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

Information & News for March 2016

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 26th, 2016
11:00AM
River Park
Thousands of eggs will be hidden
Come join us rain or shine
We would appreciate donations of nonperishable food
items or toiletries for our food pantry

Oil, Lube & Filter
$24.95
Includes up to 5 quarts of oil, lube, & filter for most cars & light trucks “plus” taxes & shop environmental fees!

VERSAILLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNRISE SERVICE AT OCCUM DAM
ALL ARE WELCOME
MARCH 27TH - LIGHT BREAKFAST SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER SUNRISE SERVICE
EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY @ 10:30 AM

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, March 26 for the April 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

I must say I was thrilled when the groundhog did not see his shadow in the beginning of February. But alas the cold came with a vengeance shortly thereafter causing us to bundle up for a bit! We are now heading into March with its blustery days in front of us. I am hoping that the groundhog was right with an early spring pushing the warm weather into Eastern Connecticut. I plan on flying a kite this spring and would like to see a few more kite enthusiasts out there doing the same during warm spring days.

The budget process is in full swing. We are looking at ways to both build up our “reserve fund” and keep expenses in line. There will be a budget newsletter in your hands hopefully by mid-April which will include capital plans, salaries, and operating expenses for both the Town and the Board of Education. This will be awaiting an initial approval by the Board of Finance.

The Town will be having our very popular Easter Egg Hunt the last Saturday in March please stop by and join the Rec Committee and help us hiding the eggs. And again hope that the groundhog was right and we have a warm day for our little ones as they run about the River Park looking for those well-hidden eggs!

As always thanks for your support!

Cathy Osten
First Selectman

Open Positions as of 3/1/2016

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| Sprague Housing Authority | |
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Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At our February meeting we discussed delegates to the upcoming conventions that we will be endorsing in March. The election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer to the DTC will take place 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 team.

The Committee voted unanimously to endorse incumbents U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and State Senator Catherine Osten for the upcoming November 2016 Election.

Sprague’s Capital Plan was distributed by Cathy Osten. Discussion followed.

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.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

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SFC Little League
Winter Baseball Clinics
Franklin Elementary School
Saturday Evenings - January 30 - 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

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Blizzard of Books
It’s a “Blizzard of Books” at Sayles School! In honor of this theme, Sayles School’s hallways have been transformed to reflect our love of reading and books. Seeing every classroom and office door decorated to represent a favorite book, rating books with a rubric of 1-5 snowflakes, viewing staff members as young children and reading their childhood book recommendations, and having the Nimbus 2000 from Harry Potter soaring between the 5th grade classrooms, a stroll through the school not only will make you slow your pace to admire all of the great talent and creativity, but it will also make you want to bundle up with a great book!
February 2, 2016 American Legion Post 85 Minutes

The CDR opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. 10 members were in attendance. There were no minutes from January. The Financial Officer/Adjutant reported that there was $249.65 in the checking account and $3,672.03 in the Memorial Fund. He also stated that 40 of the 44 members had paid dues to date. The Financial Officer/Adjutant asked permission to pay a $420.00 bill to All-star Awards and Apparel for sweatshirt purchases and a $58.00 bill for permits taken out by Cathy Osten. Both bills were approved.

The Memorial Committee stated that they had been in communication with the designers of the next statue and had approved the sketches. There is no final design at this time.

The chicken dinner committee has cancelled the dinner.

