

# Our Town

SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND  
VERSAILLES  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY  
**Information & News for May 2012**



## **SPRAGUE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE NOTICE**

Please join us in recognizing the Town of Sprague's veterans who have served our country at our 2012 Memorial Day Parade. The American Legion Post 85, the Baltic Fire Department and the Town of Sprague are sponsoring the parade which will be held on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.

The parade will start at the former Baltic Mill lot and will go approximately 1.1 miles through the village of Baltic on Brookside Avenue, High Street, River Street, and Main Street ending with a ceremony at the War Memorial Park. *Let us honor our Veterans that have contributed greatly to our community and our country. Hope to see you there!*

### CARNIVAL

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>  
BLANCHETTE FIELDS



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## **BUDGET HEARING**

**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2012 at 7pm**



**SRAGUE TOWN HALL  
SENIOR CENTER**

## **RIVER PARK MUSIC NIGHTS**

*Sponsored by the Mohegan Sun*



Come join us for a relaxing night by the beautiful Shetucket River for family fun on Saturday nights from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Elm Street Band**  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>: Gypsy Time Surf & Friends**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup>: Out of the Blue**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup>: John Paolilo**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>: Silver Hammer**  
**July 28<sup>th</sup>: "Open Mike Night" by Ralph Watson**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>: Silver Hammer**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>: Elm Street Band**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>: Gypsy Time Surf & Friends**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup>: Silver Hammer**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup>: Glenn Hansen Band**

***Don't forget to Ride the Shetucket!!***

*The water release for the month of May is scheduled for 10am on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012! For more information or any cancellation postings check the Town's website at [www.ctsprague.org](http://www.ctsprague.org).*

## **Sisters of Charity Can & Bottle Drive**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Please drop off items on the porch in the back driveway area of the Motherhouse between 9am and noon. For more information please call 860-822-8241.



### **Full Moon Hike**

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Watson Heritage Farm

Meet at the Grist Mill across from the Town Hall at 6 PM.  
Great Family Fun & Adventure!!

Email questions to: [donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net)

## **Versailles United Methodist Church Breakfast**

*Join us for breakfast!*

May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10am  
\$6 per person

*Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage  
Home Fries ~ Coffee, Tea & Juice  
1st Saturday of every month!*

## **New Town of Sprague Website Coming Soon!**

Residents, the new Town of Sprague website will be released soon. For those of you who are board or commission chairs we will be contacting you directly requesting information validation prior to release. Collaboration has been ongoing and when the site is officially released residents will be invited to peruse the site and provide feedback on navigation and information areas related to the Town, the community, businesses, and upcoming events. A new communication mechanism will be provided through the website eliminating the need for e-Sprague. We're all excited about the new website and look forward to the release.

## **Search for Parade Grand Marshal**

The Town of Sprague is in search of someone to be the Grand Marshal for our annual Memorial Day Parade. If you know someone who has served in the United States military and is living in the town of Sprague he or she could be nominated. In about 300 words or less (we're not actually going to count every word) please explain why you think this person should be this year's Grand Marshal. Include anything that you feel might help with the selection process such as special deeds, helping others, volunteering somewhere, etc. Please be sure to include contact information for your candidate and send letters to: Town Hall Parade Committee, P.O. Box 162, Baltic, CT 06330.

Representatives from American Legion Post 85, the Town of Sprague Town Hall and the Baltic Fire Department will look over all the entries received and will make a decision as to who will be the Grand Marshal for this year's Memorial Day Parade. Time is running out. Entries need to be postmarked no later than May 17, 2012. Remember, the only requirement is that your candidate must have served in the United States military. *Thank you.*

## **Our Town Volunteers**

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the community or have community service hours that you need to complete? The Sprague Our Town is assembled on the last Saturday of every month in the Court Room of the Town Hall and we are *always* looking for extra help!

We have snacks and welcome anyone who wants to come lend a hand, even it is just for an hour!

If interested please call or e-mail Jane at 860-608-9478 or [ourtown@ctsprague.org](mailto:ourtown@ctsprague.org).



