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

Information & News for March 2014

Newsletter Deadline:
There will be no late submissions accepted for the Our Town. As a reminder, the Our Town deadline is the 15th of every month. The newsletter will be collated during the last weekend of every month at the Town Hall. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

Versailles United Methodist Church Breakfast
Join us for breakfast!
March 1st from 6:30-10am
$6 per person

Baltic Fire Department

Clam Chowder & Clam Fritters
MARCH 7, 21, & April 4, 2014
Time 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Baltic Fire House
22 Bushnell Hollow Rd. Baltic, Ct. 06330
Adults $8.00
Seniors $7.00
Kids (under 5yrs) $5.00

Takeout Orders Available
860-822-6580

Pancakes ~ Eggs ~ Sausage
Home Fries ~ Coffee, Tea & Juice
1st Saturday of every month!
From the Desk of the First Selectman

We have been as busy as ever this winter keeping the roads clear and safe. But I must say this constant snow has just about dragged any enjoyment out of the season. I am tired of the cold, white, bare scenery and am looking forward to pretty crocuses and bright yellow daffodils!

We had a capital project review which went well. We gathered ideas inserting additional projects into the list of needed or desired capital projects. We also are diligently preparing budget documents for a special Our Town edition which will be sent in mid-April. This will have all these capital plans, salary schedules and other information pertinent to budget discussions.

We are starting to prepare for spring (not only the warm weather) with many events coming up. They include the Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day events, which will include our community clean up events and the return of our very popular river runs.

Please be aware of the weather as we can still have winter storms with large snow piles, icy roads and to heavy snow needing shoveling! I want you all to be here to enjoy the sights and smells of spring.

As always, thanks for your support.

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 19th, 2014
11:00AM
River Park
Thousands of eggs will be hidden
Come join us rain or shine
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

In our February meeting we discussed policy and election possibilities for Town Chair, Town Secretary and delegates to the upcoming conventions. The elections will be happening at the March meeting.

There are only a few open positions left for the Town committee itself please let us know if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic team.

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

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

Catherine Osten ~ DTC Chair

― March on. Do not tarry. To go forward is to move toward perfection. March on, and fear not the thorns, or the sharp stones on life’s path.‖ - Kahlil Gibran

Sprague Garden Club
The Garden Club will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center in Baltic.
Spring is almost here!
Jan Settje~ Secretary

Open positions as of 3/1/2014

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February 6, 2014 AL Post 85 Minutes

At 7:07 PM the CDR opened the meeting. The minutes of the December 2013 were read and accepted. Treasurer’s report was not available. 3 of 7 officers were present.

The CDR introduced new member Tom Hannon. The CDR will be chair committee and Adjutant Tom Coletti would be this year’s emcee for the Memorial Day Parade on May 26th. The CDR welcomed back Sr. vice CDR Fred Zinavage.

The lease of the land on River Street was discussed. Some members had concerns. More discussion will be held at the March meeting.

The CDR reminded the members that Post 85 will host the District 5 meeting on April 16th.

The CDR informed the members that the FO had put together a budget for the 2014-2015 year. Discussions were held.

The CDR informed the members that a Poker Run will be held on July 20th. Volunteers will be needed. The CDR also asked members to send him their email addresses.

The holiday jug will be handled by Tom Hannon. There were no members reported sick. At the close of the meeting the CDR presented Adjutant Tom Coletti with an appreciation plaque for his service to reorganize the Post in 2006-2008.

The meeting closed with a salute to the colors and a prayer. The next meeting will be held on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club.

~SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS~

Snow, snow, snow! Though the snow has been very beautiful I am hearing people say, “Enough is enough, we want spring!” Unfortunately, it is not our call, so I guess we need to enjoy and endure the snow! At Sprague Community Center we are beginning to plan some of our March and spring activities.

Our St. Patrick’s Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is coming soon! Mark March 15th on your calendar and join us for a delicious meal and wonderful Irish music. Due to the popularity of this event we need to have people call for reservations at 860-822-6595. We will be serving at 5:00 p.m. and our menu will be Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Bread, and Ice cream for dessert. Tickets for Adults will be $ 10.00 and Children 5 and under will be $ 5.00. Tickets need to be purchased by March 10th so we can make sure we have enough food for all!

