

# Our Town

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

## **Information & News for April 2012**



### **FREE DUMP DAY:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

**ALL ACCEPTED ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED  
FREE OF CHARGE**

**REGULAR HOURS WILL BE FOLLOWED**

### **The Town of Sprague will be celebrating Earth Day!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 from 10AM- 2PM

We are looking for volunteers to adopt a road for cleanup. Bags and gloves will be available at the Grist Mill parking lot. Pizza will be served at 1PM in the Grist Mill parking area.

Please call Cathy or Barbara at (860) 822-3000 x201 and let us know which road you will be able to pick up.  
*Thanks for all you do and see you then!*

### **Ride the Shetucket**

The Town of Sprague in conjunction with First Light Power Resources will resume the wildly popular Ride the Shetucket events for 2012! Once a month during the warm weather season a scheduled water release from Scotland Dam will take place, allowing a water level high enough to paddle or tube from below Scotland Dam to River Park in Baltic. The Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle between River Park and Scotland Dam.

Water release is scheduled for 10:00 am on days of the event. Participants can put in any time between 10:00 and 12:00. You can ride the river as many times as water level allows. The ride is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours.

**Dates for 2012: April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup>, & October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Since Ride the Shetucket is a weather sensitive event, check the Town of Sprague website ([www.ctsprague.org](http://www.ctsprague.org)) on the Thursday prior to the event for any cancellation postings. Paddlers need to have PFD's and a distress whistle. **See you there!!**

### **Are You Interested in Joining a Sprague Business Network?**

If any business owner or professional is interested in joining and taking part in a Sprague Business Network then this is your chance! This will be an opportunity to exchange business cards and assist in referring business to one another. The first meeting will be planned for June. If you would like to become involved, email Erin at [erin@spitaleinsurance.com](mailto:erin@spitaleinsurance.com).

#### **Versailles United Methodist Church Breakfast**

*Join us for breakfast!*

April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10am  
\$6 per person



*Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage ~ Home Fries ~ Coffee, Tea & Juice*

1st Saturday of every month!

#### **Spring Waterfalls Hike**

*Sponsored by the Sprague Conservation Commission*

April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30- 11am

Meet at the Grist Mill across from the Town Hall and hike the Sprague Preserve to the Watson Heritage Farm Property.

Come join us for a 'Jump into Spring' hike! Bring your hiking shoes and water for a great start to your day. If you have any questions email

[donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net).

See you then!



### **Thank You**

We want to send a thank you to all the local businesses and the community. When our family and friends reached out to the area and surrounding towns the beauty of our community shined through! Everyone out there that stepped up to help, donated a raffle gift, purchased a ticket or two, sent in a donation, and passed the word around about Brianna's benefit should be recognized and proud to live in our community! Without the beauty of the community, the benefit would not have been successful! We want to thank everyone who helped and will never truly be able to thank everyone personally! So please know that you all have touched our hearts and should be proud for all the effort and work put into making Brianna feel special!

Forever grateful,

*The Dziekan Family*

### **From the Registrar of Voters Office:**

A Presidential Preference Primary will be held to choose a Republican candidate for president on Tuesday, April 24th at the Baltic Firehouse. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters registered as Republican in the Town of Sprague are eligible to vote. Note a formal notice in this issue of Our Town, regarding a special registration day on April 10th.

You may register to vote, change address, or change party, etc. anytime at the Town Hall. Enrollment cards are always available. The regular office hours for registrars at town hall are Tuesday from 8- 10am. Please remember to exercise your right and privilege to vote in this primary.

*-Kathleen LaTour/Kathleen Boushee, Registrars of Voters*

### **Presidential Preference Primary Enrollment Session in Sprague: April 10, 2012**

**The Registrars of Voters will hold an enrollment session from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., April 10, 2012, at the Town Clerk's Office, 1 Main Street, Baltic, CT. This is for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in the presidential preference primary. Also, the registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list.**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER FOR  
THE SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER!**

**A FUNDRAISER (A SPRING EVENT) WILL BE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER. COST FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE \$10.00 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES A STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER WITH ENTERTAINMENT.**

**PLEASE CONTACT BUDDY MEADOWS, SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR/MUNICIPAL AGENT AT 860-822-3000, EXT. 203 FOR SIGN UP. PAYMENT IS DUE UPON SIGN UP.**



**FUNDS ARE BEING RAISED FOR A NEW REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER FOR THE SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER.**



**Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 7th, 2012  
11:00AM at River Park**



**Thousands of eggs will be hidden!  
Come join us rain or shine.**

*Come join us for lunch!*

**Friends of Sprague Public Library Buffet Luncheon**



**When:** Saturday May 5, 2012

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Place:** Community Room, Grist Mill

**Tickets:** \$15 Adults

\$ 8 Children



Tickets are available for purchase at the library.  
*All proceeds will benefit the Sprague Public Library.*

# *Sprague Land Preserve* “**SPRING FLING**” Benefit Ride

## Sunday, May 6, 2012 Rain Date Saturday, May 12th

Benefit ride to assist the Town of Sprague, CT in the purchase of an 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 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...”*



\$25 per Rider Junior Riders \$10  
9:00 a.m. sign in, 10:00 a.m. ride out, Lunch at 1:00 p.m.



*5,10 or 20 miles of marked trails. NEHT mileage. Ride along the Shetucket River  
Scotland Dam, and view the waterfall.*

**Pre-Registration required by May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Free t-shirt to first 25 pre-registered riders.

Ride is limited to first 80 riders to accommodate for parking (trailer w/ a friend if you can). BBQ lunch at 1pm with dessert and drinks provided. Coffee, drinks & snacks before ride. Raffle and prizes, tickets \$1 each or \$5 for 6. Ride or just attend and have lunch for \$5 donation! Please remove all manure and hay from your area.

**Sponsors: Town of Sprague, J&D screenprint, CT Horse Council/VHP**  
Parking at Konow's Trout Camp Area-Sprague,CT  
**211 Pautipaug Hill Rd Baltic CT 06330 and follow signs to Konow Trout Camp area parking.**  
(This is a new, easier, shorter access road to Konow's parking area for 2012)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HORSE(S) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ COGGINS #: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADULT OR JUNIOR (rider 18 and under) RIDER NEHT #: \_\_\_\_\_ HORSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**RIDE FEES: Pre-entry and payment must be received by May 4 to guarantee lunch. Coggins and rabies certificates required.**

Pre-entry: \$25 Junior (rider 18 and under) \$10 Lunch for non-rider: \$5  
T-SHIRT: \$15 X-LARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL

**Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to Town of Sprague**

### 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 strongly recommend a red ribbon in the tail of horses that kick, a green ribbon in the tail of a green horse or rider, and a yellow ribbon in the tail of a stallion.**

THE OWNERS of the **Sprague Land Preserve, Watson Hritage 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 OWNERS OF THE SAID PROPERTIES LISTED ABOVE LIABLE.

