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

Information & News for September 2016

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE POSITIONS

Any unaffiliated or minor party voter who would like to become a Justice of the Peace may apply to the Town Clerk, in writing by November 1st. In Sprague, up to ten unaffiliated Justices of the Peace may be appointed. If more than ten applications are received, the Town Clerk must conduct a lottery at a ceremony open to the public.

The four-year term for Justices of the Peace will be from January 2, 2017 through January 4, 2021.

Unaffiliated and minor party voters who miss the Nov. 1 deadline may not apply again until 2021.

No one who is or has been a registered Democrat or Republican on or after May 1, 2016, may apply for one of these appointive unaffiliated or minor party justice of the peace slots.

For the suggested form or questions, please call me.

Jennifer M. Synnett, Town Clerk
860-822-3000 Ext. 220

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:

October 22nd
November 6th

Thanks for all your help!

Call Barbara or Cathy @ 860-822-3000 ext 201

The Sisters of Charity bottle drive is set for September 17th.

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, September 24 for the October issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Elizabeth for details. If interested in volunteering email Elizabeth @ Spragueoutrtownnewsletter@gmail.com
From the Desk of the First Selectman

As the summer rolls to an end we delight in the bounty from gardens tended by friends, neighbors and local farms. It is also the time of year when our children return to their job which is educating themselves for the future. We do have a small educational supply drive going on in Town which augments the supplies purchased by the parents and the Board of Education. If you can donate please drop off donations at either the Town Hall or the school, your generosity is appreciated! We continue working around Town clearing brush, straightening guide poles, painting lines, mowing, trimming trees, etc... If you have something that needs to be addressed that we may have missed, please let us know; we will add it to the list! The library did a stellar job of encouraging summer reading. The rec committee had a good attendance at the bi-weekly outside movies and when it was not raining the concerts were well attended. And thanks to our summer rec crew we doubled the attendance and provided a fun time for our children. We are gearing up for a beautiful fall season with a crisp bite to the air. The 3VFF promises to be bigger than ever. Please stop by.

As always thanks for your support!

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

SPRAGUE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE UPDATES

Our new officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

Michael Meadows – Chairman
Phyllis Arpin-Nelson – Vice Chairman
Annalise Meadows – Secretary

The Sprague Republican Town Committee’s 5th Annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Stone House Bar & Grill in Versailles from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Tickets are $12.00 per person. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Michael Meadows at 860-389-4020.

Paid for by the Sprague RTC, Barry Kolar, Treasurer

If anyone is interested in joining the Sprague Republican Town Committee, please contact Michael Meadows at the above number.

Michael Meadows

Sprague Land Preserve open to hunting

As you know, we will be again allowing permit-only hunting in the Land Preserve this year 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 exceptionally beautiful winter, 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.

HANOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHICKEN BARBECUE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016
4:30-6:30
ADULTS-$9.50/CHILDREN-$5.00
TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE
INFO CALL 860-822-8351/860-822-6771

Thanks.
Any questions please call 860-822-9977
Jen Benson
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

We are very happy to continue adding new members to the Democratic Town Committee. Cathy Osten gave a brief report on both positions of State Senator and First Selectman. A discussion on the Presidential Campaign completed the meeting. The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact me Claire Glaude at 860-822-9111. Please visit the Sprague DTC website @ SpragueDemocrats.org for updated information.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

Sprague’s Fall Cleanup on Saturday, October 22nd

Celebrate Fall with fellow town members by ADOPTING-A-ROAD for trash cleanup and planting bulbs. Meet at the Grist Mill at 10 am to pick up trash bags and flower bulbs. A token gift will be available for participants.

Also, the Town of Sprague is offering a “FREE DUMP DAY” on October 22nd at our Transfer Station from 8 am – 4 pm. Bring your ID showing Sprague residency to the Transfer Station on this day. Blue Bag usage will be waived for the day. Please remember to recycle as that is an important part of our transfer station system.

Open Positions as of 9/1/2016

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Bridge Improvements

The Town of Sprague will be seeing improvements to two state bridges over the next twelve months.

First, there will be improvements to the bridge over the Baltic Mills Canal. DOT has indicated that there will be some traffic impact but the road will be kept open. This will not be a complete replacement, it will require the bridge to be raised about ¼ to a ½ an inch for repairs. There will be some sidewalk repairs, too.