We are beginning to establish a Food Pantry on site at SCC. The foods are non-perishable items in cans, boxes, or plastic bags. If anyone would like to donate non-perishable foods, for our new Food Pantry, please call SCC at 860-822-6595 or come to SCC on Fridays with your donations from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Your help will be very much appreciated.

As always our Fellowship Hall is available for rent for private events, i.e. birthday parties, baby showers, educational programs, etc. Rates are reasonable. If you are interested, please call 860-822-6595 for further information.

Take care and blessings to you and your family,

Brenda J. Keefe ~ Outreach Coordinator
Looking for NEW faces to add to my Make Me Over Before and After Portfolio... Call to make an appointment (860)204-6286 Make up—Skin care—Eye brows Try new products and try a new look at no cost. Call for details.

Ads 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 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall. All payments must be made prior to the submission deadline. All ads must be emailed to the editor by the 15th of the month @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

SAINTS LAWN CARE
Mowing, Yard Work, Brush Cutting, Spring and Fall Clean Ups

Mike St. Germain
280 High Street, P.O. Box 532, Baltic, CT 06330
Phone: 860-213-1629
Email: michaelgermain@sbcglobal.net
Earth market
Craft, Yard Sale, Local Products
Recyclable TOTEM POLE CONTEST

Saturday, APRIL 26, 2014
9:00am - 2:00pm

SPRAGUE RIVER PARK (North Main Street)
Route 97, Baltic, CT
(in case of rain @ Grist Mill across from Sprague Town Hall, Main St. Baltic)

Get your Creative Spirit moving.
Create a TOTEM POLE, using your recyclables, bring to the River Park for 9:00 am Judging will be at 1:00pm

Work as a team or as an individual, ALL ages welcome!

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Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
Individual Adult, Young adult, Team (group)

Adults = $10.00 entry, donation benefits the Sprague Open Space Fund
Young adult (16 and under) donate a canned good for Sprague Food Pantry

Sponsored by Sprague Conservation Commission

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Registration form :
____ Young Adult(canned good)
$10.00Donation; ____Adult_____ Team_____ Yard Sale _____ Craft Space _____Local Product

NAME______________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE_________________________________________________________

Please make checks payable to “Town of Sprague”
Mail to: Sprague Town Hall, attn: Earth Market, 1 Main Street, PO Box 677, Baltic, CT 06330
Any questions email donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net or 860 822-9808
SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are tired of snow at the library so we are looking forward to the Beer-Tasting & Chili Cook-off in the Garden at the Grist Mill on Saturday June 28th hosted by the Friends of the Library.

This year we are adding a craft event.

If you are a crafter, tables will be available at a cost of $15.00, which will benefit the library.

If you brew your own beer or have a good chili recipe and would like to enter please call 860-822-3012, or stop at the library to sign up for the contest. Trophies will be awarded for the best entries.

REMINDER:

If you have read or would like to read Uncle Tom’s Cabin please join us on Wednesday April 2nd at 5:30 for an open discussion of the book. If you would like a copy of the book please contact us at the library.

The Afternoon Delight and Fiction Addictions book clubs would like you to know that new members are always welcome. Call the library for dates and meeting times.

"Amid the hectic pace of our lives, a library is like a comfy chair in front of a cozy fireplace on a wintry day, where people of every age and status can sit down and feel like they’ve come home... to a world without boundaries, to the world of books."  C. J. Carr
DID YOU KNOW?

CT Guide to Emergency Preparedness

Educate yourself, are there any places near your home that could be dangerous or cause an emergency like:

- a nuclear plant
- an area that can flood like near a river or ocean
- building where chemicals are stored
- weather

Have a safe place to go if you are asked to leave your home, you can go to:

- the home of a family member
- a friend’s home
- a motel, hotel, or shelter

Learn what to do in case of emergency where you work, at your children’s school or day care, at an elderly day care, or senior centers.