Signature of this form consents agreement to these conditions. A representative who is of age must sign the entry bland 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.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian of minor child: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/Medical Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send entry to: Loree Osowski, 211 Pautipaug Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330**  
**Free First Aid Class**

**ARE YOU READY TO SAVE A LIFE?** American Heart First Aid courses are designed to help you learn valuable lifesaving skills. We translate the consensus of medical science into practical, easy-to-understand information. Programs are available for any age group and can be tailored to the needs of specific groups and individuals. Whether you work with children, want training for employees, are a professional rescuer, or simply want to know how to help in an emergency the Baltic Fire Engine Company has a program for you!



**Two dates are available: April 28 and May 5, 2012**

Classes will held from **9am- 1pm**  
at the Baltic Fire Department Station (22 Bushnell Hollow Rd)  
Call Donna Sanford at (860) 334-5385



*\*This is a free class from Baltic Fire Engine Company, EMS Fund.  
Neighbors helping Neighbors in the Town of Sprague*

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## **RECYCLABLES ART SHOW**

**Saturday, APRIL 28, 2012** from 9:00am - 4:00pm

**SPRAGUE RIVER PARK**, Route 97, Baltic, CT

(in case of rain @ Grist Mill across from Sprague Town Hall, Main St., Baltic)

Get your Creative Spirit moving, using your recyclables. Create a work of ART. Work as a team or as an individual, ALL ages welcome! Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

***Earth Day Theme \* Recycled Cardboard Only \* Freestyle Recycles \* Young Adult***

Adults = \$10.00 entry, donations benefit the Sprague Open Space Fund

Young Adult = donate a canned good for Sprague Food Pantry

*Sponsored by Sprague Conservation Commission*

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Registration Form: Young Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Town of Sprague" and mail to: The Sprague Town Hall, 1 Main Street,  
PO Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330, attn: Open Space Art Show

*Any questions email [donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net) or 860 822-9808*

### From the Desk of the First Selectman

I believe spring is here, and boy am I happy! Although we have had a couple of wonderful days and the daffodils are peeking through the dirt, we could always face a late snow storm which I certainly hope does not happen! It is sure wonderful to see the Garden Club ladies out and about awakening the flower beds around the Town.

We will be having a “free DUMP day” on April 21<sup>st</sup>; this is the day before the official Earth Day. Please make use of this wonderful opportunity. We will also be having an Earth day clean-up starting at 10am. Please meet at the Grist Mill parking area where bags and bulbs will be dispensed. Please consider “adopting” a road in Town, and let me know where you will be so that we can make sure we cover all roads. The roadsides have been cleared of brush, thus making it easier for us to get to the trash. Hope to see you all at the Grist Mill at 10am on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

As always thanks for what you do and thanks for your support!

-Cathy



#### Available Documents:

Included in this issue is the last of the capital improvement plans I am providing you. It provides direction in the areas of Parks, Open Space, Cemeteries, and Recreation Fields. There are several other plans which are used as back-up documents to the already presented capital plans. They concern specifics on emergency management; computer and technological equipment; Town and State owned property in Sprague; and lastly, an historical review of Town roads and when they became Town roads. These plans are available in the First Selectman’s office.

This particular plan, which was developed in tandem with the Conservation Commission, the Recreation Committee and other groups that use and promote these areas in Town, works towards increasing the use of our Town’s outside assets and documents enhancements, potential costs and possible funding sources.

The Board of Selectmen has submitted its budget to the Board of Finance for the general government side expenditures, and the current submitted operating budget for fiscal year (FY) 12/13 is \$2,074,194. The previously approved government side budgets for the past few years are as follows: \$2,080,055 in FY 08/09; \$2,070,175 in FY 09/10; \$2,085,217 in FY 10/11 (this year had an additional pay period which happens once every 11 years); and, \$2,069,849 in FY11/12. All of these previously approved budgets are available for your review in the Town Clerk’s office.

I am also including in this issue the debt payoff schedule for the Town which in FY 11/12 retired (paid off) the Versailles Sewer bond incurred in 1992. The last column refers to a possible bond which will include all capital projects from 2009 to 2013 or 2014. In each column is a list of projects funded by that bond.

-Cathy

<b>Town of Sprague- Parks, Recreation Fields, Open Space and Cemeteries</b>									
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	<u>costs</u>		<u>funding source</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017+</u>
<b>soccer fields</b>									
1	lighting upgrades	\$46,400.00	grant			\$ 46,400.00			
2	bleachers x 6	\$30,000.00	locip				\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
3	trail upgrade	\$10,000.00	grant			\$ 10,000.00			
4	park benches x 6	\$3,366.00	cip-town	\$ 3,366.00					
5	score board (electronic)	\$5,600.00	grant	\$ 5,600.00					
6	bike rack	\$444.00	locip	\$ 444.00					
	total	<b>\$95,810.00</b>							
<b>little league fields</b>									
7	lighting upgrades	\$29,000.00	grant			\$ 29,000.00			
8	bleachers x 4	\$20,000.00	grant	\$ 20,000.00					
9	concession stand renovation	\$55,000.00	grant						
10	dugout (one with bathrooms) x2	\$35,000.00	grant			\$ 35,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	
11	scoreboard (electronic)	\$5,600.00	locip	\$ 5,600.00					
12	pave parking area	\$15,000.00	cip-town	\$ 15,000.00					
13	bike rack	\$444.00	locip	\$ 444.00					
14	sign	\$750.00	locip	\$ 750.00					
	total	<b>\$160,794.00</b>							
<b>softball fields</b>									
15	lighting upgrades	\$40,600.00	grant			\$ 40,600.00			
16	bleachers x 4	\$20,000.00	locip				\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
17	concession stand renovation	\$55,000.00	grant			\$ 55,000.00			
18	dugout x 2	\$35,000.00	grant						
19	park benches x 4	\$35,000.00	grant						
20	scoreboard (electronic)	\$2,244.00	locip	\$ 2,244.00				\$ 35,000.00	
21	pave parking area	\$5,600.00	locip	\$ 5,600.00					
22	bike rack	\$35,000.00	cip-town	\$ 35,000.00					
	total	<b>\$444.00</b>	locip	<b>\$ 444.00</b>					
	total	<b>\$193,888.00</b>							

