OUR TOWN
SERVING THE VILLAGES OF BALTIC, HANOVER, AND VERSAILLES
IN THE BEAUTIFUL SHETUCKET RIVER VALLEY
Information & News for August 2017

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.

RIVER PARK MUSIC NIGHTS
Sponsored by the Mohegan Sun
Come join us for a relaxing night by the beautiful Shetucket River
Saturday nights 6:00pm - 8:30pm
At the River Park
Every Saturday all summer

School Supplies

#2 pencils
Colored pencils
Erasers
pens
Markers
Crayons
Glue sticks
Two pocket folders
1 inch binders
Composition books
White lined paper

Sayles School is looking for assistance in purchasing school supplies. The following list is what is being looked for if you can please drop off any of them to either the school administration office or the Town Clerk’s office.

Thanks to Eva Couillard for cleaning, weeding, and planting the Baltic Hanover vee! It is beautiful and what a pretty sight right near our school!

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, August 26 for the September 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,

Hard to believe that we are heading to the end of summer. The days have been deliciously sultry with the nights cool enough for sleeping. Take some time to enjoy all the wonderful assets. The Town has open spaces, outside music, movies in the park, a river clean enough to swim and fish in, and so much more!

The Town will be wrapping up our summer events and start preparing for, dare I say it ... school. We will be accepting donations of school supplies to help out those that are struggling to make ends meet.

The public works crew is out roadside mowing (and cutting every piece of errant grass wherever it may be). They also continue painting lines in our parking lots. In addition, we are working on trail clearing (and we are looking for volunteers) and rebuilding trails throughout the summer. Please stop and thank them for all they do.

The Town continues to work on the Plan of Conservation and Development and a Town wide revaluation. If you have questions or concerns about either of these please contact either the assessor (for the revaluation) or the land use clerk (for the Plan of Conservation and Development).

Please take note that we are cleaning up the Baltic Mill site with a two million-dollar brownfields grant. Once this is completed an RFP will be going out to solicit project ideas. We are looking for participants on both the Economic Development committee and the Baltic Mills committee to review and comment on the proposals and make suggestions on potential uses of this site. Call the Town Hall and let Barbara know you are interested at 860-822-3000 x 201.

As always thanks for your support,

Cathy
First Selectman

Open Positions as of 8/1/2017

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OUTSIDE MOVIES
will be held at the
RIVER PARK
MOVIE STARTING @ DUSK

August 5 – Moana
August 19 – Dirty Dancing
September 2 – Back to School

PROVIDED BY
THE RECREATION COMMITTEE
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

At our monthly meeting held on July 6th discussion ensued regarding the slate for the November Municipal Election. We look forward to our Special Meeting to be held on July 24th to endorse the whole slate. We hope you will be as excited as we are with the candidates. Connecticut General Statutes mandates that the Town Committees meet during the week of July 18 - 25 to endorse candidates for the upcoming November Election.

Registered Democrats interested in serving on Town Boards or joining the DTC should contact me at accpglaude@netscape.net or call 860-822-9111.

The Sprague DTC continues to encourage residents to register to vote.
Claire Glaude, DTC Secretary

Versailles Pond Clean-up

We are (FINALLY) another step closer in cleaning up Versailles Pond. This work, which will be paid for by International Paper as has been agreed upon, has reached a point of conclusion on the investigative research side of things. In speaking with the DEEP they have affirmed that the cleanup recommendation to International Paper is complete.

There may be more work on the Papermill Pond but the work in the Versailles Pond should move to the next step. The letter to International Paper once received will be placed on the Town website.

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

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Come Join Us For A Relaxing Night By The Beautiful Shetucket River for Family Fun
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August 5th Braiden Sunshine
August 12th Straight Ahead
August 19th Melaena
August 26th The Glenn Hansen Orchestra
September 2nd Gypsy Time Surf
September 9th Sunday Jam
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!
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

Goat’s Milk?

Raw Goat’s Milk, Chicken Eggs

Tracy Lachance (Owner & Operator)

115 Salt Rock Road

Baltic (Hanover) CT 06330

860.460.4716

Big Bones Goat Farm

- Personal and Commercial Vehicles
- All Makes and Models
- Foreign and Domestic
- Certified CT Emissions Repair Technician

Bozrah Auto Repair Center

4 Rachel Drive, Bozrah
M-F 8am-5pm
860-213-5914

David Wigfield, Jr
Owner/Operator
ASE Certified with over 20 years experience
KEEP YOUR GARDEN FROM BEING OVER RUN BY WEEDS. USE THE AVAILABLE MULCH TO LINE GARDEN ROWS.