- Sign up for the CT Emergency Alerting and Notification System to get emergency messages emailed to you or sent by text to your phone. For information go to www.ct.gov./ctalert

Make a plan for you and your family:

- pick a place to meet
- pick one or two family members that everyone can call
- have a plan for your pets, and make sure everyone knows the plan

These things for emergency supply:

- extra blankets
- water (One gallon per person for each day. If the weather is hot or if someone is nursing you need more.)
- food (canned or sealed packages, like soups, tuna fish, food and juice that need no refrigeration.)
- sleeping bags, shovels, tool kits, protein bars, special diet food, eye glasses, medicine that people may be on, manual can opener, paper plates, utensils, garbage bags, and cleaning supply, extensions, animal pet carriers, or cage, medicines, muzzle, leash, collar, ID, immunization record, batteries, flashlights, first aid, road map...
- Important papers: social security numbers, birth certificate, pictures of family members in case you get separated, list of doctors

You can download a wallet emergency card @ www.ct.gov./dph/prepare. Put a copy in your car and in your wallet behind driver’s licenses. Write your name, phone number, number of doctor, family member contact who knows your disability, and what people need to know if you are unconscious:

- medicine, special equipment you need
- allergies or problems
- problem understanding people
- type treatment you need
- language you speak

Blizzards, Flash Flood, Hurricanes, Tornados

Connect light & power 1-800-286-2000
American Red Cross 1-877-733-2767

How you can help?

Take a CPR class, consider joining a community Emergency Response System,
Call American Red Cross and donate blood.
El Guía de Preparacion de Emergencia de CT.

SABIA USTED?

Educese, sabe usted si hay sitios peligrosos cerca de su casa que puedan causar emergencias, como:
- planta nuclear
- un sitio que se hunde, como rio, o oceano
- factoria donde tengan chichicos guardado
- el tiempo

Tenga un sitio seguro donde ir si se le pide que desocupe su hogar
- a un hogar de un familiar
- a un hogar de una Amistad
- a un motel, hotel, o un refugio

Aprenda que tiene que hacer en caso de emergencia donde usted trabaja, la escuela de sus ninos, el centro donde cuidan los ancianos
- Apuntese para el CT Emergency Alerting and Notification System para recibir mensajes por correo electronico o por un text a su telefono. Para informacion www.ct.gov./ctalert

Aga un plan para usted y su familia:
- donde se ban a encontrar, escoja un citio
- escojoa a uno o dos familiers donde llamar todos
- sus mascotas, y asegurese que todos en la familia lo entiendan

Estas cosas que necesita para emergencia:
- sabanas, un gallon de agua por persona por cada dia. Y si el tiempo esta caliente necesita mas.
- Comida, potes o empaquetados, como sospas, tuna, comida, jugos que no necesiten estal en el la nevera, palas, baras de proteina, comida especial si alguien necesita, medicinas, espejulos, abridor manual, platos de papel, bolsa de basura, cosas de limpiesya, jaulas para los animals, informacion de su mascot.
- Papeles importantes, numeros de seguro social, alta de nacimiento, fotos de familiars por si se separen. Lista de doctors, baterias, first aid, mapas.

Usted puede vajar un papel donde ponga toda su informacion, para ponerls en su cartera en, www.ct.gov./dph/prepare

Escriba su nombre, numero de telefono, numero de doctors, familiers que sepan de su encapacidad o enfermedades, o por si esta inconsiente.
- equipo especial, medicinas
- problemas de alergia
- problemas entendiendo a una persona hablar
- tipo de tratamiento que usted necesita

Tormentas de nieves, Henundaciones, Huracanes, Tornados

Numeros para llamar:
Connect light & Power 1800-286-2000
American Red Cross 1-877-733-2767

Como puede ayudar
Coja una clase de CPR puede salvar vida, llame al American Red Cross para donar sangre.
ATTENTION ALL SPRAGUE RESIDENTS:

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL IS HAVING THEIR 21ST ANNUAL 3 MILE ROAD RACE AND KIDS ½ MILE FUN RUN ON MARCH 29TH, 2014 (SATURDAY), BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.

WE ARE ASKING ALL RESIDENTS- IF YOU HAVE ANY MORNING PLANS ON THAT DATE TO PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY SINCE RUNNERS WILL START APPEARING ON THE ROAD TO WARM UP BEGINNING AROUND 8:30 AM AND WILL END APPROX. AROUND 10:30 AM.

