Transfer Station

Acceptable Plastic Items List - The Single Stream Recyclable bin accepts only clean plastic items showing the recycling symbol #1 - #7. Each plastic item must show the recycling symbol. Only rinsed and clean #1 - #7, plastic tubs, plastic screw-top jars, plastic bottles and plastic jugs are acceptable.

Prohibited Plastic Items - all plastic items not on the Acceptable Plastic Items List. Any plastic items that are NOT #1 - #7, rinsed and clean, tubs, screw-top jars, bottles and jugs are prohibited. For example, plastic bags, plastic garbage bags, blister-packs and plastic wraps (food, shipping, and bubble) are prohibited.

Please note that some store plastic bags have a recycling symbol but are prohibited in the Single Stream Recyclable bin. Some stores have a store plastic bag recycling bin for your convenience.

Walt Bell
Superintendent

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The second installment of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes will become due and payable on January 1, 2015. Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax bills will be sent out by the end of December and become due and payable on January 1, 2015. You will have the entire month of January to pay your taxes.

Taxes not paid by February 2, 2015 shall become delinquent and will be subject to 1 ½% interest per month. Annual interest is 18% and minimum interest is $2.00.

Taxpayer’s needing an immediate clearance for the registration of a motor vehicle and owe a delinquent tax must pay by cash, money order or certified check. All others who pay by personal check must wait until the check clears.

If you pay by mail and would like a receipt please mail entire tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.

If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, you may call the tax collector at 822-3000, ext. 224. Any questions regarding address changes, assessments, exemptions, or your correct tax town should be directed to the Assessor at 822-3000, ext. 222.

TAX COLLECTORS HOURS;

Mondays: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
Wednesdays: 2:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Thursdays: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

Mary B. Chartier, CCMC
Tax Collector

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 on Saturday, January 24 for the February issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com
From the Desk of the First Selectman

The Holidays have come and gone and we are now all left living up to our respective New Year’s resolutions! The Town’s New Year starts with the budget process which begins in earnest with a review of upcoming capital projects happening in January.

In the last budget security cameras were approved and they have been installed and are now on line. They will capture events and the entrances of the Grist Mill, Town Hall, Fire Department, Recreation Fields, Salt Shed area, and Transfer Station. This will provide protection for the Town’s assets.

We will continue to work on roadsides until the snow flies in earnest. We will be mowing, cutting trees, and picking up brush, etc… Please be mindful of the workers when you are driving around.

Please take some time to walk through our beautiful countryside, walk the trails at the Reservoir, the Land Preserve or visit River Park. Yes it is a bit chilly but the sights are magnificent. If you are into a little hibernation stop by the Library for a good book first!

As always thanks for your support,
Cathy Osten
First Selectman

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Our annual holiday gathering/meeting was held on Tuesday, December 9, at TJ’Cafe.

Once again, our Holly Jolly Bazaar was a tremendous success. We are very appreciative of the generous support of you, our customers and the local businesses and vendors for helping us to raise these funds to support our fire department.

The slate of officers for 2015 is as follows:
- President – Tina Deschamps
- Vice President – Annette Lussier
- Secretary – Jeannette Deschamps
- Treasurer – Susan Deschamps
- Sunshine Committee – Lorraine Allen

Anniversary year pins were awarded to the following:
- 40 Years – Jeannette Deschamps
- 30 Years – Tina Deschamps
- 10 Years – Lorraine Allen

Congratulations to all for their dedicated service.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the firehouse.

Our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year.

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 as a regular member. We have recently added Junior Members – young women between the ages of 16 and 18 who have a parent or guardian in the fire department or auxiliary.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps
Jeannette Deschamps ~ Secretary
SAINTS LAWN
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
NOTE FROM EDITOR:
I AM LOOKING TO ADD THIS MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY EVERY MONTH AS A HALF PAGE… ENTRIES LIMITED TO “1 LINE” FOR SALE, FOR SWAP, YARD SALES, HELP WANTED, HELP NEEDED, ETC. DEADLINE IS STILL THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

Email submissions to:
spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

Shetucket Village Is Accepting Applications
8 Wall Street – Baltic, CT
Must be 62 years of age and/or Disabled
No Pets Allowed; No Section 8 Housing
If you would like an application sent to you, please call 860-822-1512 and leave your name and address.

