Information & News for October 2017

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 21st

Thanks for all your help!

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

Breakfast

Versailles United Methodist Church

Across from the Occum Dam

4 Church St.

Versailles, CT 06383

Call 860-822-9439 for more information.

Saturday, October 21st from 7 am – 10 am

All You Can Eat!

Adults $8.00

Children - $3.00

Under 4 Free

Scrambled eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Home Fries, Juice, Coffee, and Tea.

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, October 28 for the November 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,

Fall has started to adorn the roadsides with colors of gold and red. This is my favorite season with scarecrows, pumpkins, and red apples all topped off with crisp, clear air! I must admit I love all seasons but walking through piles of leaves crunching under my feet has always been something I look forward to every year.

We have a couple of fall projects coming up and are looking for volunteers. We have the return of our daffodil planting program, please give us a call to sign up for a roadside or spot of your choice to plant a ray of sunshine. In addition, we are looking to clear a trail from Sayles School to the path around the reservoir. This will allow the school to access an area to develop a cross country program. Again, please give us a call if you are available.

The public works crew has almost completed roadside mowing and is gearing up to cut brush throughout the Town. In addition, trucks are being prepared for, dare I say it, winter... Sand and salt have been mixed, truck repairs have been done now we are onto waiting for the white stuff. Don’t forget to stop and thank the Town crew for all they do.

The Town will soon have a draft of the updated Plan of Conservation and Development. Once done we will post it on the new Town website. Also, the Town wide revaluation will soon be completed; you will be kept in the loop on changes through the assessor. I remind you 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 10/1/2017

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2017 REVALUATION – UPDATE

Vision Government Solutions representatives will still be in town reviewing properties through October. Property values should be finalized by November. More details regarding revaluation notices will be available next month.

Reminder: All property owners were mailed a questionnaire that contains information about your property. This data is from existing town records, but was recently converted to a new database. Vision Government Solutions and the Assessor’s office need your assistance in verifying the accuracy of the data. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to review the information, make changes (if necessary) and return the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

For more information, call the Sprague Assessor’s Office at 860-822-3000 x222.

Troop 19 Scouting for Food

Boy Scout Troop 19’s annual food drive is coming up soon!

On the morning of Saturday, October 28, we will distribute Scouting for Food bags to every household in Sprague.

On the following Saturday, November 4, we will begin collecting the filled bags at 9am. Please consider donating as many nonperishable/canned items as you can. The need is great, and all donated food remains in town to help citizens in need. Please leave the bag by the curb before 9am on November 4 and we will pick them up. If you can donate more than will fit in one bag, you can use any sturdy bag or box that you have on hand. If you forget or we miss your bag, you can either drop it off at Town Hall or contact me at (860) 334-2245 or sworonecki@gmail.com and I’ll arrange to have it picked up. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Stuart Woronecki
Scoutmaster, Troop 19 BSA
The Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 is hosting their 11th annual Project Safe Halloween Program on Tuesday, October 31st, 2017. Last year’s parade stretched from the Town Hall all the way up to the doors of our firehouse, with more than 1,300 people attending.

It is through the hard work of many and donations of many that make this program possible. We would like to say THANK YOU to EVERYONE who made a donation for the Safe Halloween Program please help us continue on with this program with either monetary or candy donations.

Our program will start off at 6:00 P.M. with a costume parade starting at the Sprague Town Hall. The parade of costumed children (& parents) will be escorted up the hill to the firehouse where they begin Trick or Treating. At the end of the night we do have many prizes for the costumes that the children and parents wear such as six (6) bikes for three different age groups for both boys & girls. The bikes have been donated by Sharkys Pizza and the fire department provides the bike helmets. Photos will be taken of everyone; a fortune teller will be available for all who dared to enter her special area. On top of that we will have pumpkins to give away which are all donated from Malerbas Farms in Norwich, CT.

Members of the Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1 , a crew from the Lisbon Walmart and the Baltic Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and other volunteers staff the tables.

The following is a short list of those who gave above & beyond and we would like to say a special Thank you to these as well as all others who made a donation. #1 sponsor was : AMGRAPH Inc., #2; Sharkys Pizza (Al & Connie Lehoux), #3; Riley’s Plumbing, #4 Affordable Air LLC, The family of Frank Davis Jr, Walmart (Lisbon Store), Lowes (Lisbon Store), Riley’s Plumbing & Heating (Baltic), Stop & Shop (Norwich Store), S&S Worldwide (Colchester), Rhode Island Novelty (Fall River, Ma), Mohegan Sun Casino, Malerbas Farm, Frito Lay (Dayville Plant), Jeanne Miller, Kolar family, Fox Hollow Enterprises LLC, Baltic Wine & Spirits, Robert Spuul, Albert & Anice Bastien, Knight of Columbus, Guillot Funeral Home, Edwin Muenzner CPA, Smelser Family, Bob’s Discount Furniture (Charitable Foundation), Bubbles to Butterfly Swim School, Margaret Campanelli, Barbara Alferio, 72 Degrees Heating & Cooling, Sprague Senior Citizens Smile Program and so many other families and businesses who helped to make last year’s Safe Halloween Program such a hit.