## Town of Sprague- Parks, Recreation Fields, Open Space and Cemeteries Continued

<u>costs</u>		<u>funding source</u>		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017+
<b>skateboard park</b>									
23	lighting upgrades	\$11,600.00	grant		\$ 11,600.00				
24	park benches x 2	\$1,122.00	locip	\$ 1,122.00					
25	extend skatepark	\$30,000.00	donations					\$ 30,000.00	
26	pave base	\$6,000.00	cip-town		\$ 6,000.00				
27	bike rack x 2	\$888.00	locip	\$ 888.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$49,610.00</b>							
<b>ice skating rink</b>									
28	lighting upgrades	\$23,200.00	grant			\$ 23,200.00			
29	park benches x 6	\$3,366.00	open space		\$ 3,366.00				
30	wooden rink rail	\$25,000.00	cip-town				\$ 25,000.00		
31	pave parking area includes bus lot	\$55,000.00	cip-town		\$ 55,000.00				
32	firepit	\$4,000.00	open space	\$ 4,000.00					
33	sign	\$750.00	locip	\$ 750.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$111,316.00</b>							
<b>basketball court</b>									
34	pave	\$4,000.00	locip	\$ 4,000.00					
35	poles and net	\$3,200.00	cip-town	\$ 3,200.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>							
<b>miscellaneous</b>									
36	trail along river	\$8,000.00	grant			\$ 8,000.00			
37	playground	\$32,000.00	grant			\$ 32,000.00			
38	grills x 4	\$800.00	open space		\$ 800.00				
39	park benches x 6	\$3,366.00	open space		\$ 3,366.00				
40	pavilion	\$60,000.00	cip-town					\$ 60,000.00	
41	sign	\$750.00	locip	\$ 750.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$104,916.00</b>							
<b>Hanover playground</b>									
42	bike rack	\$444.00	locip	\$ 444.00					
43	pave	\$4,000.00	cip-town		\$ 4,000.00				
44	poles and net	\$1,600.00	cip-town	\$ 1,600.00					
45	garbage can	\$500.00	locip	\$ 500.00					
46	park benches x 3	\$1,683.00	cip-town		\$ 1,683.00				
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$8,227.00</b>							
<b>Baltic playground</b>									
47			cip-town						
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>							
<b>river park</b>									
48	bathroom	\$35,000.00	locip				\$ 35,000.00		
49	wooden rail	\$8,000.00	locip					\$ 8,000.00	
50	fire pit	\$4,000.00	locip	\$ 4,000.00					
51	park benches x 6	\$3,366.00	cip-town		\$ 3,366.00				
52	steps & sidewalk	\$100,000.00	grant					\$ 100,000.00	
53	trail along river	\$7,000.00	grant					\$ 7,000.00	
54	handicap ramp for fishing	\$250,000.00	donation					\$ 250,000.00	
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$407,366.00</b>							
<b>headrace</b>									
55	steps & sidewalk	\$50,000.00	grant					\$ 50,000.00	
56	signs	\$3,000.00	open space					\$ 3,000.00	
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>							
<b>Hanover cemetery</b>									
57	sign	\$750.00	cip-town	\$ 750.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>							
<b>Lovett cemetery</b>									
58	stonewall	\$52,000.00	locip			\$ 52,000.00			
59	sign	\$750.00	locip	\$ 750.00					
60	loam	\$500.00	locip	\$ 500.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$53,250.00</b>							
<b>gristmill</b>									
61		\$0.00							
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>							
62	Versailles sign	\$2,500.00	open space		\$ 2,500.00				
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>							
63	Hanover gazebo	\$6,700.00	locip	\$ 6,700.00					
64	Versailles gazebo	\$6,700.00	locip		\$ 6,700.00				
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$13,400.00</b>							
<b>Sprague land preserve</b>									
65	road	\$35,000.00	cip-town					\$ 35,000.00	
66	signage	\$8,000.00	cip-town					\$ 8,000.00	
67	upgrade cabin	\$50,000.00	cip-town					\$ 50,000.00	
69	trails	\$5,000.00	grant			\$ 5,000.00			
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$98,000.00</b>							
<b>Baltic reservoir preserve</b>									
70	parking lot	\$15,000.00	cip-town					\$ 15,000.00	
71	grills x 3	\$600.00	cip-town					\$ 600.00	
72	park benches x 6	\$3,366.00	open space		\$ 3,366.00				
74	garbage cans x 2	\$1,000.00	locip	\$ 1,000.00					
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$19,966.00</b>							
		\$0.00							
	<b>total</b>	<b>\$1,379,993.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,246.00</b>	<b>\$175,347.00</b>	<b>\$347,800.00</b>	<b>\$85,000.00</b>	<b>\$731,600.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
				fy 12/13	fy 13/14	fy 14/15	fy 15/16	fy 15+	
			locip	\$21,730.00	\$21,900.00	\$52,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$ 188,630.00
			town funds	\$8,916.00	\$120,049.00		\$25,000.00	\$168,600.00	\$ 322,565.00
			open space	\$ 4,090.00	\$ 13,398.00			\$ 3,000.00	\$ 20,398.00
			grants	\$5,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$295,800.00		\$247,000.00	\$ 568,400.00
			donations					\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00
				\$ 40,246.00	\$ 175,347.00	\$ 347,800.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 731,600.00	\$ 1,379,993.00

## Statement of Debt Maturities

Fiscal y.e. June 30th	Orig. \$1,940,000 @ 4.99% 1999 School, Fire dept, etc. Total cost \$4,555,000		Orig. \$180,000 @ 4.31% Various Purpose Bond Webster Bank 6/26/02		Orig. \$66,526.50 @ 5% add'l Versailles Swr. FmHA bond 9/9/94		Orig. \$625,000 @ 4.875% Baltic Resv. Dam Proj. FmHA bond 5/22/96		Subsidy from Swr & Wtr Dam Project		Original 1,600,000. Various Purpose Bonds TD Banknorth 2006		Original 1,810,000. Various Purpose Bonds Series 2009		Possible \$4,000,000 Various Purpose Bonds Series 2013 or 2014	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2012-13	75,000.00	33,037.50	15,000.00	370.50	2,218.00	1,441.03	31,250.00	6,093.75	(24,646.88)	85,000.00	51,312.50	130,000.00	50,931.26			
2013-14	75,000.00	29,287.50	-	-	2,218.00	1,330.13	31,250.00	4,570.31	(23,641.40)	85,000.00	47,912.50	130,000.00	47,681.26			
2014-15	75,000.00	25,537.50	-	-	2,218.00	1,219.23	31,250.00	3,046.88	(22,635.94)	85,000.00	44,512.50	130,000.00	44,431.26			
2015-16	75,000.00	21,740.63	-	-	2,218.00	1,108.33	31,250.00	1,523.44	(21,630.47)	85,000.00	41,006.26	125,000.00	41,087.51			
2016-17	75,000.00	17,868.76	-	-	2,218.00	997.43	-	-	-	85,000.00	37,500.00	125,000.00	37,337.51			
2017-18	75,000.00	13,950.01	-	-	2,218.00	886.53	-	-	-	85,000.00	33,250.00	125,000.00	33,196.88			
2018-19	75,000.00	9,993.76	-	-	2,218.00	775.63	-	-	-	85,000.00	29,000.00	125,000.00	28,743.75			
2019-20	75,000.00	6,018.76	-	-	2,218.00	664.73	-	-	-	85,000.00	24,750.00	125,000.00	23,900.00			
2020-21	75,000.00	2,015.63	-	-	2,218.00	553.83	-	-	-	85,000.00	20,500.00	110,000.00	19,200.00			
2021-22	-	-	-	-	2,218.00	442.93	-	-	-	85,000.00	16,250.00	110,000.00	14,800.00			
2022-23	-	-	-	-	2,218.00	332.03	-	-	-	80,000.00	12,000.00	105,000.00	10,500.00			
2023-24	-	-	-	-	2,218.00	221.13	-	-	-	80,000.00	8,000.00	105,000.00	6,300.00			
2024-25	-	-	-	-	2,204.50	110.23	-	-	-	80,000.00	4,000.00	105,000.00	2,100.00			
	675,000.00	159,450.05	15,000.00	370.50	28,820.50	10,083.19	125,000.00	15,234.38	(92,554.69)	1,090,000.00	369,993.76	1,550,000.00	360,209.43			