VERSAILLES CHURCH
4 CHURCH STREET
VERSAILLES, CT
(ACROSS FROM OCCUM DAM)

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(Every 1st Sunday of the Month)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2014
6:00 pm

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NEXT SERVICE DATES: FEBRUARY 1 & MARCH 1

For Sale:

Snare Drum Kit $75 obo/Clarinet $200 obo
Living room, couch chair & ottoman. Yellow with blue designs. (very country cottage looking) $125 OBO
Call (860)204-6286
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FOR SALE: Used pull out couch.

Best offer call. 860-334-4059
December 2, 2014 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

At 7:00 PM the CDR opened the meeting. 13 members were in attendance. 6 of the 7 officers were present. The minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported that there was $879.53 in the checking account and $3,525.53 in the Memorial Fund.

Good will was sent by the membership to Al Girard to get well. Legionnaire Doug Patrick was recognized for his contribution to keep the Post Charter active from 2003 to 2007. The CDR commented on the success of the Veteran’s Day Ceremony with the Scouts, Town Administration and citizens attending.

The CDR addressed some correspondence he had received. One specific correspondence is the possibility of starting an auction in the near future as a fund raiser. Another discussion was held concerning the foundation for the new statue but was tabled until the statue arrives. With no further business to discuss the CDR then ended the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Coletti
Adjutant and Financial Officer

Don Bastien
Commander

Introducing HEARTSAVER® PEDIATRIC FIRST AID CPR AED

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All those little ones at your child care facility add up to big responsibilities. That’s why everyone on your staff needs to be prepared to manage serious injuries and illnesses until medical professionals arrive. In fact, training for medical emergencies is a licensing requirement in most states. • That’s why the American Heart Association developed its new Pediatric First Aid CPR AED Course with that in mind. As an authorized American Heart Association Training Center, we’re now offering the course to you and other child care professionals in this area.

Course Content
The Pediatric First Aid CPR AED Course includes both general content, such as the Four Steps of Pediatric First Aid, and specific instructions for a wide spectrum of serious injuries and illnesses. It also offers instructions for pediatric CPR, AED and choking, as well as a Child and Infant Safety Checklist and tips for interacting with children in medical emergencies.

Course Format
The course is taught by authorized Basic Life Support (BLS) or HeartSaver Instructors, using the American Heart Association’s research-proven practice-while-teaching technique. This classroom technique allows us to observe students and provide feedback as we help students master the required skills.

Course Completion Requirements
It takes seven to nine hours of classroom time to complete the training. Students who pass a test demonstrating first aid, CPR and AED skills earn a course completion card, valid for a full two years.

Sign up today
One day of training is a small investment when you consider the difference it could make to a child in your care.

For course schedules and more information, contact us at

February 28, 2015 8:30AM - 4PM
Baltic Fire Engine Co., No. 1
Sponsored by Sprague Recreation Committee
Craig Staggs (660) 710-5063
Donna Sanford (660) 334-5385
On November 17, 2014 the seventh and eighth grade students of Sayles School were pleased to welcome Mr. Osowski to their Social Studies classroom for the day. Mr. Osowski generously volunteered his time to inform our students of the importance of honoring United States’ veterans and the significance of Veteran’s Day.

In addition, Mr. Osowski not only shared many memorable stories of his time spent in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, but also his love of poetry and writing children’s books.

The seventh and eighth grade students showed great interest in Mr. Osowski’s many stories and were eager to learn more about his experiences. The students prepared great questions to ask Mr. Osowski before his arrival, and came up with many more questions to ask upon hearing his stories.

Mr. Osowski was able to bring the textbook alive for Sayles students and they are extremely grateful. Mr. Osowski also had an incredible sense of humor that the students found extremely engaging. They were involved in rigorous discussion about opposition to wars and what it means to have a voice in our government.

To thank Mr. Osowski for his time and generosity the seventh grade students created poems in honor of Veteran’s Day. These poems were combined into a book and were presented to Mr. Osowski upon his arrival to Sayles School.

We were honored to share our classroom with Mr. Osowski for the day.

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**SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

- The Sprague Historical Society Museum is opened to the public on:
  - Tuesday & Thursday - 4:30 – 7:00
  - Wednesday & Saturday - 10:00 – 1:00
  - Also by appointment
- Our Historical Society Calendars are now available for sale—$5.00 each.
- New members are welcome. Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm except for the months of July, August and December.
- Best wishes for a happy and healthy Holiday Season!
- We can be reached at:
  - 860-822-6867 or historicalsociety@ctsprague.org

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**Winter Hike on the Sprague Preserve**

- Sponsored by the Sprague Conservation Commission
- Come out and enjoy the winter in the woods
- Sunday January 11th,
  - Meet at the Grist Mill across from the town hall
  - 11:30 - approx. 2pm
- Any questions email Donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net
ONCE UPON A TIME: STORY HOUR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 8
STORY: The Snowman by Raymond Briggs
CRAFT: Snowman - Face paper craft

January 15
STORY: The Penguin Who Wanted to be Different
CRAFT: Penguin coloring pages

January 23
STORY: Let It Snow by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
CRAFT: Snowman bookmark

January 30
STORY: Dream Snow by Eric Carle
CRAFT: Cotton ball Snowman

Knitting Club will meet at 10:30 on January 3, January 17, & January 31. Everyone is welcome, please join us. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet we will teach you.