As you can see, it takes many to allow this program to run. We are accepting donations for the 2017 Safe Halloween Program which will be held on Monday, October 31, 2017 at the Baltic Fire House. Donations may be mailed; please make a notation of Safe Halloween somewhere in the note area and send them to the below address:

Project Safe Halloween
Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1
P.O. Box 314
Baltic, CT. 06330

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH for all of your support; we look forward to seeing everyone!

Submitted by,
Reg Patchell
Photographer, Baltic Fire Engine Company # 1
860 917 5064
reggiepatchell@comcast.net

### Baltic Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

September 12, 2017

Our regular meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12th at the firehouse. Our main topic of discussion was the Holly Jolly Bazaar.

This is scheduled for: Saturday, November 25, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the fire house.

Table rental letters have gone out already. If you are not on our list and wish to participate, please call me at 860-822-8331 and leave a message. Table rental fee is $25.00 and we supply the 8 foot table. We also discussed our kitchen menu and various items for our baked goods table. Members will also be soliciting donations for our raffle as we do each year from local businesses in the area. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are planning on participating in the annual 3 Village Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14. We look forward to seeing you there. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, at 7 pm 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

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY
P. O. BOX 591
BALTIC, CT 06330-0591
The Democratic Team working together for you

First Selectman          Cathy Osten
Selectman               Denise Dembinski
Town Clerk              Jen Synnett
Treasurer               JoAnn Lynch
Tax Collector           Mary Chartier
Board of Finance        Alexander Masse
Planning & Zoning       Arthur E. Spielman, Jr.
Board of Education      Vicky Wold
Board of Education      Corey Wignall-Holowaty
Board of Education      Maureen Trudelle

These last few years as First Selectman have been busy, wonderful, and challenging. Sprague has faced serious issues with more in front of us... but we have done just that faced them. It is only by each and every one of us working together with a clear eye and active participation that Sprague will continue to move forward.

I would like to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and project some future plans:

We have completely reworked fifty of our Town Roads with upgraded drainage, ribbon-rail and road surface. There is work left to be done on three roads. Riverside Drive is the next to be done (we are waiting on a grant), and the last two roads Waldo and Westminster are slated for rebuild in the next 3 years. This was done with your support...thank you.

We have worked on our Fire Department purchasing trucks (a pumper and tanker), we upgraded the ladder truck and brush truck, purchased turn out gear, SCBA bottles, and cascade bottles. We also purchased a new boat with motor and upgraded or added in three dry hydrants. In addition, we have upgraded the building itself with 2 new roofs, a new generator, new heating system, new stove, tiled the floor, provided a central air conditioning system, new bay doors just a sliver of what we have done as a team to protect our firefighters. This was done with your support...thank you.

In our Senior Center, we have provided an upgraded kitchen, tiled floors, privacy room, new computers, podium system, and an air conditioning system that works! We also have three new vehicles to safely transport our cherished history. We provide meals in cooperation with TVCCA and a variety of programs that entertain all attendees. This was done with your support...thank you.

In our Library/Museum, well what can we say, the space has been completely renovated with new floors, windows, central air, elevator, and so much more. In addition, the books shelves always have something new to read, the programs entertain both young and old, history comes alive on the third floor and of course the community room with a view of the Shetucket that is simply stunning. This was done with your support...thank you.

Paid for by the Sprague Democratic Town Committee - Jeanette Deschamps (Treasurer)
In the Water and Sewer department we have upgraded two pump stations and put in two new pump stations. We have upgraded sewer lines in the Baltic area and are looking ahead to replace the sewer lines in Hanover. We have fixed one dam, with two left to go. We put on line two dormant wells, added in a new well, and then took off line a damaged well. We then repaired and upgraded for current use both well houses. We repaired leaking hydrants (we have removed some of old unnecessary hydrants). We are working towards stabilizing our water system with an emergency connection so that we don’t repeat the 2008 scenario corrected with the new well. There is always more work to be done and the plans are there to move us forward. This was done with your support...thank you.