## **The Town is seeking persons to fill vacancies on Town Boards and Commissions:**

*Interested residents should complete the questionnaire that is available at the Town of Sprague website [[www.ctsprague.org](http://www.ctsprague.org) on the volunteer page] and send it by email to [c.osten@ctsprague.org](mailto:c.osten@ctsprague.org) or regular mail to the Sprague First Selectman at Sprague Town Hall, One Main Street, PO Box 677, Baltic, Connecticut 06330. You may also obtain a questionnaire at the Sprague Town Hall First Selectman's Office. If you have any questions please call the First Selectman's Office at 860-822-3000 x 202.*

*This would cover both elected and appointed positions. Additional information regarding elected positions can be obtained from the respective chairs of both the Republican and Democratic Town Committees' Chairs. The RTC Chair is Mike Smith ([asmith7258@aol.com](mailto:asmith7258@aol.com)). The DTC Chair is Catherine Osten (860-822-9367 or [catherineosten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catherineosten@sbcglobal.net)).*

*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 Garden Club Plant Sale!!**



Sprague Town Hall Garage  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
"Rain or Shine"



Annuals, Perennials, Vegetables, Hanging Baskets & More  
*Come see what we have growing for YOU!*

*Come Join Us because too much fun is NEVER enough!*

### **Cub Scout Pack 19 is hosting our semi-annual Joining Night Carnival!**

**May 18th from 5-8 p.m. at River Park in Sprague**

Boys in grades 1-5 are eligible to join Cub Scouts. We will be painting faces, roasting marshmallows, racing cars, floating boats, whittling, and much, much more! For more information contact Cubmaster Chip Goss at 860-303-0205 or Pack Recruiter Holly Lynn-Blake at 860-822-6242.



*Just in time for Mother's Day!*

### **Mega Plant Sale!!!**

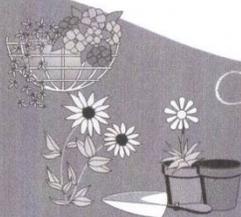
Saturday, May 12, 2012

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sayles School

Rain or Shine!

Please support the Sayles School PTO



Choose from: Hanging Baskets  
Annuals  
Perennials  
Vegetable Pots

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Grown**

# 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  
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 US Foods, TJ's Café,  
Windham IGA, Agway, Tractor Supply, Sharkey's, Chelsea Groton, and Baltic Greenhouse**  
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**

### ***A Legion Message:***

Post 85 would like to thank everyone who came to the 2011 Memorial Day Observance and dedication of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Veteran's Plaque. Post 85 is again taking on another endeavor. This time it is to raise money for a Bronze Statue for the War Memorial.

A Post 85 committee has some preliminary ideas. One is a "fallen soldier" statue. The cost is under review based on funds raised through private and public donations. The statue could be available as early as Memorial Day 2013.

The raffle has already started. Go to the Sprague Town Hall to see the quilt the Stockhouse Quilters generously donated for the raffle. All the proceeds will go to Legion's Bronze Statue fund. There are only 1,500 tickets. Odds of winning are good. ***The raffle drawing date will be May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm (right after the parade) in the Baltic Fire Department. You do not need to be present to win!*** Detailed flyers can be found at the Town Hall. Post 85 members and the Town Hall have tickets. The Post hopes to raise approximately \$1,500.

It's a great way to honor all veterans and support our troops. As more details become available we will let you know through 'Our Town' in the Legion monthly minutes. *Thank you!*

SAVE THE DATE:  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2012**  
OUTSIDE MOVIE  
BLANCHETTE FIELDS  
ACTIVITIES STARTING AT 7PM,  
MOVIE STARTING AT DUSK. COME JOIN US!  
*Provided by the Recreation Committee*



SAVE THE DATE:  
**SUNDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

POW WOW at RIVER PARK  
More information will be available next month.