THE KIDS ½ MILE RACE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM....WITH THE 3 MILE RACE GOING OFF AT 9:30 AM.

TRAFFIC WILL BE LIMITED GOING IN AND OUT ON THE FOLLOWING STREETS: HIGH STREET, SCOTLAND RD., ELM ST., MAPLE ST., BROOKSIDE AVE., AND BALTIC HTS.

ALSO, STREET PARKING WILL BE RESTRICTED NEAR THE START LINE (INTERSECTION OF HIGH ST. AND WEST MAIN)....SO THAT RUNNERS CAN HAVE A FAIR START AND TO ALLOW THE TIMING TRUCK (S.N.E.R.R.O.) A PLACE TO SET UP.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. ALSO, PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ALL THE RUNNERS THAT WILL BE COMPETING THAT MORNING. THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT THAT THE WHOLE TOWN CAN BE PROUD OF!!!!!!

ANY FURTHER INFO-OR TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION MAY CONTACT:

GLENN COSTELLO (RACE DIRECTOR) rungdc@aol.com

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ROAD RACE MANAGEMENT
# St. Joseph School 21st Annual 3 Mile Race

**When:** Sat. March 29, 2014 (7:00-9:00) Registration  (9:00) kids ½ mile fun run  (9:30) 3 mile race

**Where:** St. Joseph School—Baltic, CT. Corner of School Hill Rd. and Rt. 207 (Directions & race course on back)

**Why:** All proceeds will go to the schools physical education program.

**Timing of Race:** Snerro

**Entry Info:**
- $3 MILE RACE ($20 pre-registration/ $25 race day)
- KIDS FUN RUN ($7 pre-registration/ $10 race day)

**Awards & Prizes:** Unique trophy award ceremony to top 3 places in 9 age categories... You choose the trophy you want!
- Free t-shirts to 1st 125 pre-registered for 3 mile race by March 18... Limited amount for race day registration.
- $50 for course record
- Individual prizes for age category course records.
- Raffle prize drawing after award ceremony—For only 3 mile registrations.

★ Overall male/female winner will receive promo code for free shirt from mylocker.com—you customize it yourself.

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**Registration by Mail:** Make checks payable to (St. Joseph School 3 mile race) and mail to:  
 **Glenn Costello 555 3 Mile Race 75 Lafayette St. Norwich, CT. 06360**

**Race Amenity:** JMach Photography will be present taking race day photos for anyone to purchase afterwards on his website. 
 [JMachPhotography.com](http://JMachPhotography.com)

**Further Info:** Glenn Costello Phone: (860) 886-2828  E-mail: [runngdc@aol.com](mailto:runngdc@aol.com) 
 [Webpage: runningintheusa.com/stjosesphschoolrace](http://runningintheusa.com/stjosesphschoolrace)

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**Ample Refreshments—Many Consider the Best Post-Race Buffet in Connecticut!!**

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**Race Entered:**
- 3 MILE RACE  
- KIDS ½ MILE FUN RUN  1/2  
- [T-shirt size]  
- Adult Size (3 mile race only)  
- S M L XL  

**Mark Box with “X”**

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**Please make check payable to:**
“St. Joseph School 3 Mile Race”

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**This Race is #1 of the Mohegan Striders “Grand Prix” Point Series………
So lace up those racing shoes!!!!!**

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**FOR RACE USE ONLY**

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**Date**

**Signature (Parent’s signature if under 18)**

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**Please note:**
In consideration of this entry being accepted, I waive any and all claim of myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, against officials, sponsors, volunteers, Snerro, St. Joseph School, town of Sprague and the city of Norwich for injury or illness which may directly/indirectly result from my participation and/or travel to the event. I certify that I have trained and am physically fit for this event. I also certify and give permission for any media outlet to film/record any image of myself or my child.
DIRECTIONS TO RACE:
305 N OR 6-TAKE EXIT 83-TURN LEFT OFF-RAMP DRIVE ½ MILE TO STOPLIGHT-TURN LEFT-THEN TAKE YOUR 1ST IMMEDIATE RIGHT UNTO RT. 277, DRIVE 2 ½ MILES TO STOPSIGN-TURN LEFT ONTO RT. 207, DRIVE ½ MILE TO THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT. REGISTRATION IS ACROSS THE STREET IN ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. THE SCHOOL IS NEXT TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF BALTIMORE. THE “MAPQUEST” LOCATION IS 80 SCHOOL HILL RD, BALTIMORE, MD 21280