We have not left the School out in these upgrades! We have replaced one roof and repaired the other, we have replaced air conditioning units, provided new computers, new server, new playground, two new boilers, two new hot water tanks, upgraded security with new radios, window film, locks, cameras, replaced carpet, and furniture. This was only the infrastructure side, school staff continue to improve programs to prepare our next greatest generation for the future. Again, this is but a snippet of what we have done! This was done with your support...thank you.

In the area of open space, we preserved more than 600 acres of land with the help of land acquisition grants and many donors... This adds onto our popular reservoir always populated with walkers, runners, fishermen and those who love the solitude taking a moment to refuel! Please take a moment to walk the trails at the land preserve over bridges built by several scouts, forged by volunteers, enjoyed by all who see the beauty of the natural world. This was done with your support...thank you.

In the area of public safety, we have the ATV we purchased which allows our resident trooper to patrol both private and public lands. We instituted a bike patrol which was helpful in tamping down nuisance crime in the villages. In addition, cameras around Town provide extra security protecting both residents and our assets. We also installed a new communication system tying in all Town vehicles, allowing for base stations at the school, sewer plant, the fire department, the Town garage and the Town hall. This was done with your support...thank you.

We have also upgraded Public Works vehicles. In addition, we are more ADA friendly thus we have become more responsive towards citizens with disabilities in our Senior Center, Town Hall, and Grist Mill. This was done with your support...thank you.

We have updated policies, handbooks, and ordinances.

We have regulations in place encouraging business development. We have received a two-million-dollar grant to rehabilitate the Baltic Mill site allowing for development on this site. We have a Solar Utility in Town which adds $200,000 a year in payment in lieu of taxes. Essentially covering the entire tax revenue for the former papermill property. And lastly, we have moved forward with the papermill site putting seven parcels back on the tax rolls. We are also in discussion with developers for the rest of the mill site.

We accomplished this and much more with a minimal tax increase in fact out of the last 10 years we have 7 years with no tax increase through hard work by you and me. This action took foresight and planning I am pleased to work with such enthusiastic partners to see our Town move forward is heartening. I can not say it enough that this is done only with your support, I thank the volunteers who serve on boards and commissions, the elected officials who continue to work toward improving service for you and the Town employees who come in ready to work to make the Town a great place to live in.

Cathy

Paid for by the Sprague Democratic Town Committee - Jeanette Deschamps (Treasurer)
2017 Sprague Municipal Election Republican Candidates

First Selectman: Mark A. Lounsbury
Board of Selectman: Cheryl A. Blanchard
Board of Finance: Michael P. Meadows
Board of Education: Mike Smith
Board of Education: Jenny Gauthier
Board of Education: Corinne Topalis
Board of Assessment Appeals: Geraldine Meadows
Planning and Zoning: Warren Baker
Planning and Zoning: John Adams
Planning and Zoning: Paul Piezzo

We are proud to present to you our 2017 Slate of Endorsed Republican Candidates. The Sprague Republican Town Committee encourages you to Vote on November 7th. If you have any questions or for information on registering to vote, please contact us!

Michael P. Meadows
Sprague Republican Town Committee Chairman
Phone: 860-389-4020
Email: SpragueRTC.CT@gmail.com
Facebook: @SpragueRepublicans
Twitter: @SpragueRTC

*Paid for by the Sprague Republican Town Committee, Barry Kolar, Treasurer*
Three Village Fall Festival

Little Miss and Mr. Sprague Pageant Registration Form

Friday, October 13 – 6pm
Rehearsal: Thursday, October 12 – 6pm
Location: Sayles Elementary School Gymnasium
Welcome to all Sprague Children ages 4-9
Invite your friends and family to enjoy the evening and watch your child shine on stage.
Refreshments will be available for sale by Cub Scouts Pack 19 of Baltic.

Please have your child dress appropriately.
Please check off which division your child is competing in.
Each division winner will receive a $50 gift card.

Little Miss Division (Girls Ages 7-9) _______ Little Mister Division (Boys Ages 7-9) _______
Tiny Little Miss Division (Girls Ages 4-6) _______ Tiny Little Mister Division (Boys Ages 4-6) _______

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Age: ________
Parents Name and Contact Number: _______________________
Email address: _______________________________________
Live in: (Check one) Baltic _______ Hanover _______ Versailles _______
Please have child answer these questions:
Favorite Color: _______________ Favorite Song: ______________________
Favorite TV Show: _______________ Favorite Food: ______________________
7-9 age division will be asked: What do you want to be when you grow up and why??
4-6 age division will be asked: Who is your favorite person and why??