### **\*\*\* Free First Aid Class on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 \*\*\***

**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!

Class 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*

*Experience Life in Earlier Times...*

**Farm Day**  
Waldo House, Scotland, CT  
Rain or Shine on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10am- 4pm  
Admission: \$5 for adults, children under 12 free  
Refreshments available. No pets allowed.  
For more information call 860-456-0081 or visit [www.scotlandhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.scotlandhistoricalsociety.com).  
Sponsored by the Scotland Historical Society



**Regional Animal Vaccinations Clinic**  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10am- 12pm  
Lebanon Pound on Goshen Hill Road (behind the Fire Safety Complex), Lebanon, CT

**Rabies Vaccine \$20 per animal**  
Serving the Towns of Lebanon, Lisbon, Bozrah, Sprague, and Franklin



***From the Desk of the First Selectman...***

Finally we have gotten some well needed rain, however we should all still be aware that last year's weather events left lots of downed brush around and that this is fertile ground for fires so please be aware and careful of outside burning. Remember to get your permit from our Fire Marshall Rick Hamel (available at the Town Hall).

We had a very successful Earth Day cleanup – thanks for all your help!

I am providing for you a breakdown of items or projects approved for bonding but paid for in cash. I still need to provide the comparison of benefits in regards to time off, pension or the equivalent and insurance in upcoming editions and also items or projects paid for in cash that were voted on as such.

Roadsides will continue to be cutback; an area on the Baltic Reservoir has been cleared for a slew of pine trees to be planted. If you are interested in helping please contact Dave Gustafson at 860-822-9656. In addition a community garden will be put in next to the Shetucket Village. Primarily it will be used by the residents in senior housing and if it is successful more gardening beds will be put in next year.

As always thanks for your support,  
*Cathy Osten, First Selectman*

<b>ITEMS APPROVED FOR FINANCING BUT PAID FOR WITH RESERVE FUNDS OR GRANTS</b>		
6/26/1989	MUNICIPAL LANDFILL	\$385,000.00
1/10/1990	SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT	\$45,000.00
4/3/1990	PARKWOOD BRIDGE	\$680,000.00
1/3/1991	RESCUE SERVICE WAGON	\$116,541.98
6/25/1996	PUMPER TRUCK	\$173,000.00
8/13/1996	SWEEPER	\$90,000.00
8/13/1996	PAYLOADER	\$105,000.00
11/23/1999	POTASH HILL	\$45,815.00
6/11/2003	TOWN HALL ROOF	\$200,000.00
11/3/2005	ROAD UPGRADES	\$255,000.00
1/31/2006	TRUCK	\$29,000.00
7/31/2006	ROAD UPGRADES	\$340,000.00
	PUMPER FIRE TRUCK	\$320,000.00
3/21/2007	WATER TOWER	\$50,000.00
9/30/2009	ROAD UPGRADES HANOVER VERSAILLES & PEARL	\$150,000.00

**Tax Appeal**

We have reached a pre trial settlement in the 2004 tax appeal case docket number KNL-CV-05-4003545-S Sprague Paperboard and Cascades Boxboard Group- Connecticut LLC vs Town of Sprague. This case dates back to the 2004 revaluation and involved 2 real estate concerns and 2 personal property concerns.

While the Town had exposure of about a half a million dollars we were able to come to an agreement which resulted in a total return of \$123,245.02 in tax overpayments to the involved companies. This over payment will be applied to the July tax bills of the 2 companies affected. The judgment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office.

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

**May Health Screenings**

Blood Pressure Screenings:

Tues	May	15	Lebanon Senior Center	12:30 – 1:30 pm
Wed	May	16	Scotland Town Hall	12:30 – 1:00 pm
Tues	May	22	Franklin Senior Center	10:30 – 11:30 am
Tues	May	22	Sprague Town Hall	11:45 – 12:45 pm

Adult Health Screenings – including blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose, earwax, and foot care. Blood pressure screening is free; other services have a nominal charge. Call for appointments, costs, and information on other services. Clinics will be held at the following locations:

Tues	May	29	Franklin Senior Center	8:30 – 11:30 am
Tues	May	29	Sprague Senior Center	12:00 – 2:30 pm

**Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA):  
Household Hazardous Waste Information and Schedule 2012**

All Regional Hazardous Waste Collections are held on Saturdays from 9am-1pm. In 2012 there will be nine HHW Collections from April to November. Any household from any participating community can go to ANY of the 9 HHW collection events. For more information visit [www.SCRRRA.org](http://www.SCRRRA.org). Participating communities are: *Bozrah, Franklin, Ledyard, Norwich, Stonington, Colchester, Griswold, Montville, Preston, Voluntown, East Haddam, Groton, New London, Salem, Waterford, East Lyme, Lebanon, North Stonington, Sprague, and Sterling.*

**Upcoming Collection Dates & Locations:**

**-May 5, 2012-** Waterford: Public Works Department, 1000 Hartford Rd., Rte. 85. (860-444-5864)

**-June 2, 2012-** Colchester: Johnston Middle School, Norwich Ave (860-537-7288)

**-June 16, 2012-** Norwich: Norwich Public Works Garage, 50 Clinton Ave. (860-823-3798)

**-Household HHW:** Oil Paint & Stains, Paint Thinner, Drain Cleaners, Varnish, Photographic Chemicals, Nail Polish Remover, Oven Cleaners, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Rechargeable Batteries

**-Shed & Garage HHW:** Kerosene, Old Gasoline, Radiator Chemicals, Auto Body Chemicals, Fuel Additives, Car Battery Acid, Camping Stove Fuel, Fluorescent Bulbs

**-Lawn & Garden HHW:** Insecticides, Pool Chemicals, Herbicides, Rat Poison, Moth Balls, Fungicides, Round Up & more

**-NOT ACCEPTED:** Latex Paint, Tires, Ammunition/Gun Powder, Auto or Marine Flares, Radioactive Materials

**Dog Licensing in the Town of Sprague**

June is Dog Licensing month in the Town and all dogs are required, by law, to be licensed after they are six months of age. When licensing your dog for the first time you must provide proof of an up-to-date rabies vaccination as well as either the spay or neuter certificate. Licensing fees are as follows:

Spayed or neutered dogs: \$8.00      Non-spayed or non-neutered dogs: \$19.00      Guide dogs: FREE

Residents are welcome to either stop by the Town Hall and visit the Town Clerk or mail a renewal. Avoid late fees of \$1.00 per month, per dog, and register your dog(s). The duration of the 2012 license is from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Mailing a renewal: If during the past year your dog has been either spayed or neutered or a rabies vaccination was given by a vet, mail copies of these services with a check. The papers will be returned to you along with a new tag. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and mail to: Town Clerk, PO Box 162, Baltic, CT 06330. A license is the ticket home for a lost dog and licensing provides vaccination and sterilization benefits.

# May Newsletter 2012



# Sprague Public Library

## Join us for World Wide Knit in Public Day



At the Sprague Public Library

**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM – 1:00PM**

Bring your knitting or crocheting project with you and join our Yarn Club while we knit in public at the same time as other places around the world. Come join the fun at our first ever Knit in Public Day and be the lucky person to win a door prize! **Have you ever gone to a Yarn Swap? Well we haven't either! Bring some yarn to swap and join us for fun at our first ever!**

## **Friends of Sprague Public Library Buffet Luncheon**



**When:** Saturday May 5, 2012

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Place:** Community Room, Grist Mill

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



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

### **Ongoing Programs:**

**The Afternoon Delight Book Club** is reading *Now You See Her* by James Patterson and *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30pm in the library.

**The Fiction Addiction Book Club** is reading *We Need To Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the library.

**Yarn Club** will be meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am- 1:30pm in the library.

**Story Hour** is every Thursday at 10:30am in the library.

## Dream Big READ!

We will kick off Summer Reading on:  
**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**NEW:** Both the Afternoon Delight and Fiction Addiction book clubs will participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. Not a member? Join anytime! You can also check out our new Book Suggestion Binder! Read what other library patrons recommend for good reads, or write your own recommendation! *Stop in and see what's on our list!!*



### **Basic Computer Class**

We will begin with simply turning on the computer and learning how to navigate the desktop. Skills to be learned throughout this class are: bringing up word documents, typing documents and saving them, basic Internet navigation, and how to start an email account and send an email.