PAST WINNERS:
[ LIST OF WINNERS ]

AGE COURSE RECORDS

MALE

AGE 6-14  (2002) CHRIS CROFT (16:18)
AGE 40-49 (1997) BRIAN MULLINS (16:18)
AGE 50-59 (1999) DENNIS CROWE (15:58)
AGE 60-69 (2007) DAVE JACOBS (18:54)
AGE 70+  (2007) RONALD GALE (23:59)

FEMALE

AGE 6-14  (2013) BRIDGET SELFORS (18:36)
AGE 20-29  (2002) KRISTEN BURFORD (16:30)
AGE 40-49 (2013) JILL VOLKMANN (20:17)
AGE 50-59 (2009) MARY ANN ROGERS (23:15)
AGE 60-69 (2013) MARY SHARKEY (21:35)

*** COURSE RECORD

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 20TH ANNUAL 3 MILE……MARCH 30, 2013
(LAST YEAR'S STARTLINE)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
"COURSE BEGINS FLAT-THEN A SLOPE, STEADY INCLINE TO THE ONE MILE MARK. FLATTENS AND ROLLS DOWN BEFORE ANOTHER GENTLE INCLINE TO THE TURNAROUND POINT. THEN IT REVERSES.

"50 THE 2ND HALF IS EASIER WITH A FAST SMOOTH FINISH. FERRY SCENIC WOODLAND ROUTE WITH NO TRAFFIC TO CONTEST WITH. THERE WILL BE "T-A" SPLITS ON THE ROAD WITH A WATER STOP AT MILE MARKERS 1 & 2 WHICH ARE THE SAME.

"IF YOU CHOOSE TO EXPLORE THE COURSE VIA CAR/FOOT, THE 1/4 MILE MARKINGS SHOULD STILL BE VISIBLE THEY WILL BE RE-PAINTED THE WEEK OF THE RACE.

ROAD RACE COURSE: RACE BEGINS AT THE CORNER OF HIGH ST. AND RT. 207 (HIGH ST. IS A ONE-WAY STREET COMING IN TOWARDS THE START/FINISH LINE FOR ABOUT 200 YARDS) HIGH ST. BECOMES SCOTLAND RD. AND CONTINUES TO THE TURNAROUND POINT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN FRONT OF 834 SCOTLAND RD. AND IS APPROX. 75 YARDS FROM LILBRIDGE RD.

THIS RACE WILL GO ON REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER... UNLESS WE HAVE A FLOOD, HURRICANE, TORNADO, BLIZZARD, TYPHOON, TSUNAMI, VOLCANO ERUPTION, EARTHQUAKE, FAMINE, PLAGUE... YOU GET THE IDEA!!!
$50 OFF
Any Seal Coating Job

$100 OFF
Any Driveway Installation

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ASPHALT PAVING
860.848.0545
Baltic CT

ANDY’S CELL: 860.234.3541  JOE’S CELL: 860.234.3543
Email: estimates@hastedtbrothers.com  Web: www.hastedtbrothers.com

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DRIVEWAYS * ALL TYPES OF DRAINAGE WORK * APRONS * CURBING *
LINE STRIPING * SEAL COATING * CRACK FILLING
Dear Sprague Citizens,

I was honored to be appointed the Interim Superintendent for Sprague Public Schools on January 1, 2014. I have had the privilege to be the Special Education Director and the Assistant Superintendent for Sprague Public Schools for the last fifteen years. A large part of my work has been behind the scenes. My responsibilities have included grant writing, state reporting, administration of the preschool and special education programs, oversight of student data, student achievement and Connecticut Mastery Testing. I am looking forward to having an increased leadership role.