Return the completed form to the Town Hall or Sayles School.
Questions?? Please contact Craig Staggs at 860-822-1339
Notice

The Sprague Water & Sewer Authority will be flushing hydrants during the week of October 9th through October 13th, 2017. Water pressure may be reduced slightly and a little discoloration of water may occur during this procedure. The Authority regrets any problems this may cause but the hydrants must be flushed periodically to maintain quality water and to insure hydrants are operable in case of an emergency. If you have any questions, please call 860-822-3005.

Thank you!

Todd Hastings, Superintendent

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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.

The Movie for October 18th, 12:30 pm, will be “5 Flights Up”. No fee charged.

Monthly Meeting is scheduled for October 26th at 1:00 pm.

COME JOIN US SOON!!

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TVCCA is taking energy assistance applications right now, so please either contact them directly or contact Senior Director Buddy Meadows. 860-822-3000 x203

- Family of 1: from $18,090 to $34,366
- Family of 2: from $24,360 to $44,941
- Family of 3: from $30,630 to $55,515.
- Family of 4: from $36,900 to $66,089

Thanks to AZ Pawn Shop and Phil and Frank Pavonne for providing a handicap ramp for a veteran and local resident in need here in Sprague! AZ Pawn Shop has made it their mission to give out motorized wheelchairs to those who need them. If you have such an item, give them a call 860-889-4474, they will come pick it up!

Congratulations to the Sprague Water and Sewer Authority for receiving an award for the best water wastewater operations from the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association for 2017! Well done! 🌊💧💦
THE IDEAL SKATE SHOP of Norwich PRESENTS:

BATTLE AT BALTIC ROUND 9


PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE PARK FOR A BRAND NEW SECTION

Best Trick by:

THE BERRICS
Thank you to all the families, students and community members that helped make our Back to School Bash an amazing event! The Sprague Fire Department and PTO partnered together to offer a Community Cookout this year! We are already looking forward to next year’s Back to School Bash!

A big Thank You to the Sprague Fire Department for parenting with us and making the first day of school one that Brenan Hemingway will never forget! Brenan won a raffle for a ride to school in the Fire Truck on the first day of school. The Baltic Engine Company also made Brenan an “Unofficial Honorary Member” of the Fire Department at our Welcome Back Good News Assembly.

Mark your calendar and get involved!

October 16th- 9am
November 8th- 6pm
December 11th- 9am
January 10th- 6pm
February 12th- 9am
March 14th– 6pm
April 9th– 9am
May 9th- 6pm

Halloween at Sayles School

On Halloween Day, we will get in the Halloween Spirit at Sayles School with a morning Halloween Parade! Weather permitting, we will parade outside in front of our building starting at 9am. Students are invited to dress up in their costumes or wear Black and Orange! Parents and the community are welcome to join us! Bring your cameras!

OCTOBER 21, 2017 4PM-8PM
22 BUSHNELL HOLLOW RD., BALTIC
Meal will include:
-Ham-Baked Beans-Salad-Cornbread--Desserts-
ADULTS $10/CHILDREN $5
Members of the American Legion Post 85 have partnered with the Sprague Rod and Gun Club and will offer food services for the public at the Sprague Rod and gun Club during the hours of the Fall Cruise. Profits from the sale of food will be added to the Female Soldier Memorial Fund. Available food will be hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, peppers and onion, pulled barbequed pork sandwiches and coleslaw. Beverages will be available at the bar. Food available from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Sprague Rod & Club Fall Cruise 2017
Oct 7 Th. 1:00 till 5:00 PM
Rods / Customs / Antiques / Muscle Cars
Special Interest
Food Services And Beverages Available
RT 138 Sprague Ct
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
HASTEDT BROS. LLC
ASPHALT PAVING
860.848.0545
Baltic CT

ANDY'S CELL: 860.234.3541  JOE’S CELL: 860.234.3543
Email: estimates@hastedtbrothers.com  Web: www.hastedtbrothers.com

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DRIVEWAYS * ALL TYPES OF DRAINAGE WORK * APRONS * CURBING *
LINE STRIPING * SEAL COATING * CRACK FILLING
Sprague Historical Society is offering a 2018 birthday and anniversary calendar.

We want to include your family’s big dates! They’ll want to be part of this historical calendar. Fill out the form below with the names and dates of people you’d like to see in the calendar.

- Birthdays and anniversaries - $1.00 each
- Calendar - $5.00 each

Send this form and your donation to: “Sprague Historical Society” P.O. Box 162 - Baltic, CT 06330.

