Sprague needs Girl Scout leaders!!

Are you looking for some inspiration in your life? It’s amazing how a group of girls will inspire you to be a better you. Being a Girl Scout Leader is more than just being a volunteer. It’s a life changing experience you will fall in love with! We currently have a waiting list of girls around the state who can’t wait to be Girl Scouts but we don’t have enough leaders to make their dreams come true. Being a Girl Scout Leader does take time, but as the leader, you can create a schedule that works best for you. And don’t worry, we provide all the training you need so that both you and the girls have a meaningful experience. Whether you are a parent, alumna, or someone who wants to make a difference in the life of a girl, being a Girl Scout Leader could turn out to be one of the BEST things you’ve done. Give it a try, or better yet, ask a friend to be a co-leader and double your fun! Contact us today at membership@gsofct.org and become an approved GSOFCT volunteer; and we’ll put you on the path to making the world a better place.

My name is Shannen Patnoad and I live here in Sprague, I run a Girl Scout Junior Troop with girls from Sprague and Lisbon that are fourth graders, you may have seen us around, doing community service and in the parades. I am also the town recruiter, we truly need more volunteers to form more Troops in our town. We have a need for leaders for Daisy’s (Kindergarten & 1st grade) as well as Brownies (2nd & 3rd grade). There are so many girls in Sprague that want to join Girl Scouts but there are no adults available to lead them. If you think you would love to be a part of Girl Scouts. Thank you!

slpatnoad@gmail.com
The Town ventured into winter weather during the tail end of January, here’s hoping this February does not emulate last year’s. I noticed how surprised the birds were as they scurried around grabbing the specks of seed that were available atop the snow. It is certainly a comforting thought to know that there are only 49 days left until spring formally arrives. Each day the sun stays out longer, is warmer, and comes closer to us. It is wonderful to feel the winter season inch ever closer to an end. While I sit here having a hot cup of coffee I am anticipating the refreshing taste of iced cold lemonade sitting on the porch.

However, outside enthusiasts have broken out the snowshoes and are out enjoying the cool quiet air around the reservoir and through the trails at the preserve. Take time to join them if you love the outside, you may catch a glimpse of the ever present wildlife walking through the forests. What a pleasure it is to know that our great, great grandchildren will inherit this asset.

Please keep an eye on your neighbors as winter winds down. Check on them, make sure they are warm and shoveled out. I know they will appreciate it as much as I do!

This budget is being readied for next year; pencils are being sharpened and a critical eye is looking over each item. As the process moves forward I will be sending out all finalized information.

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten ~ First Selectman

Open Positions as of 2/1/2016

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Blending Analog and Digital Technology

Sayles School third graders were excited to share their knowledge about rounding numbers. They created a “how-to” video explaining and teaching how to round numbers.

A student cameraperson used the camera app on an ipad to capture the student teams.

Look for educational videos on “Teacher Tube”!
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

The Democratic Caucus was held on January 7th. Endorsed were new and returning members to the Town Committee. There are a few open positions; please let us know if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic team.

Following the Caucus a regular meeting was held discussing the upcoming selection of delegates to the State and District Conventions in March and the Presidential Preference Primary to be held on April 26th. Senator Cathy Osten reported on State legislation.

The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact DTC secretary Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111. Please visit the Sprague DTC website @ SpragueDemocrats.org for updated information.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

SFC Little League
Winter Baseball Clinics
Franklin Elementary School
Saturday Evenings -
January 30 to March 26
Ages 4-8 5:00-6:30 Ages 9-16 6:30-8:00
Contact Jeff Rathbun 860-961-4779
Pitcher Catcher Clinic at Sayles School
Starting soon... Check Facebook for more info
Must be registered for the season to participate in clinics or there is a $20 fee refundable upon registration. Will receive a wristband.

Register for the 2016 season now at clinics or online at
http://www.eteamz.com/sfclittleleague1/links/

Interested sponsors please contact
Pamela Matthews at toddpam719@gmail.com

Hour of Code Graduates
Sayles has joined the Makerspace Movement. Makerspaces provide space and creative time to build prototypes, explore questions, fail and retry, bounce ideas off one another and build something together. Some makerspaces use existing school spaces such as the media center.