School Improvements	\$1,592,000.00	Dump Truck	\$80,000.00	Rebated to Town	
Fire Department	\$70,000.00	Generator	\$41,860.00	Baltic Reservoir Wells	
Salt & Sand Shed	\$85,000.00	Garage Roof	\$17,873.00	Sewer Upgrades	\$66,526.50
John Deere Road Side Mower	\$68,000.00	TH Entrance	\$18,517.00	Water Upgrade:	\$625,000.00
Permitting Water	\$35,000.00	Wells 4 & 5	\$16,000.00		
Ambulance	\$90,000.00	Bond Costs	\$5,750.00		
	<u>\$1,940,000.00</u>		<u>\$180,000.00</u>		
				Land Purchase	\$870,000.00
				Roads	\$305,000.00
				Roads	\$425,000.00
					<u>\$1,600,000.00</u>
				ADA Improvement	\$330,000.00
				Pumper Truck	\$85,000.00
				Mason Body	\$75,000.00
				School Roof	\$50,000.00
				Water & Sewer	<u>\$1,810,000.00</u>



**Republican Presidential  
Preference Primary**  
Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6 a.m. through 8 p.m.  
Polling Place: Baltic Firehouse,  
Bushnell Hollow Road

Eligible to vote:

1. Only those enrolled in the Republican party.

Deadline:

1. In Person – registration cut-off is April 23, 2012 at 12:00 Noon with the Town Clerk or Registrar of Voters.

Deadline above applies to anyone wishing to vote in the April primary that is not a registered voter and Unaffiliated voters wishing to change enrollment to the Republican Party.

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to call me at 822-3000 ext.220.

Claire Glaude, Town Clerk

SAMPLE OF THE REPUBLICAN BALLOT  
(as it will appear on the ballot)

<b>1</b> <b>Nomination for PRESIDENT of the United States</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>1A</b> <b>Newt Gingrich</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>1B</b> <b>Ron Paul</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>1C</b> <b>Mitt Romney</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>1D</b> <b>Rick Santorum</b>
<input type="radio"/> <b>1E</b> <b>Uncommitted</b>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- - March, 2012

**DATA COLLECTION BEGINS IN SPRAGUE**



Data collection begins in Sprague as part of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) Revaluation Project. This phase of the project is already complete in Ashford, Woodstock and Plainfield. Throughout the course of the five-year project, data collectors will visit 20,000 properties in the participating towns, including approximately 550 in Sprague. They will be going door to door, asking to conduct both an interior and exterior inspection. Occupants do not have to let data collectors in, but the overall accuracy of the information is enhanced when they can see a property inside and out. Data collectors will not attempt to enter a house if a responsible adult is not present.

Data collectors will verify information about the property, such as age, type of basement, number of rooms, baths, type of heat, interior finish components, and anything unique to the building. Owners will receive a written property report, called a data mailer, six to eight weeks after the information is gathered. A group of residential data collectors assigned to the NECCOG revaluation will move from town to town as needed. Local and state background checks have been conducted on all project field personnel. Every data collector will wear a photo ID and their vehicles will be registered with both the local and state police.

“Accurate property characteristics are a very important element of the revaluation. The market place will ultimately determine property values and new assessments, but it all begins with good data collection,” Coates added. The Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) contracted with Tyler Technologies to provide real property appraisal services for Connecticut's northeast regional revaluation. The regional revaluation program is the first of its kind for the state of Connecticut.

**For more information, call: 860-822-3002 (Assessor), 860-230-3035 (Revaluation Project Office)**  
**Contact: Robert Coates, CCMA II, Assessor**

## **Town of Sprague Revaluation**

### *Meet the Data Collectors:*



**Stephanie Sumner**  
Gray Subaru Legacy  
CT LIC 544 W2T



**Joe Sylvester**  
White Dodge Dakota  
CT LIC 59CX43



**David Boast**  
Blue Hyundai Sonata  
CT LIC 273 WWH

### ***Town of Sprague Revaluation Schedule:***

March 2012: Project Start-up

March to May 2012: Data collection of selected residential and all commercial properties; Data mailers mailed to all property owners

April to October 2012: Analysis of recent sales; Build valuation models in CAMA system; Preliminary values produced and reviewed by company appraisers and the Assessor

November 2012: Property owners notified of new assessments; Informal taxpayer reviews with Tyler CLT appraisers

December 2012: Assessor reviews CLT recommendations; Final value notices mailed to property owners

### ***Town of Sprague Revaluation Frequently Asked Questions:***

**Q: What is a revaluation?**

**A:** A revaluation, or reassessment, means that Tyler CLT, along with the Assessor, will determine the current fair market value of every property in the Town. When the revaluation is complete, your new assessment will be equal to 70% of the market value of your property.

**Q: Why is the Town reassessing all properties?**

**A:** The State of CT mandates all towns and cities to revalue all properties at least every 5 years and because property values change over time, inequities may have emerged. A revaluation addresses the inequities so that each property owner pays only his or her fair share of the tax burden.

**Q: Does this mean the Town is going to collect more taxes as a result of the revaluation?**

**A:** No. A revaluation neither increases nor decreases tax revenue, it merely redistributes the total tax burden more fairly.

**Q: How will the value of my property be determined?**

**A:** Based upon the data collected at your property, along with an analysis of recent sales of similar homes in your neighborhood, Tyler CLT will utilize a computer assisted mass appraisal process to estimate your home's current market value. Values will be reviewed by both a Tyler CLT appraiser and the Assessor.

