraguepublic.library@gmail.com

Friends of Sprague Public Library will be hosting its First Annual Wine and Cheese Social.



When: Friday September 30

What Time: 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Cost: \$20 per ticket

This night will include wine tastings from vineyards throughout CT, assorted cheese platters, and an all access pass to the newly renovated Grist Mill with a ribbon cutting ceremony; all proceeds will benefit the library. We'd like to see as many people from town as possible to help us celebrate the re-opening of the Grist Mill.

To purchase tickets stop into the Sprague Public Library or contact Chris Kolar at 860-822-3012.

Stargazing at Sayles School

Join us again with the New Haven Astronomical Society for a night of stargazing. We will meet at Sayles School Soccer Field on October 1 at 7 PM as the telescopes are set up.



This event is weather permitting. Cancellations will be posted on Facebook, our website, and in front of the school.



Interested in becoming a Friend of Sprague Public Library?

Please feel free to stop in and pick-up a brochure and a membership form. Being a friend is a great opportunity to meet others who love books and movies as much as you do, while helping your public library.

3 Villages Fall Festival

Saturday Oct. 1st 2011

Babe Blanchette Field

10:00am-5:00pm

Come out for a fun filled day

Food, vendors, kid activities

Little Mr. / Ms. Sprague

Skate board competition

Silver Hammer Band

5 K Trail Race @ The Sprague Land Preserve

BINGO!!!!

Vendors welcomed

For info. Contact Craig Staggs@ 822-1339

Sponsored by park and rec

The Sprague Public Library Presents

Stargazing

With the New Haven Astronomical Society

Saturday October 1, 2011 at 7:00PM

At the Sayles School Soccer Field

**The Astronomical Society will bring big
telescopes to watch the stars**

**Please come and bring your families and
friends, and your chairs and blankets**

This event is free!

Stargazing will be canceled if there are clouds and/or rain

FUN RUN
5K Trail Race
at the Sprague Preserve
October 1, 2011
Race starts at 8:00am

All ages welcome
\$10 entry donation benefits the Sprague
Open Space Fund

SPONSORED BY SPRAGUE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Registration form

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

In case of emergency phone number _____

Please make checks payable to Town of Sprague.

Mail to Sprague Town Hall, 1 Main St. P.O. Box 677, Baltic Ct 06330

Or drop off at Town Hall or at registration booth on the day of the run.

Any questions email donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net

OPENING of the Sprague Historical Society (SHS)

Denise Ethier Dembinski

It won't be long now! Posts and beams are oiled, gears are polished, dust has been removed, and the treasures of the SHS are on the move. Although we don't have an "official" opening scheduled as yet the SHS, located on the third floor of the Grist Mill, will be open for a viewing when the Sprague Public Library holds its *Wine & Cheese Social* on Friday, September 30th, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Library and the Town Hall for \$20 per person.

Although the SHS has many pictures and artifacts, there are a few Sprague relics that we'd love to rediscover and perhaps share with other residents. One such relic is the bell that was located at the point of the Flat Iron Building. We're hoping that the bell is still somewhere in Town buried in someone's garage or basement. Other relics would include the original Rexall pharmacy sign, memorabilia from the theater, old Town Reports, and even original old street signs.

Anyone who owns such pieces surely holds them in high regard. We're hoping that even if you want to keep them in the family that perhaps you'd be willing to share them with SHS for a period of time. This would allow us to organize a display that features your piece. So, as you clean out your attics, garages, basements, and family homes please keep the SHS in mind as we're interested in the following:

- Tools
- Home & Kitchen Wares, Bottles, Containers
- War Related Materials
- Photos, Post Cards, Posters & Albums
- Street & Business Signs
- Books, Articles, Clothing, Uniforms
- Activity Memorabilia related to transactions in town, movies, church, celebrations, etc.

Before you throw what some may call "junk" into a dumpster, remember the Sprague Historical Society. Give us a call as we'd love to hear from you and keep an eye out for our upcoming GRAND OPENING.

President: Pam Matthews, mathieupamela@sbcglobal.net

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Secretary: Glenn Cheney, glenncheney@comcast.net

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Reg Patchell, reginaldpatchell@sbcglobal.net

**3 Village Fall Festival
Little Miss & Little Mr. Sprague Pageant
Registration Form**

Saturday, October 1st, 11 am – 12 noon
Blanchette Field, Baltic

Welcome children ages 4-9 yrs. old residing in Baltic, Hanover & Versailles

The winner of the 2010 Little Miss / Little Mr. Sprague Pageant will each receive a sash and a \$75 Gift Card. All contestants will receive a prize.