Sayles School participated in the Hour of Code again this year. Hour of Code highlights computer science week and getting students interested in computer science and coding. Students learn how to write computer code through a variety of game sequences, varying in difficulty.
Branching Out….  
Notes from the Tree Warden

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) presentation that was held on January 12th concluded with a definitive message: all the ash trees in Sprague (and the rest of Eastern CT) are going to die as a result of the EAB infestation. There are some actions we as a town can take to preserve some of the trees by treatment or by removal of the rest to minimize the level of infestation. A plan will be needed to determine what approach will be taken to attempt to combat the EAB in town.

Dr. Claire Rutledge discussed the biology of the EAB, where it is currently located, how fast it spreads and how it kills ash trees. Chris Donnelly, CT state forester, reviewed the federal and state quarantine regulations and showed before and after slides of ash trees affected by EAB. Dave Stone, an arborist for the Lindon Tree Company, provided information about pesticide treatment methods that are available and some approximate costs based on tree diameters.

Some dialog took place about pesticides that are available for homeowners to treat ash trees themselves. Although there are several brands that are available for both trunk treatment and root irrigation, the general consensus was that homeowner application was not recommended due to risks of pesticide spread and the many risks of over/under application.

I have surveyed 4 miles of town roads (out of 26 miles) and have identified 67 ash trees within the town right of ways. I anticipate having around 300 public ash trees when I complete surveying the remaining roads.

I have placed some additional information at the terrific EAB display our Town Clerk has set up in her office. The booklet “Pesticide Options for Protecting Ash Trees form Emerald Ash Borer” provides a great deal of information for homeowners to make an informed decision about trying to save ash trees on their property and when to start “combat” procedures. Even if an arborist is hired for pesticide applications, treatment is still most likely less expensive than removal. The display also has numerous resources and web sites available to gain more knowledge to make decisions about dealing with EAB.

The timing of our first winter weather was unfortunate and obviously impacted the attendance for the presentation. I appreciate the folks that got there and the speakers were pleased with the group and their enthusiasm.

Dave Gustafson ~ Sprague Tree Warden
Hello There! Are you aware that there is a group in town who would enjoy your company?

The group has a variety of activities and is always willing to try new ideas. Perhaps you have some ideas and likes that you could contribute.

Some of the activities are standard: arts and crafts, bingo, current movies, chorus (the Broadway-like group called “The Smilers”), lunch, and café on Thursday. The food is great and affordable!

There are also visits from the VNA East, the Senior Resource Agency. They are very helpful and knowledgeable. There are trips which are amazing, fun and also affordable.

One of the best features of our Senior Center is the transportation that is available for medical appointments, shopping on scheduled days, and to center activities.

Oh yes, there are no strangers in this group. Everyone is welcome. You only have to be 55 years young!

Come in and check us out!

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Any Seal Coating Job

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The Sprague Historical Society has 2016 Calendars for Sale. They can be purchased at the Sprague Historical Society Museum or Town Hall for $5.00.

We have received new artifacts over the past year, please stop in and see them.

Thank you to everyone who supported us!

If anyone has any items or pictures you would like to donate, scan or lend it would be appreciated.

Please help us keep the History of Sprague alive!!

Check us out on Facebook!

You can email us at historicalsociety@ctsprague.org

Write to us at 76 Main St. Baltic, CT 06330

Call us at 860-822-6867

Our hours:

Tues. 2:30 to 5:00
Thurs. 3:30 to 6:00
Wed. & Sat. 10:00 to 1:00

HELP WANTED!

ELECTION WORKERS AND CERTIFIED ELECTION MODERATORS

⇒ Looking for a way to become involved with your local community without the commitment of monthly meetings?
⇒ Retiree or college student looking for a way to earn extra money?
⇒ Interested in helping your fellow citizens?
⇒ Looking for a way to spend Election Day with the guarantee of no political talk?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, why not become an Election Worker or a Certified Election Moderator? The Town of Sprague will pay for your training and mileage and you can decide the elections you work.