Second, there will be a substructure replacement to the bridge over Beaver Brook between the Town Hall and the Post Office. This will require traffic diversion during the summer months of 2017 for a period of approximately two to three months. There was an informational meeting held at the Town Hall on August 24th, 2016 at 7pm to see the plans and have your concerns addressed.

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

Sprague Solar Farm

The solar farm project will start to be visible over the next few months. Plans have been submitted to the Building Official and are being reviewed. Private agreements with the landowners have been reached and will soon be recorded on the land records. The Town is scheduled to receive the first of twenty payments of $200,000 a year for the next 20 years. This is a total of $4 million dollars for the Town of Sprague and covers the tax benefits we used to receive from the Fusion Paperboard.

As always thanks for your support
Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

GRADUATES OF 2016

Madelyn Avery Allen
Jessica Brittany LaClair
Justin Robert Bagley
Zachary Bryce Larkham
Matthew Elijah Barstrom
Anthony Andrew Lawrence
Shaylin Ali Kenya Bilal
Savannah Kayla Lovett
Justin Robert Bagley
Sidney Richelle Meneses
Zachary Bryce Larkham
Nicholas Michael Miller
Anthony Andrew Lawrence
Aria Irene Mueller
Savannah Kayla Lovett
Savannah Kayla Lovett
Sidney Richelle Meneses
Tatyana Natassia Ortiz
Ty Harvis Patnoad
Amber Delia Discola
Isaiah Christion Outlaw
Kyle Lucas Coleman
Cole Dewitt Patnoad
Jonathan David Cook
Derek Michael Pugh
Amber Delia Discola
Christopher Stephen Pulaski
Laura Ashley Dougan
Samantha Lynn Savoie
Matthew Alexander Dziadul
Samantha Lynn Savoie
Riley Theresa Burzynki
Makayla Janelle Jackson
Haleigh Marie Christman
Lauren Ryan Topalis
Kyle Lucas Coleman
Anelyse Iris Tower
Jonathan David Cook
Eric Matthew Watson
Matthew Alexander Dziadul
Hunter Thomas Jencks
Adam David Freeburn
Samatha Lynn Savoie
Madison Haileigh Gifford
Derek Thomas Shaw
Rielly Alexzander Green
Noah Hunter Shrewsbury
Saige Rayne Bishop Gwynn
Michael Norman Sims
Derek Robert Harvey
Thomas Edward Smith
Lavery Edwin Hill
Kristine Nicole Staggs
Makayla Janelle Jackson
Lauren Ryan Topalis
Kennedy Pamela Jakan
Anelyse Iris Tower
Erin Elizabeth Jedele
Eric Matthew Watson
Hunter Thomas Jencks

Versailles Pond Clean-up

We are another step closer in cleaning up Versailles Pond. This work, which will be paid for by International Paper as has been agreed upon, is reaching a point of conclusion on the investigative research side of things. In speaking with the DEEP they have affirmed that the process is moving closer to a point of resolution and ultimate action.

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman
RIVER PARK MUSIC NIGHTS

SPONSORED BY THE MOHEGAN SUN
Come Join Us For A Relaxing Night By The Beautiful Shetucket River for Family Fun Saturday Nights
September 3rd Glenn Hansen Orchestra
5 pm to 7:30 pm
September 10th Sunday Jam
6 pm to 8:30 pm
September 17th Out of the Blue
5 pm to 7:30
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

OUTSIDE MOVIES
will be held at the RIVER PARK
MOVIE STARTING @ DUSK
September 9 - Inside Out
September 23 - Ghostbusters 1 & 2 (Double Feature)

PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ride the Shetucket River
The Town of Sprague will provide a free shuttle between River Park and Scotland Dam. There will be NO water release scheduled thus we will only provide transport when the river is at a level that will naturally provide for easy travel.
Participants can put in any time between 10:00 and 12:00.
You can ride the river as many times as time and the water level allows.
The ride is 4 miles long and takes approximately 2 hours.
The remaining dates for 2016 are: September 24th, and lastly October 15th (possibly at night).
Since Ride the Shetucket is dependent on the natural water level, check the Town website prior to the event for any cancellation postings. www.ctsprague.org
Paddlers need to have PFD’s and a distress whistle.
For more information, contact Lou Dzialo at 860-822-6043.
There is a mailbox placed up at the transfer station to be used for worn and torn Flags. Please place the flags there, when the mailbox is full the American Legion Post will remove them for proper flag disposal.
Our Town
Business Page:

