OUR TOWN
SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY
Information & News for November 2015

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COLLATE THE OUR TOWN. With the holiday season approaching more help is needed getting the Our Town out on time. The deadline for submission for the month of November (for December publication) will be Friday, November 13th. There will be absolutely no late submissions accepted in November and December. We will be meeting November 21, at 10 am at the Town Hall for collating.

If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com

Vote
November 3rd, 2015
6AM – 8PM
Baltic Fire Department

Basket Raffle
St Joseph School
Annual Auction and Basket Raffle
10 School Hill Rd
Baltic, Ct. 06330
Saturday December 5th, 2015
Viewing to begin @ 4:30
Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus @ 5:00
Basket Raffle to begin @ 6:15
Silent Auction To follow.
Fully loaded Theme baskets, Museum memberships, Gift certificates and Much MORE!!!!!!

Sisters of Charity
Bottle & Can Drive
Saturday, December 5

Basket Raffle
Sayles School Basket Bash
Date: December 4, 2015
Time- 5:30- 7:00
Drawing starts at 7:00
Place- Sayles School Gymnasium - 25 Scotland Rd. Baltic, CT
Baskets, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items.
Thank you for Supporting the Class of 2016.
From the Desk of the First Selectman

We are starting to prepare for our “long winter’s rest”. All of us our putting our gardens to rest, cleaning gutters and putting away summer play things! The reds and golds of the trees are starting to dull gathering about our feet in deep piles. The smells and sounds of this time of the year are comforting, encouraging us to take that last long walk. The squirrels and chipmunks are darting across the roadways to gather that last nut, taking their lives in their hands in doing so. Phew...

The Town remains busy with roadside mowing, cutting grass, chipping fallen debris and preparing roadsides for the winter. We remain on track to complete a rebuild of Sunrise and Grandview before the snow flies. In addition we are preparing some curbing around Town and addressing a few minor drainage issues.

There are still a few daffodil bulbs left to be planted. Just stop by the Town Hall and grab a few! We want to be the daffodil capital of Connecticut some day!

The Water and Sewer department tied up its work on a sewer project in Hanover.

The recreation committee is planning a few events to happen in December which includes caroling, sipping on hot chocolate and munching on sugar cookies. The rest of the events will be announced in the December edition of the Our Town.

Take some time to enjoy the best place in the state, I love it here and hope you do also. It is simply put a stunning place to be surrounded by.

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Open Positions as of 11/1/2015

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FREE MULCH AVAILABLE

AT THE TRANSFER STATION

YOUR BRUSH AND SCCRRA’S TUB GRINDER WORKING TOGETHER ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THIS PRODUCT.

AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR HOURS

Put your garden to bed for a long winter’s rest!

The SCCRRA’s tub grinder has completed grinding the brush it is ready for your equipment to pick up fresh mulch.
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Town Clerk

Jen Symet

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 860-822-3000 ext. 220

Below is a sample of how the ballot will appear.

at the Baltic Firehouse, Route 138, 22 Bushnell Hollow Road, Baltic, CT.

Please VOTE on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office
Sprague Democratic Town Committee November Update

At our October 1st meeting, the committee voted to support Project Safe Halloween with a donation. Campaign progress was discussed: yard signs and a letter from Cathy Osten to all town residents describing the accomplishments and future plans was prepared for mailing.

Our candidates are:

- First Selectman: Cathy Osten
- Selectman: Denise Dembinski
- Town Clerk: Jen Synnett
- Town Treasurer: JoAnn Lynch
- Tax Collector: Mary Chartier
- Board of Finance: Catherine Tiffany and Joan Charron-Nagle
- Board of Education: David Giroux and Megin Sechen
- Board of Assessment Appeals: Richard Waterman and William Lynch
- Planning & Zoning Commission: Sandor Bittman, Jr.

Glenn Cheney stepped down as Registrar of Voters. Elizabeth Calderon was affirmed for the opening and was unanimously approved.

The DTC asks you to support the efforts of your Democratic Team with your vote on November 3rd, 6 am to 8 pm at the Baltic Fire House.

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

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

SPRAGUE RTC UPDATE:

- On July 21st the following individuals were endorsed by the Sprague Republicans:
  - Dennison Allen - First Selectman
  - Cheryl Allen Blanchard - Selectman
  - Mary Chartier - Tax Collector
  - Ann Marie Osowski - Full Term Board of Finance
  - Wendy Schnip - Four Year Vacancy Board of Finance
  - Mark A. Lounsbury - 2 year Vacancy Board of Finance
  - Joe Osowski - Board of Education
  - Geraldine Meadows - Board of Education
  - Selma Ward - Board of Assessment Appeals
  - Warren Baker - Planning and Zoning
  - Phyllis Arpin Nelson - Planning and Zoning

Our diverse slate of candidates were selected to provide representation and a voice to the people of Sprague. We continue to encourage citizens to register to vote and to vote and participate in government. If you are interested in participating in the Sprague RTC, please contact Michael P. Meadows at spraquertc.ct@gmail.com.
“Where Our Buzz Won't Sting Your Wallet”

We gladly accept competitor's coupons

100, 75, 50, 25 gallon deliveries available

Kerosene at low prices

$ 5 OFF

Good towards any purchase
*not valid with any other discount*

Expires November 30, 2015
Looking for NEW faces to add to my Make Me Over by Design Before and After Portfolio...