⇒ In Florida for the winter? No problem you can work the Budget referendum and Primaries.
⇒ College student? Great addition to your resume.
⇒ Working Part-time or unemployed? Great way to demonstrate your leadership ability

If you want to learn more about becoming an Election Worker or a Certified Election Moderator, please contact the Registrars of Voters at 860-822-3000 ext 220 or via email at registrar@ctsprague.org.

Elizabeth Calderon
Barbara Richardson Crouch
The Sprague Economic Development Commission welcomes Edwin V. Selden from the International Executive Corps Service, which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to equitable, sustainable economic growth in developing communities. They believe that a robust private sector is the cornerstone of resilient economies and stable countries, as an experienced mentor to the SEDC. IESC strengthens businesses and public and private institutions. They work in the areas of trade and enterprise, information communication and applied technologies, financial services, tourism, and public sector and business enabling environment. They have completed more than 25,000 projects in 130 countries, including the world’s newest—South Sudan—and its oldest—China. Since 1964, we have been helping people learn, grow, and thrive. We are hoping this partnership aids us in maximizing the ideas and resources available to us for helping Sprague thrive economically.

We would also like to thank Christine Kolar for her being a part of the SEDC this past year. We wish you well as you focus on other life areas. We welcome Carl Holte as our newest member and look forward to working together on the projects we have on the table.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire included in this month’s Our Town. We value the input of everyone in Sprague since we are all in this together. Drop the questionnaire off to the Town Clerk by the end of the month and thank you for participating! Our next meeting is Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 7pm at the town hall meeting room.

If you have any questions or comments concerning economic development in our town, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Phyllis Nelson
SEDC Chairman
Balancedliving45@gmail.com
To all residents of the Town of Sprague, the Sprague Economic Development Commission is asking you to please respond to the following questions and return the questionnaire to the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Residential Taxpayers**

When the Baltic Mill Property is developed, what type of development would you prefer? Please number in order of priority.

- Retail Storefronts/commercial________
- Light industrial/manufacturing________
- Residential/condominiums________
- Mixed use of all of the above________

If given a choice of the basic concept appearance of the overall development, which of the following themes would you prefer?

- Modern appearing structures
- Historical appearing structures

When development of the property takes place, do you think any part of the pre-existing complex should remain?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what should remain? ________________________________________________________________
  ______________________________________________________________________________________

**Existing Business Taxpayers**

When the Baltic Mill property is developed, what type of development would you prefer: Please number in order of priority.

- Retail storefronts/commercial________
- Light industrial/manufacturing________
- Residential/condominiums________
- Mixed use of all of the above________

Does your facility and its employees have a need for any particular service and/or products that could be provided at the location of the new development?

- Yes
- No

If yes, we would appreciate your feedback____________________________________________________
  ______________________________________________________________________________________

If additional access to rail was available to this site, would expansion to your facility be an option at this location?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to provide about the new development?

- Yes
- No

If yes, we would appreciate your feedback.____________________________________________________
  ______________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any business partners or associates that would be interested in getting in on the ground floor of this new development opportunity?

- Yes
- No

If yes, we would like to discuss this with you.
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
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL 23RD ANNUAL 3 MILE RACE, KIDS FUN RUN, & INAUGURAL "LICKETY SPLIT" MILE

WHEN: SAT. MARCH 26, 2016 (6:30-8:30) REGISTRATION (8:30) LICKETY SPLIT MILE (9:00) KIDS ½ MILE FUN RUN (9:30) 3 MILE RACE

WHERE: ST JOSEPH SCHOOL—10 SCHOOL HILL RD., BALTIC, CT. 06330 • CORNER OF SCHOOL HILL RD. AND RT. 207
[Exit 18 off Rt.395-Formally Exit 83]

WHY: ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE SCHOOLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