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
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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
Good Morning Sprague! A few tidbits from the Postmaster’s Desk I’d like to share: We have new stamps that may appeal to many of you. The antique trucks, Botanical Art flowers, Birds in Snow, and Pets stamps are in every one of our three offices for your purchase. They are forever stamps and go for $9.40 per book. We will have Star Trek stamps in early September holiday stamps are right around the corner. Wedding stamps are still on hand for both the lighter (.47 cents) and heavier (.68 cents) invitations. We can place special orders with a couple days’ notice if you want something specific and we do not have enough on hand. Looking for the security, convenience and all-weather protection that comes with post office boxes? We have PO Boxes to rent in all three offices. Prices vary per office and size of the box needed, so stop in and let us help you with that. For those of you who have street delivery, I need your help. Many local mailboxes are too low for the safe delivery of mail by your letter carriers. Please check your boxes while the weather is warm and it is easy to make a quick fix. Adjust your mailbox so the bottom edge is at least 43 inches high from the asphalt – 45” is better – so your carrier can reach it safely. Also, is it time to upgrade to a larger mailbox? Several new-and-approved styles are now on the market, ready to accommodate the most common size packages that many of you now receive. While we love to see you, we know an extra trip to the post office to pick up a package is a task. The right size mailbox for your needs is a must. As you check your mailbox, be sure it has a working flag to indicate the presence of outgoing mail. Mailboxes also need functioning doors to keep mail dry and inside the box when cars go by. Finally, don’t forget to place large numbers on the right side of the box that clearly marks the address as the carrier approaches it. All of these elements are essential for accurate, efficient and secure delivery of your mail. Looking for more guidance? Stop by my office or check the “Mailbox Guidelines” section at our www.usps.com webpage. Finally, we are going to have another Grow Your Business Every Door Direct Mail seminar on Tuesday September 20 at the Baltic Fire House on 22 Bushnell Hollow Rd from 4 pm to 6 pm. If you would like additional information on how to design, prepare, and send a mail piece to every house in town for less than 17 cents each – please join us! Stop in and see how you can create your own QR codes for free, use action items to gauge the reach of your mailing and increase traffic to your place of business. Get the word out – let us help!

Have a great September everyone! See you soon!

Tracy A. Medling, Postmaster, Baltic Hanover and Versailles

The Sprague Resident Trooper’s office would like to update the residents of Sprague of the law enforcement activity being performed over the past few months. Traffic enforcement activity has significantly increased resulting in over 250 traffic violations. Numerous narcotic arrests have been logged due to the increase in traffic enforcement. An arrest warrant was applied for and granted in conjunction with the Ct. State Police Statewide Narcotics task force resulting in an arrest for the Intent to Distribute Narcotics. Also several Search warrants have been executed and investigations into illegal narcotic activities are ongoing. In addition, roving DUI patrols were made possible to the Town of Sprague through a federal grant. The Sprague Resident Trooper’s office reminds the residents of Sprague to report any suspicious/drug activity by contacting the Resident Trooper’s office at (860)-822-3000 x207 and any immediate needs to Troop E @ (860) 848-6500. All calls will be kept confidential.

Also, the Resident Trooper’s office has received several complaints of burglaries occurring overnight into occupied homes. Please report anything suspicious immediately to Troop E @ 911 or 860-848-6500 so Troopers can respond promptly.
TOWN OF SPRAGUE
Assessor’s Office
1 Main Street
P. O. Box 162
Baltic, CT 06330
Tel: 860-822-3000 Ext. 222
Fax: 860-822-3016

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2016, are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before Tuesday November 1, 2016, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN SPRAGUE CT
NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

The filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490
All applications for classification of PA490 forestland or farmland must be received by October 31, 2016. Certified Forester’s Reports must be received by September 29, 2016.

VETERANS
All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 29, 2016. Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

DISABILITY
Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a $1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by January 31, 2017.

HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED
Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate, income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. The filing period is February 1, 2017 to May 15, 2017.