The Poker run committee announced prices for next year’s Sweatshirts which will sell for $20.00. The Financial Officer/Adjutant received $69.00 from the Poker Run Committee for sweatshirt sales. The Poker Run is tentatively scheduled for July 17th. The post received word from Fr. Tito that he declined the offer for a flag to be put in the Church. The meeting closed at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 1st at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Coletti
Post 85 Adjutant and Financial Officer
START PLANNING NOW

EARTH DAY 2016 IS
Friday, APRIL 22\textsuperscript{ND}, 2016

THE TOWN OF SPRAGUE WILL BE CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 2016

STARTING @ 10AM FINISHING @ 2PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ADOPT A ROAD FOR CLEANUP

BAGS AND GLOVES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GRIST MILL PARKING LOT

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED @ 1PM IN THE GRIST MILL PARKING AREA

PLEASE CALL CATHY OR BARBARA @ 860-822-3000 X 201 AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO TO HELP OUT.
$50 OFF
Any Seal Coating Job

$100 OFF
Any Driveway Installation

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Locally Owned
Owner Operators

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860.848.0545
Baltic CT

ANDY’S CELL: 860.234.3541    JOE’S CELL: 860.234.3543
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Sprague Historical Society

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

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

FREE DUMP DAY

SATURDAY, April 23rd, 2016

ALL ACCEPTED ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED FREE OF CHARGE

REGULAR HOURS WILL BE FOLLOWED
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
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

Sprague Garden Club
Winter is still hanging on but soon we will be welcoming the first days of spring and an early Easter. The warm weather we had been having made a few bulbs pop up so spring cannot be far away. The next meeting of the Sprague Garden Club will be March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Our hostesses will be Jan Settje & Anne Donovan. Our guest speaker will be Patty Lucente. We welcome new members and all are invited to attend.

Come hike into Spring sponsored by the Sprague Conservation Commission
1st day of Spring March 20, 2016
Meet in Preserve lot at the end of Holton Rd. Franklin @1:00pm We’ll hike, do some identification and have fun to welcome Spring. Bring a friend or family member.
Any questions email donaldboushee@sbcglobal.net

Financing now available.
Here at Interstate Auto we are excited to announce our GUARANTED FINANCING PROGRAM.

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- Foreclosure?
- Bankruptcy?
- Divorce?
- Repossession?

WE CAN HELP!
$1500.00 down, proof of income, proof of residence, and current bank statement.

Come by 53 Taftville Occum Rd Norwich, CT or call 860-383-4888 for details!
**Some restrictions apply** **Only on selected vehicles**
~SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS~

By

Brenda J. Keefe

SCC Outreach Coordinator

Sprague Community Center (SCC) is preparing for the Annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are $10.00; Children 5-10: $5.00; Children Under 5: Free. Tickets can be purchased at SCC on Fridays from 9:30-10:45 a.m., 12:30-3:00 p.m. or call 860-822-6595 to reserve your tickets, or you can buy tickets at the door. We will also have take-out meals. Once again we are so pleased to have “Buddy” Meadows as the Chef with Assistant Chef Linwood Lamb.

The menu will consist of delicious corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes, baby carrots, homemade rye bread (seedless), and vanilla ice cream with green sprinkles! Save the date, March 12, 2016, and come to SCC for a delicious dinner and a night of community fellowship.

Our weekly food distribution program, “Food Friday” is held every Friday from 2-3:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. for registration. “Food Friday” is held every Friday except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, 4th of July, and Good Friday.

Speaking of Good Friday, we will be having a Good Friday service upstairs in the sanctuary at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

Many people in our community have asked how they can help us with our Outreach Ministry at SCC. We could use the following items for our “Food Friday” program: ~Quart and gallon bags ~Grocery plastic bags
We also need volunteers to help us unload the food trucks that arrive Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at SCC. This takes about 45 minutes to an hour to unload and organize the food. If anyone is interested, please call 860-822-6595.

As always, our Fellowship Hall is available for rent. Many people rent the Hall for children’s (adults too) birthday parties, baby showers, and bridal showers. Our sanctuary is also available for weddings. Call 860-822-6595 to arrange a time to come and see the Hall and make arrangements for your event.

Special thanks to all who continue to support SCC with their service and/or donations. Your support means so much to us at SCC and certainly helps us continue to serve our community.
Bonjour!

Do you speak French or love la francophonie? Are you of French or French-speaking heritage & interested in learning more about your roots? Do you want connect with others who love all things French?