**Q: What will a data collector do when he/she comes to my door?**

-They will ask you questions about the property, such as year built, number of rooms, etc.

-Ask permission to view the interior of the property.

-Measure the outside dimensions of the residence and any other structures.

-They will NOT be collecting any information on personal property, such as artwork, furniture or appliances.

-They will NOT be able to answer questions about the current value or assessment

**Q: How long will the inspection take?**

**A:** Inspections typically take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You are encouraged to accompany the data collector during the inspection as they verify the data currently listed for your property.

**Q: Do I have to cooperate with Tyler CLT?**

**A:** It is in every taxpayer's best interest to ensure the new assessments are based on accurate data. The best way to achieve this is to allow the data collector to inspect your property.

**Q: Will every property be inspected?**

**A:** No. A new concept under the 11-town cooperative contract, of which Sprague is a part, is to inspect only fifty percent of the properties in town this year. When the town revalues again in five years, the remaining fifty percent of properties will be inspected. This method allows the town to meet the statutory requirements that properties be inspected at least once every ten years. Properties were selected for inspection this year based on various factors, including the date of the last inspection.

**Q: What if I'm not home when the data collector visit?**

**A:** The data collector will verify the exterior measurements of all buildings on the property only and estimate the interior elements based on the best information available. A second visit will be made on a different day and if an inspection has still not been completed, a letter requesting an inspection will be sent. Once inspections are complete, data mailers will be mailed to all properties. The data mailer will show the data currently on record for your property.



## Adopting a Pooch

By Denise Ethier Dembinski



Many of us can't resist the "take me home" look emanating from a puppy's eyes, but before you succumb to the urge step back and take a deep breath. Think about the time you have, the space you live in, family responsibilities, and whether or not you are willing to make a life-long commitment. Other areas to consider BEFORE taking home that puppy include:

- Evaluate the ages and needs of your family members as you don't want children or a puppy to be hurt in any way. Large dogs don't always tolerate small children well and small children can inadvertently hurt a small puppy or dog by picking it up incorrectly.
- Determine who will be the dog's primary care giver. Feeding, exercising, and providing fresh water are daily responsibilities.
- Review your finances and think about not only the price of the dog, but food, grooming, flea and tick meds, veterinary care, and spaying/neutering. The total costs can be high and this should be an "until death do us part" commitment.

If you still want to take that puppy home consider adoption as there are thousands of puppies and dogs in the system looking for that *forever home*. There are dogs for friendly people, quiet people, and active people. There are large dogs, small dogs, and dogs in the middle. You and your dog will be happy if you're compatible. There is a pooch that fits your personality and your lifestyle. For more information on what type of dog will be the best fit, as well as, where and how to adopt visit [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com).

### Recipe of the Month: **Banana Bread**



2 c. flour  
½ to ¾ c. sugar  
3 ripe bananas, mashed

1 tsp. baking soda  
2 eggs, beaten



Mix flour, sugar, bananas, baking soda and eggs. Grease loaf pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 1 hour.

*As submitted by Herb Savage for the Sprague Public Library Cookbook. Herb Savage was a member of our community and a dedicated library patron who always brought a little sunshine and goodness wherever he went. The First Selectman recently proclaimed March 29<sup>th</sup> Herb Savage Day in the Town of Sprague.*



### **Sprague Garden Club**

Our April meeting will be held on **April 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Sprague Senior Center**. Stewart Worenecki of Stonewall Apiary will speak about the honeybees' role in pollinating our fruits and vegetables and the honey business. **Note the change of date from the usual first Wednesday of the month.** Open to the public.

On sale now - 8 extra large canna tubers \$5.00. Call 860-822-6520. The club's annual plant sale will be held on May 19 at the town hall garage. Home grown perennials, houseplants, member made items and a great selection of hanging baskets, annuals, and vegetables will be for sale. Please mark your calendars.

At the March meeting, Margarette Jones, from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, [www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org), presented a beautiful slide show on the conditions needed to attract birds: Food, water, cover and space. She suggested many native plants that would enhance our yards and attract birds, such as blueberry bushes to replace the invasive firebush, small fruit crabapples - the birds can more easily eat the fruit, bayberries attract yellow warblers and for wet areas the shrubby gray and silky dogwoods provide fruit for many species.

*-Jan Settje, Secretary*

### **Planning and Zoning Commission Update**

The Sprague Planning and Zoning Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 7, 2012, approved a home occupation zoning permit application, an application by the Sprague Water and Sewer Authority regarding the rehabilitation of waste water pump station number one, and held a pre application discussion regarding a single family dwelling. The Commission accepted the withdrawal of an application by the town's agriculture commission. They will meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission again in May. This will be a pre application discussion concerning their proposed changes to the town's zoning regulations related to farming and any regulations that pertain to that use. Before any changes are made to the regulations there must be an application presented to the commission then a public hearing scheduled, which must be noticed prior to the hearing. The Planning and Zoning commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month and its agenda is available prior to its meetings through the office of Land Use in the town hall and on the town's website.

*-Sandor Bittman, Chairman*

### **The Salvation Army Upper New London County Service Unit**

I want to thank all those who have sent donation checks to the Upper New London County Service Unit at P.O. Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383. Ninety percent of the donations will be kept here.

Mother Nature has been good to us. I think spring is here, but keep your oil tank full because I think the price

may go up. I hope we will not have another bad storm. Many towns have been destroyed in the last few months. Please try to keep a 72-hour kit equipped with enough food, water, warm clothes and blankets for 72 hours in a place where you can find it. Hopefully you will never need to use it, but if you are prepared you will not fear.

If you need food, call the Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to Scouting for Food there is food available to help you.

Happy Spring,

*Dennison Allen, Town of Sprague Representative*



### **American Legion Post 85 3/6/12 Minutes**

At the March 6th meeting it was noted that there were two new member applications in process, Andre Trudelle (USAF) and Andrew Sheffield (USN), raising the rolls to 47 members.

Legionnaire Don Bastien stated that the 2012 Memorial Day parade committee had already kicked off letters to various organizations to participate in the parade. He also stated that Colette Hoffman will be the Town's Chairperson this year with Firefighter Tom Girard representing the Baltic Fire department. The Post will supply the honor guard this year again including firing a 21 gun salute.

Sr. Vice Commander Fred Zinavage updated the Post about sending a boy/girl/both to Boy's and Girl's State. The selectee will spend time at the campus of ECSC June 22-28th and learn about the different branches of government. Financial Officer Cathy Osten volunteered to inquire about getting donations to support sending young men and women from the area to the event, and to inquire from local school superintendents about students from town that may qualify. The deadline for applicants is June 1st. There will be more to come at the next meeting.

It was noted that Legionnaire Ray Generoux had been in and out of the hospital. The membership wished him a speedy recovery.