RENTERS
Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may reapply for the State Renters Rebate Program. The filing period is April 1, 2016 to September 28, 2016. Please call for questions or for an appointment to apply.

The Assessor is normally in the office on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to receive applications and answer questions. Please call first to be sure Assessor is available to assist you.

Lynn M. Byberg, CCMA II
Assessor
Friends of the Shetucket River Valley welcomes new members!

YES! I want to be a member of the Friends of the Shetucket River Valley.

Individual $20  Family $35  Patron $100
Organization:  Sustaining $50  Supporting $100

Name (s): _______________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________
Town, State, Zip __________________________________________________
Phone Number:__________________________ Email: _____________
Preferred method of contact: ______________________________

Enclosed is my membership dues check for $_______.
I am enclosing $________ as a contribution in addition to my membership dues.
I want to help with: ___secretarial work ___research ___ soliciting new members ___Other (specify)

Date: _________
Check: _______
Branching Out....

Notes from the Tree Warden

I am currently in the process of conducting an inventory of all ash trees along town road right-of-ways (ROW) and in public areas. This survey involves identifying each ash tree and recording the diameter. The information will eventually be provided to the Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) who will use the data to determine if the State can provide assistance to small towns like ours to cope with all of the ash trees dying from the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

I am posting lime green tags provided to me by the CT Agricultural Experimental Station on each public tree within the town ROW to denote the trees that I have inventoried. They are also intended to make residents aware of the large number of ash trees we have in Sprague. (The tags are attached using aluminum nails so they won’t damage chains saws of crews when they are cut down). Since the town will also be taking care of any ash trees that are not in the ROW but are positioned over a road, I have marked those trees with red or orange flagging tape and a staple. Although many roads in town have zero ash trees, the rest of the roads have an overwhelming growth of ash. I have tagged 59 ash trees on Hanover-Versailles Rd. and 57 on Baltic-Hanover Rd. And I have yet to find a single ash tree that is not covered in poison ivy, bittersweet or numerous other vines. Unfortunately, more time is spent clearing these vines to be able to measure the diameter than the time it takes to locate and tag the trees. There are 52 town roads – fortunately many are very short – for a total of 26 miles. Lots of poison ivy!!

I expect to complete the ash tree survey by the end of September. Numerous issues remain to be resolved with the inevitable removal of the ash trees – either by logging or gravity. How does the town handle the removal of so many trees? What will town roads such as Hanover-Versailles look like when 59 trees are removed? Do we replant to restore the canopy over the roads to retain the rural appearance? Most of the answers will be expensive. The completed survey will aid to give us some idea of what the “big picture” actually will be and how to go about resolving some of the questions.

Dave Gustafson
Sprague Tree Warden
BALTIC, Conn. – Andy Thibault, a private investigator and author of the award-winning collection of newspaper columns, *more COOL JUSTICE* [http://morecooljustice.com/](http://morecooljustice.com/), will read from his work Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sprague Public Library. The library is at 76 Main St., Baltic, CT 06330.

Thibault covered the Showalter hit-and-run case in New London and the towns of Sprague, Lebanon and Franklin as a reporter for The Norwich Bulletin in the 1970s. He counts among his mentors and close friends the late Connecticut Poet Laureate Leo Connellan, who lived in Sprague for many years.

“I’m overjoyed to return to Sprague and walk again where Leo walked,” Thibault said. “I’m a big fan of libraries and I look forward to re-connecting with old friends in the area.”

Thibault most recently appeared at the Greenwich International Film Festival to discuss the Bonnie Foreshaw case. [http://cooljustice.blogspot.com/2016/06/icymi-thenatureofthebeast-preview.html](http://cooljustice.blogspot.com/2016/06/icymi-thenatureofthebeast-preview.html)

The opening chapter of *more COOL JUSTICE, Breaking Bonnie Out*, features columns that led to a clemency hearing and freedom for Foreshaw, who had been unjustly imprisoned for premeditated murder.

*more COOL JUSTICE* includes controversial essays on topics including the Woody Allen sex assault case, the national assault on freedom of information and a 42-year-old cold case in New Orleans. A chapter entitled ‘Persons known & unknown blew up justice in Badaracco case’ examines the politics permeating the investigation and points to the judiciary’s complicity in the failure to solve the Mary Badaracco homicide in northwest Connecticut.