Call to make an appointment with Elizabeth
(860)204-6286

Make up—Skin care
Try new products and try a new look at no cost.
Call for details.

Daffodils Planting Day

The Town of Sprague will provide daffodils to plant around the Town! Please let us know how many daffodils you or your community group are willing to help us plant. We are trying to finish up and will have groups out on the following dates:

November 7th

Thanks for all your help!
Call Barbara or Cathy @ 860-822-3000 ext 201

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Free Preschool 2015-2016 School Year For children ages 3 and 4 years old
1/2 Day Sessions Free Transportation Provided NAEYC accredited
Sayles School 25 Scotland Road, Baltic 860.822.8264 ext. 115

make me over by Design

50% OFF ANY 1 ITEM WHEN YOU ARE A FACE MODEL FOR MY SKIN CARE OR MAKE UP BEFORE AND AFTER PORTFOLIO

Call Elizabeth 860-204-6286
HASTEDT BROS. LLC
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

DRIVEWAYS * PARKING LOTS * GRADING * CRUSHED STONE * OIL AND STONE DRIVEWAYS * ALL TYPES OF DRAINAGE WORK * APRONS * CURBING * LINE STRIPING * SEAL COATING * CRACK FILLING
Sprague Historical Society is offering a 2016 birthday and anniversary calendar.

We want to include your family’s big dates! They’ll want to be part of this historical calendar. Fill out the form below with the names and dates of people you’d like to see in the calendar. Birthdays and anniversaries - $1.00 each; Calendar- $5.00 each

Send this form and your donation to: “Sprague Historical Society” P.O. Box 162- Baltic, CT 06330. SHS will use the money to preserve Sprague’s history. This calendar is part of that history. Calendars will be available for pick up at Town hall in December. You’ll be notified when they’re ready.

Please help the Sprague Historical Society. Place your calendar order today.

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Calendars        @ $5.00 ea

Total paid $   

Sprague Land Preserve open to hunting

As you know, we will be again allowing permit-only hunting in the Land Preserve in the fall. All information can be found in the Town Clerk’s office. We remain confident that all visitors will still be able to enjoy what promises to be an exceptional fall, not only at the Preserve but all over town. If you get a chance, please visit the Preserve. Remember to wear orange—and make your pets wear orange too; as has been said before it’s just good sense to do so in all parks this time of year.
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
VERSAILLES TREASURES & BAKE SALE

INDOOR SALE – SELL YOUR OWN ITEMS
Crafts – Yard Sale – Holiday Items Welcomed
NOVEMBER 21ST - 8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM
PIES – BAKED GOODS – BAKED BEANS
Table Rentals - $20.00 Reserve Your Table for Sale
Call – Janet – 860-822-6989

VERSAILLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4 CHURCH STREET – ACROSS FROM OCCUM DAM
VERSAILLES, CT
October 6, 2015 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

At 7:00 p.m. the CDR opened the meeting. 12 members were present. All 7 officers were present. The minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were read and accepted. The Financial Officer reported $301.16 in the checking account and $3,293.55 in the Memorial Fund. 28 of the 45 members had paid dues to date. Dues will increase to $35.00 on January 1, 2016.

The CDR welcomed guest Lisa Bassett, SR&GC who co-chaired with Andy Trudelle and Joe Osowski. They reported a profit of $3,367.84. The Memorial Committee will be meeting to install the memorial bricks this month. The Town Maintenance Crew will also assist.

A chicken take out dinner is planned for Sunday, November 15 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. from the Sprague Senior Center. The menu and more details will be available in the November issue of Our Town. Veteran’s Day observance will on the 11th. Poppy Day will be on November 7th, 11:00 -1.

The CDR ended the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with a salute to the colors and the Chaplain said a prayer. The next meeting will be held at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club on November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Tom Coletti

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Our meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, at the firehouse.

Main topic of discussion was the annual Holly Jolly Bazaar. It will be held on Saturday, November 28, at the firehouse from 9 am to 3 pm.

We are pleased that all of our tables for this event have been rented and we have a good variety of vendors coming. Stop in and get some of your Christmas shopping done!

We are also planning on having our raffle table thanks to the generosity of area businesses and our members.

Look for some of us at the Project Safe Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31, as we will be there helping to hand out the candy and goodies.

Members will also be meeting at the firehouse at 4 pm on Thursday, November 19 to do the baking for our baked goods table.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the firehouse at 7 p.m..

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
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SAVE THE DATE! Our next business summit is Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 at the Grist Mill.