Legionnaire Don Bastien will soon begin distributing tickets to sell for the veteran's quilt. The quilt is being designed and made to raise funds for the 2013 Memorial Statue. The entire membership sends their sincere thanks for the efforts put forth by those making the quilt.

It was stated that the Town will be having a meeting on March 19th to discuss tax breaks for low income veterans, and the Veteran's Interest Waiver for active duty veterans who are deployed during tax collection times. All members were encouraged to attend.



Post hats are now available, and any member who has not received one yet can call the Commander or attend the next meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club. All veterans are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Coletti, Adjutant- Vice Commander*

*Edited by Jane Kolar*



### RTC COLUMN

It's that time of year again; candidates are looking for endorsements from the local RTC's as they begin their campaigns in earnest. To that end, the Sprague RTC announced its first initial endorsement of this election cycle at its last meeting. The first candidate the committee has chosen to endorse is the Honorable Chris Coutu for the Congressional seat in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. The SRTC unanimously endorsed Mr. Coutu 18-0 and look forward to supporting him in the coming months.

At our last meeting we also discussed the recent printing of salaries and the recommended pay increase that the BoE approved for its non-certified staff. For more information on this issue please visit our website at [www.SpragueForward.org](http://www.SpragueForward.org).

We also held our election for officers at our last meeting, Mr. Michael W. Smith was elected the new chair, Mr. Michael Meadows was voted in as the new vice-chair. Ms. Carmella Turner and Mr. Barry Kolar retained their positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Upcoming events...April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 PM will be a registration session at the Town Hall. Anyone 17 years of age who will be 18 by the time of the primaries or the election may register then. Also on April 24<sup>th</sup> the Republican Presidential Preference Primary will take place from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the firehouse. Our next meeting will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Senior Center in the Town hall, hope to see you there.

Note: The new guidelines for the Our Town do not allow any opinions to be printed and the above column had to be heavily edited. For this reason we have decided to include this note of protest on these official guidelines. As a political organization dedicated to electing Republicans to local office, we are committed to a full and fair dialogue on issues facing Sprague. Sprague residents should not be denied access to alternative views and information that is generally unavailable elsewhere in our community. We invite townspeople to go to [www.SpragueForward.org](http://www.SpragueForward.org) and read our original column, and to follow our regular postings there on issues all Sprague residents should be able to read, uncensored.

Sincerely,

*Michael W. Smith, SRTC Chair*

**Editor's Note: The current Our Town guidelines were passed at a Board of Selectmen's meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. These guidelines state that the Our Town is to include neither opinions nor letters to the editor. As editor, my intention is not to censor, but instead follow the rules I was given when I took on this position, ensuring that the Our Town is used for its intended purpose of bringing information and news to Sprague residents through reports on meetings and upcoming events.**

### Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At our March meeting, the DTC met and discussed the upcoming month's events. We are actively looking for anyone younger than 18 interested in joining our fledgling young Democrats' council – rides can be provided. We will have selected delegates from our Town Committee by the beginning of April to attend conventions to support candidates for state and federal offices. We are coordinating with area towns to conduct forums and/or debates to be held after the convention.

Many of us attended the Quiet Corner Democrats' forum (in Mansfield) and the debate hosted by the Bulletin (at NFA). Both were informative and well attended and provided DTC members with information on the candidates to help determine our endorsements. Sprague was also represented at the Jefferson Jackson Bailey Dinner which was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. The keynote speaker was Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley.

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

*-Catherine Osten, DTC Chair*



## Spring Movie Time

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.**

The movie to be shown is:

***Puss in Boots***



This program is open to all ages.  
**We will be serving popcorn and juice.**

*Come join us for lunch!*

## Friends of Sprague Public Library Buffet Luncheon

**When:** Saturday May 5, 2012

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Place:** Community Room, Grist Mill

**Tickets:** \$15 Adults, \$ 8 Children



Tickets are available for purchase at the library.  
*All proceeds will benefit the Sprague Public Library.*

**Thank you to everyone who attended A Tribute to Herb Savage and joined us in honoring Herb's memory. We were so pleased to spend the evening with all of Herb's friends and family members and share all of the pastries that Herb used to bring to the girls that work in the Library. Stop in any time to view the plaque which dedicates the Sprague Public Library's large print collection to Herb. March 29<sup>th</sup> is now officially**

## Book Clubs:

**The Afternoon Delight Book Club** will meet at 3:30 PM on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss Little Pink House by Jeff Benedict. The book for the month of May is Now You See Her by James Patterson.

**Fiction Addiction Book Club** will meet April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the library to discuss their two book selections for the month of April:  
Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern and  
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie.

## Other Ongoing Programs...

**Yarn Club** will be meeting Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come, whether you are experienced at knitting or crocheting or would just like to learn!

**Story Hour** is every Thursday at 10:30AM. All children are welcome! We read stories, do crafts, dance, and play games. Registration is not required unless otherwise noted.



## **Thank You!**



*Thank you to everyone who participated and donated for the annual Food for Fines Program. We were able to donate 4 bags to the Sisters of Charity Food Bank in town as well as 5 bags and 1 box of food to the Town Hall Food Bank.*

## **Sprague Public Library**

76 Main St., Baltic, CT 06330

Phone number: (860) 822-3012

<http://spraguepublic.library.googlepages.com/home>

## **Staff:**

Christine Kolar- Director

Kristin Elliott, Jamie Sweet, Karen Sabrowski



**~SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS~**

22 West Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330

*“Serving the People of Sprague”*

Greetings from SCC!

If you didn't attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at SCC, you missed a great night of delicious food, awesome Irish music, and fine fellowship! Buddy Meadows and Linwood Lamb prepared the delicious meal. A 5-piece band with singers made beautiful sounds together as we enjoyed the original Irish music!

Several students from the Academy of the Holy Family helped us by being our “Irish Servers.” Many thanks to all who made this the grand night of food, music & fellowship that it was!

SCC will be working together with the Town Recreational Department for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Watch for further details via notices to students and postings in the Post Office, Town Hall, Library, and local businesses.

Our amazing Streak-Less Cloths are still available- great for Spring cleaning! They are \$3.00 and contain no chemicals and clean without streaks! Call 860-822-6595 or come to SCC on Fridays from 2-3:00 p.m. to pick up your cloths.

Our “Food Friday” food distribution time block has been changed to 2- 3p.m. every Friday. If you want to register for this program, please call 860-822-6595 by Thursday of the week.

Happy Spring to you all!