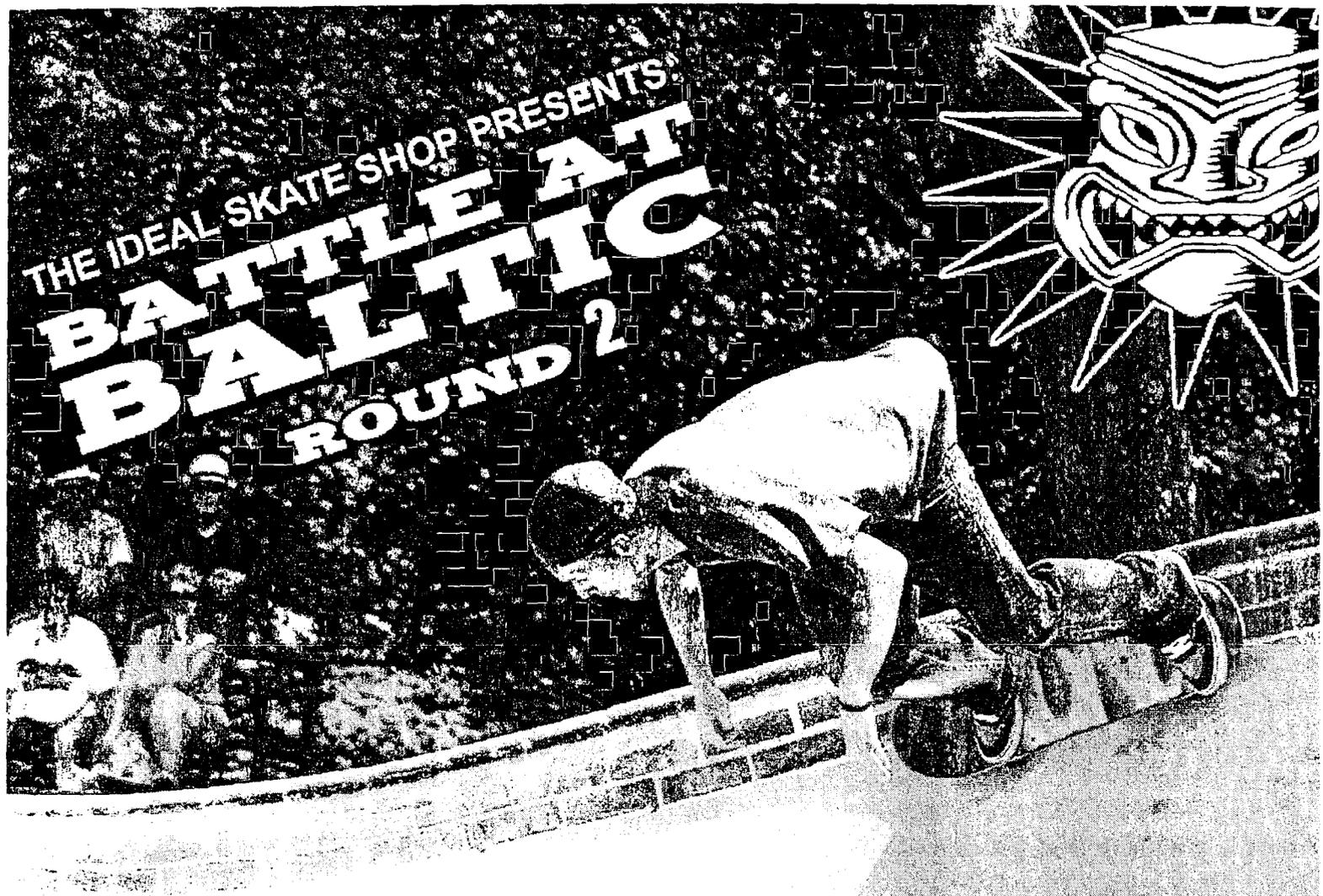
Each child will be asked to come on stage, say their name and answer 1 of the following 3 questions: What is your favorite animal & why? Who is your favorite person & why? What is your favorite color & why?

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Name: _____ **Age:** _____
Parent's Name & Contact # _____
Town: _____

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Please have children dress appropriately. Decisions will be made by people unrelated to the planning/coordination of the event. Any questions on the pageant, please call 8603349416.