**Classes will be every Wednesday from 10:00AM to 11:30AM, starting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The cost for this program will be **\$10 per person**. Space is limited so reserve your spot as soon as possible by stopping in the library or calling. Payment is due on the first night of class.

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

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### Cub Scout Pack 19 News

The Cub Scouts are also accepting flags in need of a proper retiring. If you have a flag that you would like us to retire, please contact Holly Lynn-Blake at 860-822-6242 or [dandhblake@gmail.com](mailto:dandhblake@gmail.com).

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On behalf of Cub Scout Pack 19, Baltic, I would like to thank the community of Sprague for supporting our recent Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Without the support from all of you, we would not be able to run the Cub Scout programs that we do. We are extremely grateful.

*Sincerely, Chip Goss, Cubmaster,*

### **Branching Out... Notes from the Tree Warden**

Many new trees are being planted to replace some of the trees 'lost' as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. The First Selectman received a grant to help restore some of the trees that either came down or had to be cut down following Irene. Most of the trees getting planted are 'street' trees – trees that may grow tall, but are narrow and compact in their structure. Some are more ornamental and showy – but short to not interfere with power lines.

I spent a lot of time last fall removing signs from trees and power poles. For those folks who may be new to Sprague, as Tree Warden I choose to enforce the CT Statutes for Tree Wardens that prohibit the attachment of any type of signage to public trees or poles within the town or state right-of-way (the easement area on both sides of Town and State roads). With the warm weather the yard/garage/tag sale season is upon us. I hope to keep Sprague pleasant to drive through, rather than like some of our neighboring towns that have loads of signs nailed to every pole for months! Signs can be put out on stakes or wire frames. Please remember to take them down after they have served their purpose.

Speaking of signs, the reflective house numbers from the Firehouse also should NOT be attached to trees or poles in the right-of-way. I suggest a piece of pressure treated 2x4 or 4x4 post in the ground instead of nails or screws into power poles or public trees. Will those screws or nails kill the tree? Probably not, but a sign is a sign, is a sign. Other folks have asked "How

come it's OK?" but it's NOT OK to attach them to public trees or poles. Please move them.

I hope to continue planting pine seedlings around the Baltic Reservoir by early May (May 5?). If you are interested in helping to plant 300 seedlings this year please contact me. Most of the seedlings and trees that have been planted so far (nearly 1000) are doing well. If you haven't seen the progress around the 'Rez', take a stroll on the one mile road around and enjoy the beauty and nature.

*-Dave Gustafson, Tree Warden*

### **BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT: LADIES AUXILIARY** **P. O. BOX 591, BALTIC, CT 06330-0591**

Members met at the Baltic Firehouse on Tuesday, April 10 for the first meeting of 2012. We are very happy to welcome Lorraine Allen back into the group as an active member. We briefly discussed fund raising for the upcoming year. Our big event will be our annual HOLLY JOLLY BAZAAR. This will be held on Saturday, November 24, 2012.

Members will not be marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade, but will be present at the firehouse to help dispense refreshments following the parade.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012 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*

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

Some of us were talking the other day about how when we were young the community seemed to be very close; neighbors always worried about the safety of the children and would help us in many ways. 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. Your donations provide community action and ninety percent of them will be kept here.

Many towns have been destroyed in the last few so 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*

## Planning and Zoning Commission Update

The Sprague Planning and Zoning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 4, 2012 discussed then approved a motion to forward an addendum of the town's Plan of Conservation and Development to the Board of Selectmen. In our role as Planning Commission we are required to regularly review and maintain our town's Plan of Conservation and Development. The revision we are proposing will add agriculture as well as a major plan goal. The commission is acting to better define and promote the use of current and future open space for agriculture and agriculture-related business. If the Board of Selectmen chooses to endorse this change then the Commission must hold a public hearing 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 is available on the town's website.