TIMING OF RACE: SNERRO

ENTRY INFO: * 3 MILE RACE/1 MILE RACE ( $23—PRE-REGISTRATION/ $26 RACE DAY )
* KIDS FUN RUN ( $8—PRE-REGISTRATION/ $12 RACE DAY )

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL STUDENTS ( $10—PRE-REGISTRATION/$15 RACE DAY )

AWARDS & PRIZES: *UNIQUE TROPHY AWARD CEREMONY TO TOP 3 PLACES IN MALE & FEMALE CATEGORIES FOR 3 MILE RACE...YOU CHOOSE THE TROPHY YOU WANT!
• RIBBONS AWARDED FOR ONLY TOP 3 RUNNERS IN 9 AGE CATEGORIES FOR ONE MILE RACE.
• FREE T-SHIRTS GUARANTEED TO 1ST 100 PRE-REGISTERED FOR EITHER 3 MILE/ 1 MILE RACE...LIMITED AMOUNT FOR RACE DAY REGISTRATION.
• $50 FOR COURSE RECORD AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZES FOR AGE CATEGORY COURSE RECORDS FOR THE 3 MILE RACE.
• RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWING AFTER AWARDS CEREMONY-FOR ONLY 3 MILE/1 MILE RUNNERS.

★ RACE #1 OF THE "RUN AMOK" RACE SERIES......MORE INFO ON BACK OF APPLICATION. YOU CAN CHOOSE TO RUN EITHER RACE...OR BOTH!!!

★ OVERALL MALE/FEMALE WINNER IN 3 MILE RACE WILL RECEIVE PROMO CODE FOR FREE SHIRT FROM MYLOCKER.COM.......

CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN CLOTHING!!!

REGISTRATION BY MAIL: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO [ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL] — AND MAIL TO: ★★★★★★★★★

[ALL CHECKS WILL BE DEPOSITED THE FOLLOWING WEEK AFTER THE RACE DATE]

RACE AMENITY: STEPHANIE GALLOW PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE RACE DAY PHOTOS AND PRINT 4X6 PRINTS FOR FREE-LARGER PRINTS WILL COME WITH A FEE. www.snapshotsbysteph.com)

SO SMILE!!!!!!

FURTHER INFO: GLENN COSTELLO PHONE: (860) 886-2828 E-MAIL: (nocsetc@com)

AMPLE REFRESHMENTS—MANY CONSIDER THE BEST POST-RACE BUFFET IN CONNECTICUT!!

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LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

SEX

AGE

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MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP CODE

STATE

EMAIL ADDRESS

RACE ENTERED: ✔ 3 MILE RACE

1 MILE RACE

✔ KIDS ½ MILE FUN RUN

FR (T-SHIRT SIZE...ONLY FOR RUNNERS IN THE 3 MILE & 1 MILE RACES)

MARK BOX WITH "X"

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. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO REFUND OF FEES FOR NON-PARTICIPATION OF RACE.

DATE

SIGNATURE (PARENTS SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18)

FOR RACE USE ONLY

THIS RACE IS PART OF THE MOHEGAN STRIDERS "GRAND PRIX" POINT SERIES.....

SO LACE UP THOSE RACING SHOES!!!!
President’s Day Word Search

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Video surveillance cameras.

The Town of Sprague has increased its video surveillance camera systems. Monitoring of the River Park, the Veteran’s Memorial Park and the clock has been included in the Town’s video surveillance.

The cameras at the Veteran’s Memorial Park also pick up the stop signs at three way intersection of 207 and 97.

The video surveillance of these areas will provide protection of the citizens of Sprague and their property.

Transfer Station

Single Stream Recycling
Single stream recycling means that all acceptable recyclables are combined together into a single waste stream. Acceptable recyclables are some paper and cardboard products - as defined in this article, soda and food cans, plastic food container products with symbol #1 through symbol #7 and glass beverage and food container products.