SHS will use the money to preserve Sprague’s history. This calendar is part of that history. Calendars will be available for pick up at Town Hall in December. You’ll be notified when they’re ready.
Three Village Fall Festival
6 on 6 Recreational Sand Volleyball Tournament Registration Form
Saturday, October 14, 2017  (Rain Date Sunday, October 15, 2017)
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 times.
* 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

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
October Library Newsletter

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!

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PASSES THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR LIBRARY

CONNECTICUT SCIENCE CENTER
CT STATE PARKS & FORESTS
THE MARITIME AQUARIUM AT NORWALK
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO
WADSWORTH ATHENUM MUSEUM OF ART

WE DO NOT RESERVE PASSES. PASSES WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

*NOTE- We have resumed normal hours and are again open on Saturdays*

THE KNITTING CLUB will meet every Wednesday from 1-3PM.
The Afternoon Delight Book Club will meet again the first Thursday in October at 4pm. The book for October will be “Island Christmas” by Nancy Thayer. Contact the library if you need help obtaining a copy. Everyone is Welcome to join us.

NEW MOVIES
A DOG’S PURPOSE
MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN
COLLATERAL BEAUTY
HACKSAW RIDGE
HIDDEN FIGURES

Became a Member!
You can help preserve the land, water, wildlife and beauty of the Shetucket River. Your membership dues help fund our current preservation initiatives, including acquisition assistance, trail delineation, and educational activities. Please fill out the form below, detach it and mail it to us at FoSRV, 1 Main Street, P.O. Box 677, Baltic, CT 06226

Name ___________________________ Address __________________________________
Town_________________________ State________ Zip______________
Email_________________________ Phone_________________________

Member Levels:
Individual $ 20
Family $ 35
Benefactor $ 50
Life: $200

___I am enclosing an additional $ ______ to be used exclusively for the acquisition of the Watson Farm.
___Please include me on your email list to receive meeting/activity announcement and updates.

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Shetucket River Valley or FoSRV

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 and 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.

Versailles Pond Clean-up
We have posted the letter the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has sent to International Paper on the Town’s Website. We are now one step closer to cleaning this pond up! There may be more work on the Papermill Pond but the work in the Versailles Pond should move to the next step.

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman
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**TCACA MEALS ON WHEELS OCTOBER 2017**

*Please call the office:*

800-934-1006

To cancel a meal:

Please call the office.

*Hours notice is appreciated.*

**Happy Halloween**

- 10% milk and whole grain
- 2% cheese and lean meats

- *Use of Wheat Gluten, Peanuts, and Tree Nuts are rotating at this time.*

- 72 hours notice is appreciated.

*Please call the office.*

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<td>Shetucket Village</td>
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<td>Playground</td>
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<td>Brookside &amp; High Street</td>
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<td>TJ's Parking Lot</td>
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<td>Arrive Occum- SEAT Connection Site</td>
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<td>Red McKeon Park, Hooper St. &amp; Rte. 97 (stop as needed for return trip)</td>
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<td>Express Return to Senior Center</td>
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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.

Beginning October 12, 2017, and every second Thursday of each month, Adult Coloring will be held at the Sprague Senior Center from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Several senior centers in the area provide this opportunity. There are many advantages in taking part: lessening of depression, socialization, and hand and eye coordination.

Materials are provided and for those in need, bus transportation to and from is available.

If you would like to remain for lunch, be sure to contact Denise Lance 48 hours prior at 860-822-3000, Extension 210.

Hope to see you all there.
# October 2017 Calendar

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<td>Inland Wetlands: 7 pm, Town Hall</td>
<td>American Legion 7 pm, Rod &amp; Gun</td>
<td>Garden Club 6:30 pm, Town Hall</td>
<td>Knights of Columbus: 7 pm, Fire House</td>
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<td>Sprague Rod &amp; Gun Club Fall Cruise 1 pm to 5 pm Rt. 138, Baltic</td>
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<td>Board of Selectmen, 5 pm, Town Hall BOE, 7 pm Sayles School</td>
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<td>Little Miss and Mr. Sprague Pageant, 6 pm Sayles School</td>
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<td>Three Villages Fall Festival 11 am to 5 pm Baltic Softball Field</td>
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<td>Deadline for all OUR TOWN Submissions</td>
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<td>Water &amp; Sewer Anth., 4 pm, Town Hall</td>
<td>Board of Finance 7 pm, Town Hall</td>
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<td>Historical Society Meeting 6:30 pm, Grist Mill</td>
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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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