I had the privilege of being a general education teacher for grades 6-8 and a special education teacher at Sayles School for many years. I enjoyed being a teacher and working with students, families and colleagues. I have great respect and admiration for our teaching staff. Sprague is fortunate to have extremely competent employees. Our principal, maintenance, library and food service staff, nurse, student achievement assistants, technology staff, transportation staff, administrative assistants, related services personnel, and teachers are among the best in the state and their commitment to the families of Sprague is heartwarming.

The entire staff has helped Sprague to have a proud tradition of student achievement. A few of the honors include: Top 10 School for Closing the Achievement Gap for Elementary Schools in Connecticut – ConnCan 2011; 11th out of 291 Schools – Performance Gains in Connecticut – ConnCan 2011; Top 10 School for Closing the Achievement Gap for Middle Schools in Connecticut – ConnCan 2010; Connecticut Mastery Tests: Highest Performing District in Connecticut – ctreports.com: 2013 Grade 8 Science 100% Proficiency and 2010 Grade 8 Reading 100% Proficiency. Students have consistently achieved at high levels.

The Sprague School System is more than test scores. Sayles School has placed an emphasis on exceptional early childhood programming. Sayles has a strong preschool program that is accredited by the National Association Education of Young Children and a full day kindergarten offering for all students. Sayles School is a Friend of Core Knowledge. The world language program begins in kindergarten and continues through high school. Students are able to choose from a variety of local high schools. Intervention and enrichment programs are specifically aligned to students’ learning needs. The district’s offerings are extensive and include vibrant physical education, technology and music and art programs.

Sprague Public Schools has always been focused on continuous improvement. Students have recently had the opportunity to participate in the 2013 and 2014 State of Connecticut Invention Convention and the Future Problem Solvers Program. We will continue to work to improve education for all children and to provide opportunities to foster innovation and creativity.

I look forward to working with the entire Sprague community. Please feel free to contact me with ideas, suggestions, concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Judy Benson-Clarke
Interim Superintendent
## BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

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Times are approximate and may vary several minutes earlier or later. Service runs Monday through Thursday except for holidays. For more information call Buddy Meadows, Sprague Senior Center Coordinator at 860-822-3000 ext. 203. The Sprague to Occum Bus is a courtesy of the Town of Sprague and the Sprague Senior Center. For seat schedule visit [www.seatbus.com](http://www.seatbus.com). Winter Weather Schedule: The bus will follow the school closure schedule during the winter. Watch early morning television on Channel 3, 8 or 30 for closures.

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I want to thank all who have donated to the Salvation Army by sending checks to the Upper New London Country Service Unite, PO Box 304, Versailles, CT 06383.

You should know that all the money that has been donated so far has been used to help your neighbors here in Sprague and Lisbon. Thanks to you I could help them. I also want to thank those who sent gift cards (Angel cards).

Keep your fuel tanks full, keep food/water and other supplies on hand in case of more bad weather. Do you have a 72 hour kit? Do you use a budget to know where money comes in and goes?

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

May the Lord bless you this year.
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**TVEC Community Cafe Menu - MARH 2014**

**Monday**
- Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee
- Lunch: Chicken Alfredo with pasta, garden salad, and bread

**Tuesday**
- Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee
- Lunch: Turkey and Swiss with tomato slices, French dressing, and apple slices

**Wednesday**
- Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee
- Lunch: Beef stir-fry with vegetables, rice, and side salad

**Thursday**
- Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee
- Lunch: Grilled chicken breast with rice and vegetables

**Friday**
- Breakfast: French toast, eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee
- Lunch: Shrimp and grits with fresh vegetables and lemon aioli

**Notes:**
- All menu items are subject to change.
- 1%
  - Milk and whole grain
- Special dietary needs can be accommodated by prior request. Please contact the cafe staff for details.

**Additional Information:**
- The cafe is located in the TVEC Admin Building.
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Contact:**
- Cafe Manager: 555-1234
- Kitchen Staff: 555-4567

**Important:**
- Menu items are prepared fresh daily. All-day breakfast is available until 11:00 AM.
- Special dietary requests must be made in advance.
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