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.
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.

Dates for 2017 are: April 29th, May 27th, June 24th, July 29th, August 26th, September 30th, October 14th (at night)

Since Ride the Shetucket is level sensitive, check the Town website prior to the event for any cancellation postings.

We will be planning for hikes up along the Shetucket, over the Scotland Dam then back down along the Shetucket on days when the river level is too low to kayak (or tube down).

Paddlers need to have PFD’s and a distress whistle. www.ctsprague.org

SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER

Join us by stopping in or calling Buddy Meadows (Coordinator/Municipal Agent) at 860-822-3000, ext. 203. Buddy can also be reached by email: seniorcenter@ctsprague.org.

Requirement: age 55 and over

Might you be interested in one or all offered: health services, programs, trips, informational presentations, luncheons, and more?

Transportation is available to attend Senior Center lunches, shopping, and senior events as well as medical appointments.

Lunch is served at the Senior Center Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 11:45 am. Make a lunch reservation by calling Denise Lance at 860-822-3000 ext. 210. On Monday & Tuesday you must be age 60. For lunch on Thursday there is no age requirement.

TVCCA “Meals on Wheels” program delivers hot meals Monday through Friday. Call the TVCCA Senior Nutrition Program at 860-886-1720.

**MOVIE**

“A Dog’s Purpose”

Shown at Senior Center on August 16th 12:30 pm

No fee charged.

**TRIPS**

Newport Playhouse & Cabaret Restaurant 8/1/17

Lippizaner Horse Show 8/18/17

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Lunch Excursion 9/8/17

**MONTHLY MEETING**

August 31st

1:00 pm

COME JOIN US SOON!!
LET’S PAINT KINDNESS ROCKS!

Kids come in every Wednesday in August to paint Kindness Rocks! Meet at the library from 1-2. We will have some rocks but if you have a favorite size or shape rock bring it to paint. We have the paint. Wear something old in case you get paint on yourself or bring an apron or old tee shirt!

The Connecticut Author Trail

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JANE DESROSIERS WHO WAS OUR CONNECTICUT AUTHOR TRAIL GUEST AUTHOR ON JULY 19TH. JANE’S NEW BOOK IS Gone Fishing, the Hook. It is definitely worth reading!!

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK!

The library has a new section called Blind Date with a Book! Do you ever judge a book by its cover? Try choosing a book not knowing the title or author. Read the synopsis of the book and choose!!Then rate the book from one to five on how much you liked it!

Visit the library booth at the Sayles School Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 23, with a rain date of Thursday, August 24!

You will see a sample of our Kindness Rocks and learn about the Kindness Project. We will have some books to hand out until they last, and more! See you there!!!

Don’t forget we have some passes that are available.

Connecticut Science Center CT State Parks & Forests
The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
Roger Williams Park Zoo
Mystic Aquarium
Wadsworth Athenum Museum of Art
Connecticut’s Old State House

The library will be closed on Saturdays during the month of July and August. We will open again on Saturdays on September 9, 2017.

The Afternoon Delight Book Club will meet again the first Thursday in September at 4pm. Everyone is Welcome to join us.
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 2016-17 school year.

Thirty-one surveys were distributed to families and 26 surveys were returned. The surveys were sent home from school with the students and returned to the classroom teachers. We appreciate the time parents/guardians gave to complete this survey. The input of our Sayles School families is very important and we encourage 100% participation in next year’s survey. The questions from the surveys and the responses of parents/guardians follow.

The Spring 2016-17 Family Survey was overwhelmingly positive, and we are pleased with the responses received in this survey that indicate parents/guardians are very satisfied with the program. Although we have seen marked improvement in many areas, there continues to be some confusion in the following responses regarding question 4. There were 15 “yes” responses to this question, 10 “no” response, and 1 “don’t know”.

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

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.

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 accommodation, 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. Building and maintaining effective home/school communications continues as a high priority for our Sayles School families.

We hope that if anyone has questions or comments regarding these survey results that they will contact Mrs. Carol Turban via email c.turban@sayleselementary.org or call 860-822-8264 extension 178.

Sincerely,

Diana Burns

Mrs. Diana Burns
and the Sayles School Readiness Team
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TVCCA’s Senior Nutrition Program is supported by Senior Resources - Area Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act. 100% milk and whole grain bread are served with each meal. Menu is subject to change without notice.
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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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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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