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Our goal is to grow the economic base of our town in order to bring more opportunity and resources to our town and to increase the grand list so each of us pays less in taxes to live here. If you can see the value in this we would appreciate your participation in the work we are doing. In fact, we do have an opening on our commission. If you are interested please contact me.

Phyllis Nelson

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

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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

Miscellaneous:

Clarinet $100 obo **** 6 foot bookshelf $30
6 drawer dresser wood not pressed board with cherry red stained (2 sets of 3 drawers side by side) high $30 ~ Call (860)204-6286

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Sprague Public
Library
November 2015

New Books in the library:
Revival by Stephen King
Finders Keepers by Stephen King
Hope to Die, Alert, Burn, and Cross My Heart by James Patterson
The Pecan Man by Cassie Dandridge
Yellow Crocus by Laila Ibrahim
Finding Dad by Kara Sundlun
Law of the Jungle by Glenn Alan Cheney
The Husband’s Secret by Lian Moriarty
Out of the Darkness: The Story of Mary Ellen Wilson by Stephen Lazoritz M.D.
What she Left Behind by Ellen Mane Wise-man

LIBRARY FALL HOURS BEGINNING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
MONDAY 1AM-6 PM
TUESDAY 1AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM-6PM
THURSDAY 9AM-6PM
FRIDAY- CLOSED
SATURDAY-9-2
SUNDAY- CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving

Adults
Please join us on Wednesday
November 18th at 6pm
To make a holiday ornament.
This is a free class but requires
you to sign up at the library or
call 860-822-3012 to sign up

Children
please join us on Saturday November 21st
at 1pm for a holiday story followed by
making a holiday ornament and a snack.
Call or stop in to put yourself on the sign up list.
HOLLY JOLLY BAZAAR
BALTIC VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2015
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

HOLIDAY GIFTS, CRAFTS AND DECORATIONS
BAKED GOODS, COFFEE & MUFFINS
LUNCHEON MENU AND MORE

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH,
DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
AND HAVE A FUN DAY!

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.

~John Muir
To the Residents of Sprague.

With fall here and winter fast approaching I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things.

Winter months can be hard and most of all the towns crew that tirelessly plow the roads. Please remember that snow removal is much easier when you remove your vehicle from the roadway so the town crew can pass by without delay.

Also remember the Crime Hotline/Tip line for town residents, to make an anonymous call to the police to report ongoing issues including illegal activity such as speeders, vandals, drug users and sellers, or any other suspicious activity please call 860-822-3000 Ext 207. Once again this is an anonymous line and will only be heard by me and I will listen to everyone's concerns and make every attempt to resolve them as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please refrain from reporting incidents that you are a victim. To avoid waiting for police service, I would like you to call the State Police barracks at 860-848-6600 if you are reporting any active or past incidents that require immediate police services. And as always please dial 911 in case of any emergency.

Respectfully,

Tc. Randy Silvestri

PHONE (860) 822-3000
FAX (860) 822-3013
P.O. BOX 626, BALTIMORO, CT 06330
Absentee Ballots
On or after October 5th, absentee ballots will be available for the November 3rd election.
You may also request Permanent Absentee ballot status if you are permanently disabled. This requires a note from your doctor and a completed Absentee Ballot Application.
Please call or stop into the Town Clerk’s Office (822-3000 ext. 220) to request an application or for more info.

There will be a Flag Ceremony on November 11th, 2015 at 11AM. Come join American Legion Post 85 to help us thank our veterans for all they have done. We will meet at the Veterans’ Memorial (changing this flag), then move to the Town Hall (changing out the Town Hall Flag). Light refreshments will be offered in the community room on the second floor of the Grist Mill afterwards where you may ask our veterans about their experiences.

To all animal helpers: if anyone is interested in helping the local community cats, especially through the winter months, possibly with food, shelter, and vetting, let’s gather and brainstorm Ideas. (860) 861-0857 ask for Al. On behalf of the cats, thank you!

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6AM – 8PM
Baltic Fire Department
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**Turtle Senior Café November 2015**

Turtle Senior Nutrition Program is supported by Senior Nutrition Program of the Center for Rural Aging and Youth Services, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For more information, please contact the Center for Rural Aging and Youth Services at 217-333-4111.
**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.*  *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

This is the Thanksgiving Season. I hope you will thank your Heavenly Father for all the things he has given you.  
You may help those in need this year in a number of ways.  
Donate whatever you can to the Salvation Army Upper New London County Service Unit by sending a check to 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330. 90% of that money will be used to help your neighbors. There are Angel gift cards at the Town Hall; take one or more and get a gift card that can be used for anything: food, gas, gifts, things food cards don’t cover. Donate food to the food pantry at the town hall. The Boy Scouts do a great job in their food drive.  
If you need food, stop by the town hall and see Colette and she will help you.  
Be thankful for all you have been given, no matter how things seem to be going. Our Heavenly Father LOVES YOU!
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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