Single Stream Recycling Bin
The Single Stream recycling bin at the transfer station is provided to contain acceptable recyclables as defined by the current bin vendor, Willimantic Waste, Inc. The bin is a compactor type device that is fully contained with chute, hopper, hydraulic ram mechanism and compaction box. The compaction power of the hydraulic system provides the most effective cost per ton of waste disposal to the town. However, because of its design it is highly susceptible to jamming by unacceptable pieces of cardboard and cardboard boxes. The prevention of jamming is very important to the continuous filling of the compaction box and saving town costs. Therefore, to eliminate jamming events, all cardboard and cardboard boxes must be preprocessed before it enters the bin chute as described in this article. The bin should not emit any offensive odors, keep it clean, keep it small and keep it loose.

Paper and Cardboard Products

Acceptable
Acceptable paper and cardboard products are paperboard and cardboard boxes, opened mail and greeting cards, paper egg cartons, paperback books, white and color office paper, phone books, paper file folders, magazines, brochures and catalogs, newspapers and newspaper inserts, corrugated cardboard, paper bags and rinsed out paper milk or juice cartons.

All paper or cardboard products must be free of any non-paper or cardboard substances. All boxes must be free of trash, garbage, plastic, styrofoam or nylon, candle glass, electronics, etc. All boxes must be broken down flat by tearing or cutting, not just flattened. All boxes and cardboard must be reduced in size below 3 feet in length and width by tearing or cutting.

Prohibited
Plastic bags and plastic wrappers continue to be the #1 violation. Prohibited paper and cardboard products are shredded paper, wax paper, plastic and styrofoam egg cartons, hard-covered books, soiled paper (wet, wax, paint, oils, food, etc.), soiled napkins, tissue paper, toilet paper, dryer sheets, tea bags, mailers that contain plastic, all types of pet food bags and any combination of paper or cardboard with trash, garbage, plastic, styrofoam, nylon, kitty litter, etc. All paper and cardboard bags or boxes that contain other materials are prohibited. All paper and cardboard must be loose when placed in the bin. Any paper and cardboard that are boxed, bagged, tied or taped, bound or bundled are prohibited.
Baltic Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Our annual holiday gathering/meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, at T J’s Café.

Many thanks for their dedicated service to the Auxiliary.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. 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 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

Slate of officers for the 2016 year are as follows:

President: Tina Deschamps
Vice President: Annette Lussier
Secretary: Jeannette Deschamps
Treasurer: Susan Deschamps
Sunshine Committee: Lorraine Allen

Year pins were distributed to the following members:

Susan Deschamps: 40 years
Lorraine Bisson: 25 years
Melinda Deschamps: 20 years

Many thanks for their dedicated service to the Auxiliary.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the firehouse.
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

Clarinet $100 obo

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A 6 drawer dresser. Wood not pressed board with cherry red stain (2 sets of 3 drawers side by side) high.
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SHRED DAY AT THE LIBRARY!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHELSEA-GROTON BANK, THE SHRED TRUCK WILL BE HERE AGAIN ON SATURDAY APRIL 16TH FROM 9AM-12:00PM.

THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

AT THE LIBRARY!

ONCE AGAIN OUR FOOD FOR FINES PROGRAM

FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PATRONS CAN BRING IN CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS AND WE WILL TAKE $1.00 OFF OF YOUR FINES FOR EACH ITEM YOU BRING IN. PLEASE NO DENTS OR OUT OF DATE ITEMS. ALL FOOD ITEMS WILL GO TO THE TOWN FOOD PANTRY.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM TO PAY YOUR LIBRARY FINES!!!

SEW WHAT? It’s Sew Easy!