THE IDEAL SKATE SHOP PRESENTS
**BATTLE AT
BALTTIC**
ROUND 2

In conjunction with the
Sprague Three Village Festival

Saturday Oct 1st. Registration starts at 10am.

Divisions for Intermediate, Advanced & Best Trick

\$12 to enter the contest & \$8 to enter best trick

Best Halloween Costume prize. Raffle. Be there.

1st ever MAT STEVENSON BIKE CONTEST TO FOLLOW.

.....CHECK THE FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE
PARK FOR A BRAND NEW SECTION**



CONCRETE★DISCIPLES

Mat Steveson presents....



WORSHIP SKATEBOARDS
IDEAL SKATE SHOP
175 CENTRAL AVE
NORWICH CT

In conjunction with the
Sprague Three Village Festival

Saturday Oct 1st. Registration starts at 1pm.

Divisions for OK, GOOD & Best Trick

\$12 to enter the contest / \$8 to enter best trick

Best Halloween Costume prize. Raffle. Be there.



DG SKATE SHOP
74 MAIN ST.
DANIELSON CT

HOOKED UP BY YOUR TWO FAVORITE SHOPS



TOWN OF SPRAGUE

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P. O. Box 162
Baltic, CT 06330
Tel: 860-822-3000 Ext. 222
Fax: 860-822-3016

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2011, are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2011, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

**NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN SPRAGUE CT
NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE**

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

The filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 31, 2011. All applications for classification of farmland must be received by October 31, 2011.

VETERANS

All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2011. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. A 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by January 31, 2012.

HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate, income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2011 and file it on or before May 15, 2012.

RENTERS

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for the State Renters Rebate Program. Guidelines and applications are available May 15, 2012 through September 14, 2012.

The Assessor's Office is open to receive the above declarations and applications Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Robert G Coates
Assessor

VERSAILLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT

Upcoming Events:

OCTOBER 1ST

BREAKFAST

6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

(Pancakes, Sausage, Home Fries, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
Juice, Coffee, Tea)

\$6.00 Adults Under 6 yrs – Free

Breakfast will be served the First Saturday of Every Month!

HARVEST BONFIRE

6:00 p.m.

(Hot Dogs, Smores, Popcorn, Cider, Cookies, Singing, Music)

Games for the children. All are welcome!!

OCTOBER 8TH

TAG & BAKE SALE

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – No Earlybirds!

Cakes, Pies, Baked Beans, Beets and More!!

Come get the treasures you have been waiting for!

Many items too numerous to list.

ATTENTION HUNTERS! Sprague Land Preserve

You **MUST** have your permit on your person at all times in the Preserve

Hunting Hours M – F: ½ hour before Sunrise to Sunset Sat.: ½ hour before sunrise to 10AM

NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY.

CLOSED TO HUNTING October 8, 9, 10 (Columbus Day weekend)

ALL DEP Regulations apply to hunting in this Preserve

Bow Hunting (by permit only) from September 15 –December 31

No permanent stands

No tree spikes or damage to trees

Must use fall arrest system

Pheasant Hunting (by permit only) from October 15 – December 31

October 15th (only) starts @ 7am; all other days start ½ hour before sunrise

Steel Shot ONLY

NO rifles – 12 gauge or smaller shotgun ONLY

HIKERS: Stay on the trails, wear blaze orange (also advised for your pets), keep dogs on leash at all times. If you see a wounded deer: (860) 822-6895 (Sprague Rod and Gun Club). Permits are available through the Sprague Rod and Gun or through the Town Clerk's office. Permits for bow hunting are issued in the same fashion as permits for pheasant hunting.

Ride The Shetucket River

Leaf Peeper Day

Scotland Dam to Baltic

4 miles – 2 hours

October 15th

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tube, Kayak, Canoe

Free shuttle

Planned Water Release

River participants must wear PFD's

SPRAGUE LAND PRESERVE BENEFIT RIDE 2011

Sunday, September 25th 2011 rain date Saturday, October 29th 2011

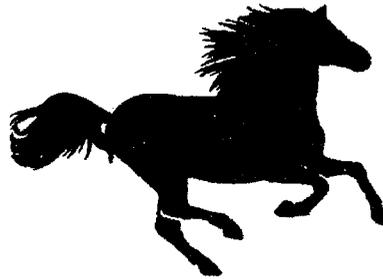
Sponsored by WEST GREENWICH HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

10/20 NEHT/WGHA affiliated miles

sign in at 8:30 - lunch at @12:30

Benefit ride to assist the Town of Sprague, CT to purchase additional 230 acres of land from the Watson Heritage Farm to add to the existing 275 acres to the land preserve. Open land is disappearing fast but our trails and woods can be preserved. Let's make a difference! Please come and ride these beautiful trails and save them for the future.