*-Sandor Bittman, Chairman*



## American Legion Meeting: April

Meeting commenced at 7:12 p.m. - Commander absent. One of the seven officers present. 7 of 47 members present. Old Business - three suspensions pending State authorization, D. Bastien reported on Memorial Day festivities, Raffle tickets now on sale for the Bronze Statue project the Post has undertaken. 1500 tickets are on sale for \$1. Available at Town Hall and Legionnaires. Quilt was made by the Stockhouse Quilt Ladies. Financial Report - None. No hardship cases. No sick members. Death of Legionnaire Ray Generoux reported and discussed. Card to be sent by

Adjutant to his family. New Business - Yard Sale for October to be discussed at next meeting. Next meeting will be May 1, 2012 at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club. Legion raffle winner - Tom Coletti - funds collected to date are \$85.00.

**Due to the 200 word restriction for articles in 'Our Town', the American Legion minutes for April 3, 2012 can be found at the Post #85 website at [www.post85.webs.com](http://www.post85.webs.com). Legionnaires without internet access can call the Adjutant at 860-822-6945 to be updated.**

*Thank you, Tom Coletti, Post Adjutant*

## Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At our April 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 have selected delegates from our Town Committee and provided them with recommendations on endorsements for candidates for state and federal offices. We are still coordinating with area towns to conduct forums and/or debates to be held after the convention.

We, again this year, will be providing two \$50 awards, one for a graduate from Sayles School and one for a graduate from St. Joseph's. These are given in the name of Mary M. Stefon, Sprague's Town Clerk for decades. We hope the recipients follow in her footsteps in dedication to our community.

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 at [SpragueDemocrats.org](http://SpragueDemocrats.org).

*-Catherine Osten, DTC Chair*



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**~SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER (SCC) NEWS~**

**“Serving the People of Sprague”**

Greetings from SCC! Things are going well at SCC. We are continuing our “Food Friday” food distribution every Friday from 2-3 p.m. If anyone wants to register for this program, please call 860-822-6595. 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.

We are in the process of planning our Summer ARTS Program that will be held at SCC this summer. If you have any suggestions on the type of Arts, (Drama, Singing, Puppetry, Kindermusik for preschool, Drumming, and Drawing & Painting) that you would like your children to experience, please let me know at 860-822-6595.

As always, if anyone would like to use the SCC facilities for a private event, i.e. birthday parties, bridal showers, etc., please give us a call at 860-822-6595. Don't forget Yoga classes are held every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Blessings to all!

*-Brenda J. Keefe, SCC Outreach Coordinator*

**WORD OF THE MONTH: EMOLUMENT- N. PROFIT, SALARY, OR FEES FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT; COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES**

**Look At What A Sprague Family Found!!**

The Ricatta family was offered a wonderful group rate plan at work for their auto & home insurance- they were impressed to find a savings compared to their current rate. So impressed, that they almost went with the rate, but decided to first give Spitale Insurance a call and just show support to their small town local insurance agent. Spitale Insurance searched their database of over 30 premier insurance carriers and found a rate less than any other rate out there- a total of \$1500 in savings!!! On top of the savings, their deductibles got lowered they got better coverage & had all the paperwork hand delivered to their doorstep!!! So next time you go to pay your insurance bill, please ask yourself “How much could I be saving??” Call for a quote (860) 822-0818, request a quote on our website [www.SpitaleInsurance.com](http://www.SpitaleInsurance.com) or become



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**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.