Then, join the…

French Language group of Eastern CT

Come meet other French speakers and French language lovers as we organize diverse activities that encompass the vastness of la francophonie across our region…et surtout, venez parler en français !

Our first meeting

- Saturday, March 12, 2016
- 1:30 PM
- Sprague Grist Mill Community Room
- 2nd floor, 76 Main St, Baltic, CT 06330

RSVP & Learn more

By visiting www.meetup.com/frencheasternct
Or by emailing francoetfier@gmail.com

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

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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 FREE ~ Call (860)204-6286

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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!

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!!

Please consider joining us for our ongoing programs!
Sewing at the library every Monday to support the Friends of the Sprague Public Library!
Knitting Club two Saturdays per month,
Afternoon Delight Book Club,
Fiction Addiction Book Club
and Story hour.
Call the library for more information at 860-822-3012
# TVCCA Senior Cafe March 2016

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| 1. Lemon Garlic Chicken  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Broccoli  
   Fresh Fruit | 2. Meatball Grinder w/ 6" sub roll  
   Mozzarella Cheese  
   Italian Vegetable Medley  
   Pears w/ mandarin oranges | 3. Chicken Paprika  
   Parsley Potatoes  
   Capri Vegetable Medley  
   Pineapple Cup | 4. Cheese Omelet  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Stewed Tomatoes  
   Cranberry Juice  
   Danish | |
| 7. BBQ Chicken Thigh  
   Baked Beans  
   Peas & Carrots  
   Grape Juice  
   Oatmeal Cookie | 8. Salisbury Steak w/ gravy  
   Mashed Potatoes  
   Stewed Tomatoes  
   Fruit Cocktail | 9. Southwestern Crusted Cod  
   Rice Pilaf  
   Broccoli  
   Fresh Fruit | 10. BBQ Pulled Pork w/ roll  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Snap Peas  
   Applesauce Cup | 11. Stuffed Shells  
   Garlic Bread  
   Wax Beans & Green Beans  
   Pineapple Cup |
| 14. Green Pepper Casserole  
   Cumin Garlic Potatoes  
   Capri Blend, Fruit Cocktail | 15. Glazed Ham  
   Scalloped Potatoes  
   Green Beans  
   Pineapple Cup | 16. Corned Beef & Cabbage  
   Mashed Potatoes  
   Baby Carrots  
   Cranberry Juice  
   Irish Soda Bread | 17. Chicken Parmesan  
   Penne Pasta w/ marinara  
   Winter Blend  
   Peach Cup | 18. NEW...Stuffed Sole  
   Seasoned Rice  
   Italian Vegetable Medley  
   Fresh Orange |
| 21. Western Omelet  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Mixed Vegetables  
   Pears w/ mandarin oranges | 22. Creamy Chicken Alfredo  
   w/ pasta  
   Peas  
   Baby Carrots  
   Cupcake  
   Orange Juice  
   *Birthday Celebration* | 23. Meatloaf w/ gravy  
   Mashed Potatoes  
   Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes  
   Peach Cup | 24. Tuscan Baked Chicken  
   Seasoned Rice  
   Chuck Wagon Medley  
   Fresh Orange | 25. Good Friday  
   Program Closed |
| 28. Stuffed Chicken w/ broccoli & cheese  
   Rice Pilaf  
   Stewed Tomatoes  
   Fresh Fruit | 29. Pub Burger w/ bun  
   Roasted Potatoes  
   Mixed Vegetables  
   Peach Cup | 30. Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole  
   Peas  
   Carrots  
   Pears w/ mandarin oranges | 31. Cheese Manicotti w/ marinara  
   Garlic Bread  
   Long Bean Medley  
   Grape Juice  
   Sugar Cookie | |

*Deadline for St. Patricks meal sign up.*

*Reservation deadline 3/2  
See site server for details  
*St. Patrick's Day* $4.50

*1% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change with out notice.*
**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

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 Boyscout 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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