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**TOWN OF SPRAGUE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

The Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Sprague will meet in the Town Clerk’s Office, 1 Main Street, Baltic, CT on September 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm to hear complaints on assessments pertaining solely to motor vehicles on Grand List of October 1, 2015.

Richard Waterman, Chairman

Board of Assessment Appeals
August 1, 2016

To the Residents of Sprague:

The School Readiness Preschool Program at Sayles School is happy to forward to the residents of Sprague the results of the survey that were completed regarding the preschool program for the 2015-16 school year.

Thirty surveys were distributed to families and 25 surveys were returned. The surveys were sent home from school with the students and returned to the classroom teachers.

The questions from the surveys and the responses of parents/guardians follow. We are extremely pleased with the responses received in this survey that indicate parents/guardians are very satisfied with the program. Although we have acknowledged the following surveys regarding question #4, "I talk with a teacher about my child at least once a week," there continues to be some confusion.

The intent of the question is to ensure that there is weekly communication which does occur in the form of daily written notes that are sent home to parents/guardians.

Question 4: "I talk with a teacher about my child at least once a week."

There were 24 yes responses to this question, 1 no response, 1 don’t know, and 1 non-applicable.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) recommends that parents transport their children to the program. Sprague transports the preschool students. This is beneficial to most families, although some parents prefer to bring their children to the program daily. Because of the transportation accommodations, not all parents come to the school and talk with the teachers daily.

Teachers send home daily notes to families in the program. Emails are also encouraged for parents who prefer to communicate in this way. We stress the importance of good communication between staff and families.

We hope that anyone has questions or comments regarding these survey results that they will contact the school at 860-822-8264 extension 109.

Sincerely,

Dr. Judy Benson-Clarke
and the Sayles School Readiness Team
Parents and Residents of Sayles School Committee

spragueschoolparents@hotmail.com

We would like to share this statement by the Board of Education regarding their process of the Superintendent Hearing on June 16, 2016 to the Residents of the Town of Sprague. Please join us on Facebook: Parents of Sprague Public School like page and Veronica Sanchez Cabello page to follow the Committee Response to the Board of Education. Thank you for your time and your support.

June 20, 2016

At the recent public hearing, members of the Sprague Board of Education heard the concerns expressed by residents about the performance of the Superintendent of Schools. Following the end of the school year, the Board of Education will be engaged in its annual evaluation process for the Superintendent. The concerns expressed by residents will be part of this process.

Following the completion of the Superintendent’s evaluation process the Board of Education, as it has done in the past, will make available her evaluation document. This evaluation will not just consist of a discussion of her performance of the past year, but will also include a plan and performance goals for the next school year.

As every individual who spoke at the public hearing noted, Sayles School is a special community, with a long history filled of caring individuals and special students. Going forward the members of the Board of Education will look to be true to this tradition: a place where residents are free to share their concerns; a school where parents are seen as a valuable part of the school community; and a community where staff, residents and members work cooperatively to address concerns.

The Sayles School faces a number of challenges. Infrastructure concerns and funding shortfalls remain. If Sayles School is to continue to be a place where children can grow and learn, as a community we will need to work together, honestly and intelligently, to identify issues and work cooperatively to address them. This is something our community has always done in the past. We are confident that we can continue to do so to meet the challenges of the future.

Respectfully,
Mike Smith
Janet Piezzo
Terri Woronecki

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 or contact Elizabeth at 860-204-6286.

Elizabeth Calderon
Barbara Richardson Crouch
Town of Sprague Parks and Recreation Commission

Three Villages Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1, 2016
(Rain Date Sunday, October 2nd)

11am to 5pm

Craft and Vendor Application

The Three Villages Fall Festival is held annually on the first Saturday of October at the Babe Blanchette Park on Main Street in Baltic, CT. Our committee is striving to grow this event into a highly anticipated and well attended activity for our community. In doing so, we have added many new attractions and events that draw attendees not only from Sprague, but surrounding communities as well. Our committee is inviting local artisans and vendors to display at our festival for a nominal $20 fee. An approved application entitles the artisan/vendor to a 10X10 space. Each applicant is responsible for bringing their own tents, chairs and tables. If electricity is needed please specify in this application. A $10 fee will be applied and you must supply your own power cords. Space is limited so please submit your application as soon as possible. All vendors will be entered to compete in our Best In Show Contest. A $75 cash prize will be awarded to the vendor that most creatively and effectively uses their 10X10 space to display their craft or goods. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Hawkins at 860-514-0589 or Craig Staggs at 860-710-5063.