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 MAY 2012

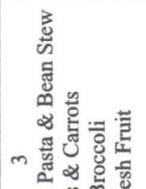
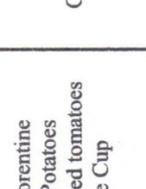
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| <p><b>All Meal Reservations should be made 72 hours in advance.</b></p>               | <p>1<br/>Haddock Italiano<br/>Herb Roasted Potatoes<br/>Bean &amp; Carrot Medley<br/>Peach Cup</p>                                 | <p>2<br/>Cheese Manicotti w/ Marinara<br/>Coin Cut Carrots<br/>Peas<br/>Applesauce Cup</p>                                                                      | <p>3<br/>Tuscan Beef, Pasta &amp; Bean Stew<br/>Peas &amp; Carrots<br/>Broccoli<br/>Fresh Fruit</p>                     | <p>4<br/>Herb Crusted Pork Loin w/ Gravy<br/>Mashed Sweet Potatoes<br/>Zucchini &amp; tomatoes<br/>Fruit Cocktail</p>                                                                                    |
| <p>7<br/>Chicken Cacciatore w/ peppers &amp; onions<br/>Rice Pilaf<br/>Green Beans<br/>Pineapple Cup</p>                                                               | <p>8<br/>Hamburger Noodle Casserole<br/>Broccoli &amp; Cauliflower<br/>Mixed Vegetables<br/>Fresh Orange</p>                       | <p>9<br/><u>Ethnic Celebration</u><br/>Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken Breast<br/>Rice Pilaf<br/>Broccoli, Cauliflower &amp; Carrots<br/>Pears w/ mandarin oranges</p> | <p>10<br/>Eggplant Rolette<br/>Penne Pasta w/Marinara<br/>Bean &amp; Carrot Medley<br/>Applesauce Cup</p>               | <p>11<br/>Lemon Pepper Crusted Fish<br/>Macaroni &amp; Cheese<br/>Capri Vegetable Medley<br/>Cupcake<br/>Grape Juice<br/><b>Mother's Day Celebration</b></p>                                             |
| <p>14<br/>Orange Soy Glazed Pork Loin<br/>Seasoned Rice<br/>Broccoli, Cauliflower &amp; Carrots<br/>Fresh Fruit</p>                                                    | <p>15<br/>Chicken Florentine<br/>Au Gratin Potatoes<br/>Zucchini &amp; Diced tomatoes<br/>Pineapple Cup</p>                        | <p>16<br/>Beef Chili<br/>Buttered Egg Noodles<br/>Chuck Wagon Veg. Medley<br/>Oatmeal Cookie<br/>Cranberry Juice</p>                                            | <p>17<br/>Honey Glazed Ham<br/>Scalloped Potatoes<br/>Green beans &amp; Diced Peppers<br/>Pears w/ mandarin oranges</p> | <p>18<br/><br/><b>Senior Nutrition Program Closed</b></p>                                                             |
| <p>21<br/>Beef, Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito<br/>Spanish Rice<br/>Fiesta Vegetable Medley<br/>Applesauce Cup</p>                                                          | <p>22<br/>Breaded Pork Patty w/ gravy<br/>Mashed Sweet Potatoes<br/>Long Bean Medley<br/>Chocolate Chip Cookie<br/>Apple Juice</p> | <p>23<br/>Parmesan &amp; Herb Crusted Fish<br/>Macaroni &amp; Cheese<br/>Zucchini &amp; Diced Tomatoes<br/>Pineapple Cup</p>                                    | <p>24<br/>Baked Ziti w/ Chicken Sausage<br/>Italian Vegetable Medley<br/>Peas<br/>Fruit Cocktail</p>                    | <p>25<br/>Honey Mustard Baked Chicken<br/>Roasted Potatoes<br/>Mixed Vegetables<br/>Fresh Banana</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>28<br/><b>Memorial Day</b><br/><br/><b>Senior Nutrition Program Closed</b></p> | <p>29<br/>All Beef Hot Dog w/ Bun<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Coleslaw<br/>Applesauce Cup</p>                                              | <p>30<br/>Meatloaf w/ Gravy<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Peas &amp; Carrots<br/>Fresh Orange</p>                                                                     | <p>31<br/>Maple Mustard Pork Loin<br/>Sweet Potatoes<br/>Broccoli &amp; Cauliflower<br/>Danish<br/>Apple Juice</p>      | <p><br/>1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal.<br/>Menu is subject to change with out notice.</p> |