Sincerely,  
*Brenda J. Keefe,*  
*SCC Outreach Coordinator*  
860-822-6595



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**VNA East**  
**34 LEDGEBROOK DRIVE, MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06250**  
**PH: 860-456-7288      FAX: 860-456-4267**

VNA East will hold the following clinics:

*Blood Pressure Screenings:*

Tues	Apr	17	Lebanon Senior Center	12:30 – 1:30 pm
Wed	Apr	18	Scotland Town Hall	12:30 – 1:00 pm
Tues	Apr	24	Franklin Senior Center	10:30 – 11:30 am
Tues	Apr	24	Sprague Town Hall	11:45 – 12:45 pm

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**Editor: Jane Kolar**

**Deadline for Our Town submissions** is the **15th of each month.** Submissions will be no more than 200 words and may be e-mailed to [OurTown@ctsprague.org](mailto:OurTown@ctsprague.org). Longer articles may be submitted and used based on room at the Editor's discretion. The focus of Our Town is community events, articles, commission notes and other items of town-wide interest. Annual budget considerations may affect page appropriations. Ads have no restriction on word limit and 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 12<sup>th</sup> month free.** Sprague~ Our Town is a free monthly publication of the Town of Sprague, serving the communities of Baltic, Hanover & 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 formatted as necessary. Libelous or obscene materials are not permitted.



## SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER

Buddy Meadows - Coordinator/Municipal Agent

Email: [seniorcenter@ctsprague.org](mailto:seniorcenter@ctsprague.org)

Phone number: 860-822-3000, ext. 203

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH AND APRIL, 2012

March 17, 2012 - St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser—Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with entertainment by Ralph Watson, "Hey Mr. DJ"

Time: Noontime Cost: \$10.00 per person Payment is due on sign up. Please see Buddy Meadows for sign up.

March 26, 2012 - Tentative plans for lunch at Norwich Regional Technical School in Norwich

March 27, 2012 — Sprague Senior Center March Health Screening. Time is from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

April 25, 2012 - Baltic Volunteer Fire Department presentation on Emergency and Storm Preparedness at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up at the Sprague Senior Center.

April 28, 2012 - Spring Fundraiser - Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Payment is due upon sign up. Please see Buddy Meadows for sign up.

HEATING ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE  
UNTIL MARCH 15, 2012

CONTACT BUDDY MEADOWS FOR MORE INFORMATION

## From the Desk of Ed “Buddy” Meadows



It still maybe February but certainly it feels more like spring. I would like to take this opportunity to “Thank” everyone that attended our post Valentine’s Day Dinner on February 18, 2012. It was a sold out crowd of 70 people—take outs included. I would personally like to thank Andy Trudelle for an outstanding prime rib dinner. Also, the members from the Baltic Volunteer Fire Department who served everyone. They are as follows: Firefighter Michael Meadows, Lt. Frank Davis, Jr. and Firefighter Ed Bastien, and my son-in-law, Tom Schenking. Our next fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at noontime at a price of \$10.00 per person. The dinner will consist of corned beef and cabbage along with entertainment from Ralph Watson, “Hey, Mr. DJ”. Ralph donated his time and talent for the February dinner and also for the March 17, 2012. I am hoping to have these fundraisers for the purpose of buying equipment for the Sprague Senior Center. During the months of April until October the dinners will be at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. It was great to see so many new faces for this fundraiser. The Sprague Senior Center and the Lisbon Senior Center have formed a partnership for travel. Plans are in the making for trips for the remainder of 2012. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or email me.

### Welcome to the Sprague Senior Center

The Sprague Senior Center welcomes all seniors (55+) in the community to enjoy health services, programs, trips, informational presentations, luncheons and more!

Stop in and visit!

Sign up for a Computer class today!! Peter Silvestri, Facilities Manager, is available for individual classes. If you are interested, contact Pete directly at 860-822-3000 ext. 208

#### Important Reminder:

Transportation is available to all senior and disabled persons in Baltic, Versailles, and Hanover in order to attend Senior Center lunches and events as well as medical appointments.

Please call Buddy Meadows at  
860-822-3000 ext. 203

CRAFTS WITH ELOISE PERRY  
1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
10 AM to 12 PM



## General Information

Lunch is served at the Senior Center Monday thru Thursday @ 11:45 AM. Make a lunch reservation today by calling Denise Lance at 860-822-3000 ext. 210.



The VNA will hold its monthly Blood Pressure Clinic on:

**MARCH 27 AND APRIL 24, 2012**

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM

TVCCA "Meals on Wheels" program delivers hot meals Monday thru Friday. Call the TVCCA Senior Nutrition Program at 860-886-1720.

### MARCH FACTS

The bloodstone and aquamarine are the birthstones for March. The violet is the flower for the month of March.

Winter ends with March and then comes Spring. The Irish celebrate March 17 as the feast day of St. Patrick. The Jewish festival of Purim occurs in March.

### APRIL FACTS

The diamond is the birthstone for April. The daisy and sweet pea are the flowers for April. April 1—is known as April Fool's Day. Arbor Day in April is set aside for planting trees. The Jewish Passover is also in the month of April.

### MARCH QUOTE

The year's at the spring And day's at the morn:— God's in His heaven— All's right with the world! Source: Robert Browning

### APRIL QUOTE

April cold with dropping rain Willows and lilacs brings again, The whistle of returning birds And trumpet-lowing of the herds.

Source: Ralph Waldo Emerson

### REMINDER

**Sue Greeno, Benefits Educator From Enhanced Benefits Screening Program is Accepting Appointments on**

**Tuesday, MARCH 12 AND 26, 2012**

**APRIL 9 AND 23, 2012**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Call Buddy Meadows at 860-822-3000, ext. 203**

**As appointments are necessary**

WEEKLY EVENTS



**CRAFTS**  
EVERY MONDAY  
1 PM TO 2:45 PM

**PO-KE-NO**  
EVERY TUESDAY  
12:30 PM to 2:45 PM

**Wii BOWLING**  
TUESDAY 9:45 A.M. TO  
11:45 A.M.

MONTHLY EVENTS

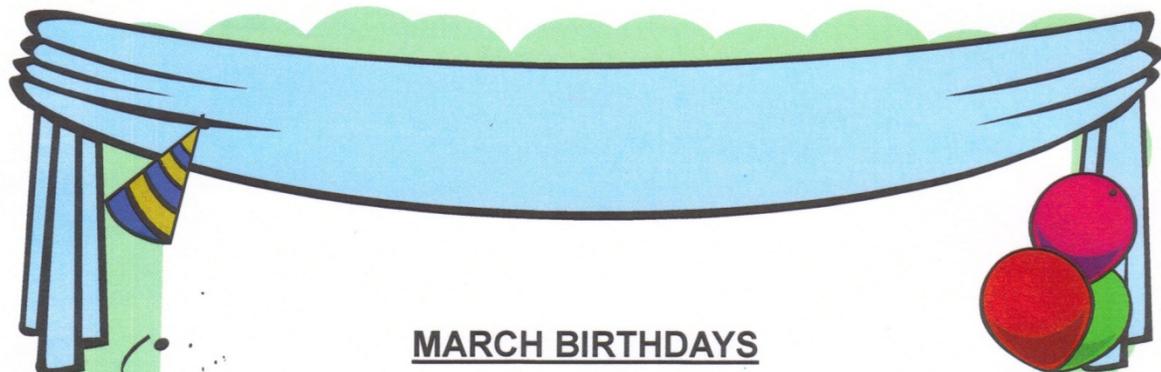
**B-I-N-G-O**  
1st & 3rd THURSDAY  
@ 12:30 PM

**PO-KE-NO**  
2nd & 4th THURSDAY  
12:30 PM to 2:45 PM

**S.M.I.L.E.R.S.' MEETING**  
LAST THURSDAY  
EVERY MONTH @ 1 PM

REMINDER

Transportation to  
Doctors, Clinics, etc is  
available:  
Monday–Thursday  
You must call 48 hours in  
advance to make arrange-  
ments.