“Save our trails...leave only hoof prints...”



Paid entry fee includes:

A snack before ride and lunch after and additional lunches are \$5.00 each

To the first 20 pre-entries a free benefit T-shirt.

Additional T-shirts are available for \$10.00

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

Raffle prizes will be drawn after lunch.

Ride is on dirt roads, single-track trails, fields and some hills. Some of the trails follow the Shetucket River with a view of the Scotland Dam and waterfalls. A portion of the ride is only open by special permission, from Ayer Mt. Farm, on this day.

Ride or hike or just attend and have lunch.

Norwich Bulletin may be there for pictures and story.

Please remove all manure and hay from your area.

Parking at Konow's Fishing Camp, 154 Holton Road, Franklin, CT., 06254

Directions:

I-395 South

Exit 82, Take right off the exit ramp onto

Route 32 North, then Right onto

Route 207, go 2.5 miles,

then take a left onto

Holton Road, go 1.1 miles, then take a right onto dirt access road (sign says Sprague Land Preserve)

go .7 miles on dirt road, bear right at fork.

Follow the signs to the parking area.

Sponsors:

West Greenwich Horseman's Association

J & D Screen Printing

Town of Sprague

Sprague Land Preserve Trail Ride

Sponsored by West Greenwich Horseman's Association

SUNDAY, September 25th, 2011 - rain date October 29th, 2011

10/20 Miles NEHT / WGHA affiliated

Konow's Fishing Camp, 154 Holten Road, Franklin, CT

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Horses Name _____ Age _____ Coggins# _____ Breed _____

Adult/Junior Rider NEHT # _____ Horse # _____

Email: _____

Ride Fees: Pre-entry and payment must be received by September 22nd to guarantee lunch. Pre-entry consist of a completed entry form and payment by the date stated above.

Coggins and rabies certificates required www.orgsites.com/ri/wgha Wghaweb3@hotmail.com

Pre-entry: \$20.00 Post entry: \$25.00 Junior (rider 18 and under) \$10.00

Lunch for non-rider: \$5.00 T-SHIRT: \$10.00 each x-large large medium small

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00

Amount Enclosed: _____ Make checks payable to WGHA

Check in time: 8:30 Lunch @ 12:30 - 1:30

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 green horse or rider and a yellow ribbon in the tail of a stallion.**

THE WEST GREENWICH HORSEMAN'S ASSOC. OR THE OWNERS OF **Sprague Land Preserve, Watson Heritage Farm Property/owners or Konow Property/Fishing Camp or Ayer MT. Farm** WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO RIDER, SPECTATOR, OR HORSE OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ANY HORSE OWNED AND OR RIDDEN BY HIM/HER AND SHALL NOT HOLD THE WEST GREENWICH HORSEMAN'S ASSOC. OR THE OWNERS OF THE SAID PROPERTIES LISTED ABOVE LIABLE.

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

ASTM/SEI approved helmets strongly suggested, required for riders under 18 years.

Please be advised that photos may be taken at this event for use in WGHA publications as well as the Pedlar 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 _____

Send entries to: Celeste Santos-Rivera, 964 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06394 or call 860-564-6522

From the First Selectman

Hello Everyone, I apologize for not getting the September edition of the Our Town out in time. In part this is because of Tropical Storm Irene, and in part because of a change in personnel. Our editor Renee has taken on a new job and is unable to stay with us anymore. I wish her luck and will miss her abilities and dedication. Good Luck Renee!

This edition is a hodge podge of events happening over the next couple of weeks. It includes the Wine and Cheese, the 3 Villages Fall Festival, and our last of the year River Run. Please join us at these events as they promise to be great fun.

We will be back on track for the October edition which will come out early next week. All articles pertaining to the upcoming elections will be in that paper. Please send any material to me @ ourtown@ctsprague.org for inclusion in the October edition. Again sorry for the inconvenience – talk to you all soon.

Thanks for all your support,
Catherine Osten
First Selectman
Town of Sprague



Our Town

Your Sprague Newsletter

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