Like to Sew or Machine Embroider? Need some dedicated time to get projects done? Want to learn to sew, learn new techniques, and take classes? Need help with a project or BIG floor space to lay out a quilt? Want some new sewing friends? YOU GOT IT! Come down to the Sprague Library every Monday from 1pm to 4pm. Bring a machine, your project and personal supplies (pins, scissors etc.). I will have a cutting table and ironing station set up. There will be a donation jar for use of the space that will go to the “Friends of the Library”. Please just give a quick call to the Library so we can get a head count of interest. 860-822-3012

Beginning on Monday February first! The first on the first-----easy to remember! This is a starter adventure and I will fine tune it as I go along. Please join us. Open to anyone over the age of 18. Sew excited! There is a ramp to roll your bags and an elevator to the second floor. No Stairs! Hooray!!! Marion Leep

COMING SOON “LITTLE READER’S BOOK CLUB”

FOR AGES 5 TO 8 CALL OR STOP AT THE LIBRARY TO SIGN UP!!
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   Baked Beans  
   Butternut Squash  
   Pineapple Cup | 3. Salisbury Steak w/ gravy  
   Mashed Potatoes  
   Stewed Tomatoes  
   Fruit Cocktail | 4. Green Pepper & Rice Casserole  
   Cumin & Garlic Rubbed Potatoes  
   Capri Vegetable Medley  
   Peach Cup | 5. Chicken Pasta Twist Alfredo  
   Peas  
   Carrots  
   Orange Juice  
   Cupcake  
   Birthday Celebration |
| 8. Beef Stroganoff  
   Egg Noodles  
   Mixed Vegetables  
   Pears w/ mandarin oranges | 9. Lemon Garlic Chicken  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Broccoli  
   Cranberry Juice  
   Chocolate Chip Cookie | 10. Stuffed Shells w/ marinara  
   Garlic Bread  
   Lima Beans & Green Beans  
   Fresh Orange | 11. Chicken Parmesan  
   Buttered Noodles  
   Chuck wagon Blend  
   Applesauce Cup | 12. Cheese Omelet  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Zucchini  
   Fruit Cocktail |
| 15. Presidents’ Day | 16. Cod Italiano  
   Buttered Noodles  
   Mixed Vegetables  
   Fresh Orange | 17. Chicken Curry & Rice Casserole  
   Broccoli  
   Diced Carrots  
   Grape Juice  
   Danish  
   Ethnic Celebration | 18. Pineapple Glazed Ham  
   Scalloped Potatoes  
   Zucchini  
   Fruit Cocktail | 19. Cheese Manicotti w/ marinara  
   Garlic Bread  
   Green Beans & Wax Beans  
   Pineapple Cup |
| 22. Tuscan Baked Chicken  
   Rice Pilaf  
   Italian Blend  
   Grape Juice  
   Sugar Cookie | 23. Meatloaf w/ gravy  
   Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
   Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes  
   Peach Cup | 24. Swedish Meatballs  
   Buttered Noodles  
   Chuck wagon Blend  
   Pears w/ mandarin oranges | 25. Hot Dog w/ roll  
   Baked Beans  
   Coleslaw  
   Pineapple Cup | 26. Southwestern Crusted Cod  
   Rice Pilaf  
   Broccoli  
   Fresh Fruit |
| 29. Mediterranean Beef Stew  
   Buttered Noodles  
   Winter Vegetable Medley  
   Peach Cup |  |  |  |  |

Be a weather watcher… If severe inclement weather in the forecast cafe schedules & menus are subject to change. Inclement weather closings will be announced on all local radio stations and channel 3 & 8.
## 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.

The Salvation Army  
Upper New London County Service Unit  
Dennison Allen Town of Sprague Representative

Winter seems to be here. I know that money has been tight this year; however, if you can find a little money to help others, you will be blessed. Send no matter what you can find to give. Send checks to: **Upper New London County Salvation Army Unit, 34 Riverside Dr., Baltic, CT 06330**.

Keep your fuel tanks full and keep food, water, and supplies on hand in case of bad weather.

By the way have you sat down with your family and talked about where to go if you need to leave your home, so all can be accounted for? Do you have 24 hour kit ready if you need it?

Each Friday there is food at The Community Center, 18 West Main St, Baltic. Be there at 1pm to sign up, distribution starts at 2pm. Another resource if you need food, is the town food pantry. Call Town Hall and speak to Colette. Thanks to the Boy scout Scouting for Food drive there is food to help you.

May the Lord bless you with all the things you ask for and need.
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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