(Please Print)

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

________________________________ Business Name: __________________________

Type of Craft or Product:

________________________________

________________________________

________________________________

Electricity Needed? YES or NO

If yes, please submit the $10 Fee with your application and space fee.

The deadline for submitting applications and payments is September 15th. Once the application has been approved a confirmation will be sent and the Artisan/Vendor agrees to display for the event’s entirety. Set up begins as early as 9am, but all vehicles must be moved no later than 10am. In the event of inclement weather, the Three Villages Fall Festival will be scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd. More details regarding the event will be sent via email to all confirmed vendors as the event approaches.

Signature of Artisan/Vendor ___________________________

Please make checks payable to: Town of Sprague and write Parks and Rec in the memo section. Mail application to the attention of Heather Hawkins, P.O. Box 336, Baltic, CT 06330
Three Village Fall Festival
6 on 6 Recreational Sand Volleyball Tournament Registration Form
Saturday, October 1, 2016 (Rain Date Sunday, October 2nd, 2016)
Babe Blanchette Field, Baltic, CT 06330

Team Name ____________________________________________________________________________

Captain Name __________________________________________________________________________

Phone number __________________________ Email ________________________________

Team Members:
1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________
5. ____________________________ 6. ____________________________
7. ____________________________ 8. ____________________________

* MUST HAVE AT LEAST 2 FEMALES on the court at all time
* A female must be part of a play that consists of 2 or more touches.
* 4 player minimum, 8 player maximum
* Player Fees $10 per person- Winning team gets gift cards
* Check-in will be from 8am to 9am. Games will begin PROMPTLY at 9:15am

Please contact Allie at 860.213.1821 or amartin@byrnesagency.com for more information.

Please stay and enjoy the Three Village Fall Festival
A free family event with games, magicians, music, dance, food, vendors and more.
Please check out our facebook page.

Sponsored by Town of Sprague Parks and Recreation Department
THE CONNECTICUT AUTHOR TRAIL FINALE
WILL BE AT THE MOHEGAN SUN CASINO IN THE CABARET THEATRE
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE AUTHORS THAT WE HAVE HAD ALL
SUMMER, PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE END OF THIS YEARS TRAIL.
THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE PLEASE COME AND ENJOY WITH US! OUR
GUEST AUTHOR FOR THAT EVENING WILL BE KRISTAN HIGGINS. HER NEWEST BOOK IS
IF YOU ONLY KNEW
Kristan Higgins is the New York Times, Publishers Weekly, USA TODAY and
Wall Street Journal bestselling author of more than a dozen novels and a two-
time winner of the Romance Writers of America RITA Award. Her books have
been translated into more than twenty languages and received numerous
starred reviews from Publishers Weekly, Booklist, Library Journal, Kirkus and
Romantic Times. She is a four-time nominee for The Kirkus Prize for best
work of fiction.

The summer reading program was great this summer!
We had more children enrolled than ever before!
Thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to bring their
children to the library.
Children were treated to pizza, and make your own ice cream sundaes.
They also earned a reading metal, a book, a bag for their books and a hat!
CONGRATULATIONS KIDS YOU ARE SMARTER BECAUSE YOU READ THIS SUMMER!!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE BOOKMOBILE THIS SUMMER!
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!! IT WILL BE BACK AGAIN NEXT SUMMER!!
### TVCCA Meals on Wheels Menu September 2016

**Monday**

- **TO CANCEL A MEAL**
  - Please Call New #: 1-860-934-1006
  - or 1-800-580-5015 x1008
  - 72 hours notice is appreciated (24hr voice mail available)

- **5**
  - Labor Day Holiday
  - Program closed
  - MOW, Green Pepper Casserole
  - Garlic Rubbed Potatoes
  - Capri Vegetable Medley
  - Raisins

**Tuesday**

- **6**
  - BBQ Chicken
  - Baked Beans
  - Pea & Carrots Coins
  - Pears & Mandarin Oranges

**Wednesday**

- **7**
  - Crispy Cod Patty
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Scandinavian Blend
  - Pineapple Cup