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| Sun                                                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                           | Tues                                                                                                                                       | Wed                                                           | Thurs                                                           | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|                                                                                                                         |                                                                                               | 1<br>American Legion,<br>7pm, Rod & Gun                                                                                                    | 2<br>BOE, 7pm, Sayles<br>School<br><br>P&Z, 7pm, Town<br>Hall | 3<br>Annual Budget<br>Hearing, 7pm,<br>Senior Center            | 4<br>Full Moon Hike,<br>6pm, Grist Mill                                                                                                                                                        | 5 Breakfast, 6:30-<br>10am, Versailles<br>Methodist Church<br><br>First Aid Class,<br>9am, Fire Dept.<br><br>Library Buffet<br>Luncheon, 12pm,<br>Grist Mill                                                           |
| 6                                                                                                                       | 7<br>Zoning Board of<br>Appeals, 7pm,<br>Town Hall<br><br>Inland & Wetland,<br>7pm, Town Hall | 8<br>Library Board,<br>6:30pm, Grist Mill<br><br>Commission on<br>Aging, 2:30pm,<br>Town Hall<br><br>Carnival begins,<br>Blanchette Fields | 9<br>Board of Selectmen,<br>5pm, Town Hall                    | 10                                                              | 11                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12<br><br>PTO Plant Sale,<br>9am-3pm, Sayles<br>School<br><br>Last day of<br>Carnival,<br>Blanchette Fields                                                                                                            |
| 13<br><br><br>Happy<br>Mother's Day! | 14<br>Conservation<br>Commission, 7pm,<br>Town Hall                                           | 15                                                                                                                                         | 16<br>Water & Sewer<br>Authority, 4pm,<br>Town Hall           | 17<br>Board of Finance,<br>7pm, Town Hall                       | 18<br>National Bike to<br>Work Day!<br><br><br>Cub Scout Joining<br>Night Carnival, 5-<br>8pm, River Park | 19 Sisters of<br>Charity Can/Bottle<br>Drive, 9am-12pm<br><br>Garden Club Plant<br>Sale, 9am-1pm,<br>Town Hall Garage<br><br>Animal Vacc.<br>Clinic, 10am-12pm,<br>Lebanon Pound<br><br>Scotland Farm Day,<br>10am-4pm |
| 20                                                                                                                      | 21                                                                                            | 22<br>Agriculture<br>Commission, 7pm,<br>Town Hall<br><br>Sprague Historical<br>Society, 6:30pm,<br>Grist Mill                             | 23                                                            | 24<br>Regional Animal<br>Control, 10:30am,<br>Lebanon Town Hall | 25                                                                                                                                                                                             | 26<br>Ride the Shetucket,<br>10am, Scotland<br>Dam                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 27                                                                                                                      | 28<br>Sprague Memorial<br>Day Parade,<br>12:30pm<br><br>Memorial Day                          | 29                                                                                                                                         | 30                                                            | 31<br>Recreation<br>Commission, 7pm,<br>Town Hall               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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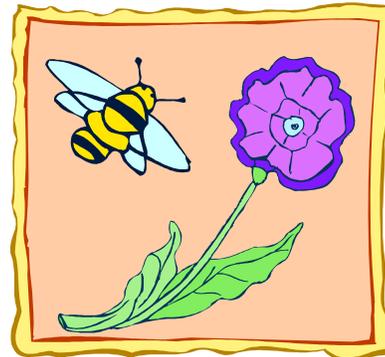
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## **Recipe of the Month: Glazed Strawberry Pie**



1 ½ qt. large firm strawberries  
½ c. water  
¼ tsp. salt  
1 baked pie shell

3 T. cornstarch  
1 T. lemon juice  
1 c. granulated sugar  
Freshly whipped cream

Mix half of the berries with cornstarch and water. Crush. Add juice, salt and sugar. Cook, stirring constantly until thick. Cool. Pour other half of berries (whole) into baked pie shell. Cover with cooked mixture. Chill until cold and cover with whipped cream.

*As submitted by Paula Waterman for the Sprague Public Library Cookbook.*