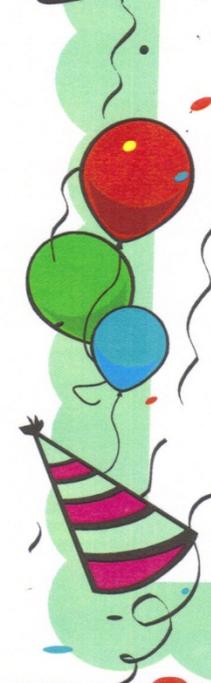


MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeannette Bastien  
Lena Demicco  
Larry Deschamps  
Rita Grenier  
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Claire Bessette  
Pauline Charron  
Margaret Delaney  
Joseph Lisee



## CALL IN THE MORNING

*For transportation to the Senior Center or to be  
picked up for the shopping schedule listed below!*

Shop Rite (Norwich) Tues-  
days 1 PM to 2:30 PM

ON REQUEST:

Big Y & Walmart (Norwich)

Super Walmart & Co-Op Bi-  
weekly



Super Walmart & Kohl's (Lisbon)

Bi-Weekly on Mondays

1 PM to 3 PM

Stop & Shop, Dress Barn, & \$\$  
Store (Norwich)

Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 PM



## START YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

TJ'S COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SPOT  
(860) 822-9333



THERE IS A \$5.00 CHARGE TO HAVE A TABLE —  
TO COVER THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN THE NORWICH BULLETIN



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 CAFÉ APRIL 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<p>Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken Breast Rice Pilaf Broccoli, Cauliflower &amp; Carrots Pears w/ mandarin oranges 2</p>	<p>Ritz Crusted Fish Herb Roasted Potatoes Bean &amp; Carrot Medley Pineapple Cup 3</p>	<p>Tuscan Beef, Pasta &amp; Bean Stew Peas &amp; Carrots Broccoli Fresh Fruit 4</p>	<p>Parm &amp; Herb Crusted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans &amp; Red Peppers Grape Juice Sugar Cookie 5</p>	<p> Senior Nutrition Program Closed 6</p>	
<p>Herb Roasted Pork Loin Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas &amp; Carrots Fresh Fruit 9</p>	<p>Baked Ziti w/ Sweet Chicken Sausage Italian Vegetable Medley Peas Cranberry Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie 10</p>	<p>Chicken Oreganata Herb Roasted Potatoes Broccoli, Cauliflower &amp; Carrots Peach Cup 11</p>	<p>Beef Chili Buttered Egg Noodles Chuck Wagon Veg. Medley Applesauce Cup  <u>Ethnic Celebration</u> 12</p>	<p>Cheese Burger Noodle Casserole Green Beans Coin Cut Carrots Pears w/ mandarin oranges  13</p>	
<p>Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Pears w/ Mandarin Oranges 16</p>	<p>Chicken Florentine Rice Pilaf Peas &amp; Carrots Applesauce Cup  17</p>	<p>Lemon Pepper Crusted Fish Macaroni &amp; Cheese Capri Vegetable Medley Cupcake Grape Juice Happy Birthday 18</p>	<p>Orange Soy Glazed Pork Loin Seasoned Rice Broccoli, Cauliflower &amp; Carrots Pineapple Cup 19</p>	<p>Crispy Baked Chicken Sweet Potatoes Green Beans &amp; Diced Red Peppers Fresh Banana 20</p>	
<p>Eggplant Rolette Penne Pasta w/Marinara Bean &amp; Carrot Medley Applesauce Cup 23</p>	<p>Maple Mustard Pork Loin Mashed Potatoes Broccoli &amp; Cauliflower Fresh Orange 24</p>	<p>Sloppy Joes w/Bun Buttered Egg Noodles Peas &amp; Carrots Pears w/ mandarin oranges 25</p>	<p>Honey Mustard Baked Chicken Paprika Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peach Cup 26</p>	<p>Mexican Baked Fish Southwestern Brown Rice Zucchini &amp; Yellow Squash Grape Juice Oatmeal Cookie 27</p>	
<p>Chicken Dijonaise Au Gratin Potatoes Broccoli &amp; Cauliflower Apple Juice Danish 30</p>	<p> </p>	<p><b>All Meal Reservations should be made 72 hours in advance.</b></p>			<p>1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal.  Menu is subject to change with out notice.</p>



# April

# 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Inland Wetlands 7 pm, Town Hall  Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 pm Town Hall	<b>3</b> American Legion 7 pm, Rod & Gun	<b>4</b> BOE, 7 pm Sayles School  Garden Club 6:30pm, Town Hall  Knights of Columbus 7pm, Fire House  P&Z Comm. 7 pm Town Hall	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Spring Waterfalls Hike, 8:30-11am, Grist Mill  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7</b>  Breakfast 6:30am-10am Versailles Methodist Church  Easter Egg Hunt, 11am, River Park
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> Conservation Comm. Mtg., 7 pm, Town Hall	<b>10</b> Library Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	<b>11</b> Board of Selectmen 5:00 pm, Town Hall	<b>12</b> Spring Movie Time, 10:30am, Library	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> TJ's Community Yard Sale
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Water & Sewer Auth., 4 pm, Town Hall	<b>19</b> Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Free Dump Day  Earth Day Celebration, 10am- 2pm, Grist Mill
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Agriculture Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	<b>24</b> Historical Society 6:30 pm, Grist Mill	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Regional Animal Control Mtg. 10:30 am Lebanon Town Hall  Recreation Comm. 7 pm, Town Hall	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> First Aid Class, 9am-1pm, Baltic Fire Dept.  Recyclables Art Show, 9am-4pm, River Park  Ride the Shetucket, 10am, Scotland Dam  Spring Event, 6pm, Senior Center
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



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## *Happy Spring!*

**Word of the Month**

Efflorescence -- *n. blooming*