The Afternoon Delight Book Club will meet on Wednesday January 7 at 3:30 to discuss members' personal choice. Everyone is welcome to attend and talk about a book they have read.

The Fiction Addiction Book Club will meet on Saturday January 24, at 12:00 to discuss My Sweet Audrina by V.C. Andrews. Please come and join us; you don't have to have read this book.

The library in partnership with Chelsea Groton Bank is having a “shred it” day at the library. Bring whatever paper you would like to shred. Bring your friends and relatives; you don’t have to be a Sprague resident to attend. The shredding truck will be here on Saturday May 2 from 9am to 12pm. Volunteers will be here to help unload your car or help anyone who needs help.
PASSPORTS! PASSPORTS! PASSPORTS! Hello, Sprague! Hoping you all had a happy holiday time! I wanted to let you know that passports are still available in the Hanover Post Office from the hours of 12:45 - 4:45 pm Monday – Friday and 8 – 11:00 on Saturdays. You can get forms in any of our Sprague offices - along with the info sheets that tell you what you need to bring with you. If you have a trip coming up in the next few months, stop in to the Hanover Post Office and we can take your picture, process your forms and send them out for passport books (for all international flight) or passport cards (for land and sea travel only to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean). All you need is a driver’s license, a long form birth certificate, the appropriate fees and the completed 2013 version of the forms. For specific pricing give Hanover a call – 860-822-6250.

More good news: we got word last month that the price of Stamps is NOT going up in January of 2015, as has happened in the past, as notified by our outgoing Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. So you still have plenty of time to stock up on forever stamps at the current rate of $9.80 per book of 20 or coils at $49.00 each. If you have a large mailing that you would like a particular stamp for, please let us know and we can special order anything we have available. We have several designs that are perfect for wedding invitations in denominations that cover the small invitations and response cards and the larger, more formal invitations that weigh a little more. Stop in and check out what we have available.

If you have a service, a local business, or event coming up that you’d like to let others know about quickly, easily and REALLY inexpensively, let me tell you all about doing an Every Door Direct mailing! For 16 ½ cents per piece, you can reach every address, with all the information you need to send to everyone in the entire town of Sprague for less than $260.00. Mailings can be produced on your home computer, including addressing that simply says Local Postal Customer and postage that has “EDDM” on a small square in place of a stamp. Do you want to generate traffic to your web site? Include a QR code that links to your site to give potential customers all the info they need at their fingertips. I am planning an EDDM informational seminar at the Baltic Fire House in the beginning of February for more info – or you can contact me in the Baltic Post Office at 860-822-6901 and I can walk you through it one-on-one. If you want to play around on the website with the mapping tool and find out how to target your mailing to specific locations look for us at www.usps.com/EveryDoorDirectMail. Have a wonderful week! See you soon~

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**TCVA SENIOR CAFE JANUARY 2015**

Announcements: Meals are served Monday through Friday. Call for advance reservations. Meals are subject to change. Check menu for current meals served.

Library and Computer Access: Available to TCVA members on Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat., Sun. from 9:00-12:00 noon.
### 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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The Salvation Army  
Upper New London County Service Unit  
Dennison Allen Town of Sprague Representative

I want to thank those who donated to the kettles at Wal-Mart Lisbon. Also want to thank those who helped ring the bell. The Angel gift cards came in and they were given to those in need for Christmas presents, gas to go to work, and things food stamps don’t buy. Thanks again for your support. Of the checks sent in to Salvation Army: 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330, 90% stays in the community for our neighbors. There are still those in need and if you can give, every little bit helps. Thanks again.

May you be blessed this year with health, all that you need, and the ability to help others.
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

The deadline for Our Town submissions (and corresponding payments for ads) is the **15th of each month**. Submissions will be no more than 200 words and must be e-mailed to spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com. No series will be accepted. 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 12th month free. All payments for ads are made in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall. 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.