**Thursday**

- **1**
  - Stuffed Shells w/ marinara
  - Green Beans & Wax Beans
  - Applesauce Cup

- **2**
  - Beef Stroganoff
  - Buttered Noodles
  - Chuck Wagon Vegetables
  - Fruit Cocktail

**Friday**

- **8**
  - Chicken Paprika
  - Parsley Potatoes
  - Mixed Vegetables
  - Applesauce Cup

- **9**
  - Salisbury Steak w/gravy
  - Mashed Potatoes
  - Stewed Tomatoes
  - Pineapple Cup

- **12**
  - Stuffed Chicken w/ Broccoli & Cheese
  - Roasted Potatoes
  - Green Beans
  - Fruit Cocktail

- **13**
  - Beef Stew
  - Buttered Noodles
  - Winter Vegetable Medley
  - Fresh Fruit

- **14**
  - Western Omelet
  - Roasted Potatoes
  - Peas & Onions
  - Pears w/ mandarin oranges

- **15**
  - Chicken Cacciatore
  - Rice Pilaf
  - Chuck wagon Blend
  - Peach Cup

- **16**
  - Birthday Celebration
  - Mexican Cod w/corn salsa
  - Yellow Rice & Black Beans
  - Mixed Vegetables
  - Dessert
  - Orange Juice

- **19**
  - Cheeseburger Noodle Casserole
  - Peas
  - Carrot Coins
  - Fresh Orange

- **20**
  - Ethnic Celebration
  - Sweet & Sour Pork
  - Steamed Rice
  - Oriental blend
  - Pears & Mandarin Oranges

- **21**
  - Swedish Meatballs
  - Buttered Noodles
  - Chuck Wagon Vegetables
  - Applesauce Cup

- **22**
  - Cheese Omelet
  - Roasted Potatoes
  - Green Beans & Diced Tomatoes
  - Fruit Cocktail

- **23**
  - Chicken Stew
  - Garlic Roasted Potatoes
  - Diced Carrots
  - Peach Cup

- **26**
  - Tuscan Baked Chicken
  - Rice Pilaf
  - Cauliflower & broccoli blend
  - Pears w/ mandarin oranges

- **27**
  - Shepherd’s Pie
  - Peas & Onions
  - Carrots
  - Peach Cup

- **28**
  - Penne & Meatballs
  - Italian Vegetable Medley
  - Fresh Fruit

- **29**
  - Ritz Crusted Cod
  - Seasoned Rice
  - Long Bean Medley
  - Applesauce Cup

- **30**
  - Meatloaf w/ gravy
  - Garlic Mashed Potatoes
  - Chopped Broccoli
  - Fresh Orange
### BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

#### Points of Departure 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

I want to thank all who have donated to the Salvation Army by donated checks to the Upper New London County Service Unit and sending them to, 34 Riverside Dr. Baltic, CT 06330 during the past year. Some of your neighbors still have needs, and there is still donations needed. Think about it. Do you follow a budget? Money in money out and what to do with any money not needed this month? Maybe put in a saving account.

Do you have a 24 hour emergency kit ready if you need it? As a family have you decided how or where to meet if there is an emergency (house fire, flood etc)? If you need food, call Town Hall and speak to Colette; thanks to Scouting for food there is food to help you. If you have a little money extra you could bring some food to Town Hall for others.

May the Lord bless you with all the things you ask for and are needed for you and your family.
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<td>Grandparents Day</td>
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- **Historical Soc. 6:30 pm Grist Mill**
- **EDC Hosting Event 6pm-8:30pm**
- **Regional Animal Control Mtg.**
- **Senior Smilers 1pm, Senior Ctr Recreation Commission 8 pm, Town Hall**
- **Little Miss and Mr. Sprague Pageant, 6 pm Sayles School**
- **River Park Music Out of the Blue 5 pm – 7:30 pm**
- **Baltic Fire Dept. Fundraiser Rod & Gun Club, 7:30 pm Mindset Band Cash Bar**
- **Outside Movies “Ghostbusters 1 and 2” Double Feature Starting at Dusk River Park**
- **Ride the Shetucket, 10am River Park**
- **Collating of Our Town 10:00 am Town Hall**
- **Autumn Begins**
Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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