Information & News for May 2018

Sayles School - Important Dates

Board of Education Meeting Dates – 7:00pm
May 9th
June 13th

Sayles School Advisory Committee Meeting Dates
May 9th
June 5th

Sayles PTO Meeting Dates – 6:00pm
May 8th
June 5th

Come and join us, let’s work together to make Sayles School the best that it can be!

May 25th – 1:00 Release for students, PD in PM for Teachers
May 28th – No School – Memorial Day

BUDGET INFORMATION WITH SUPERINTENDENT DAVID ERWIN
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 AT 7:00PM
SAYLES SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

BRING YOUR IDEAS, QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

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 6:00pm - 8:30pm
June 21st Make Music Sprague (all day)
 June 23rd Nick Bosse
June 30th Howling Dogs
July 7th Braiden Sunshine
July 14th Back by Popular Demand
July 21st Melaena
July 28th Gypsy Time Surf
August 4th Straight Ahead
August 11th The Whales
August 18th Bill Bentley Band
August 25th Glenn Hansen Orchestra
September 1st Straight Ahead
September 8th Funky Dawgs

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

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, May 26 for the June issue, we will meet at the Town Hall at 10 am. Contact Cristian for details. **If interested in volunteering email Cristian @ Spragueourtownnewsletter@gmail.com**
From the Desk of the First Selectman,

Well Mother Nature decided that April should remind us why we wait with bated breath for spring. It was cold, it snowed and then we had torrential rains... simply put yucky describes this last month! I am hopeful that May will be pleasant, warm, comfortable!

The budget process continues along with many requests from each of the departments. The Board of Finance continues to debate what will be funded and at what level. In May we will provide you with a review of all capital requests. Please let us know what you think!

The public works crew is out sweeping roads and patching potholes. Please let us know if we missed picking up that last pile of brush and we will get right on it. We will also be refreshing all the crosswalks in Town, thus making sure drivers know clearly that pedestrians’ have a right of way. This will allow children to safely walk, run and bike their way around the village.

We did have students from UCONN present conceptual ideas for the Baltic Mill site. These plans are on the Town website, let us know what you think of their designs. As you all know we did have a fire which will impact what happens during the cleanup portion however we will finish the cleanup and put out an RFP which will market the site to a list of developers. The goal of this cleanup is to put this property back on the tax rolls.

There will be an informational forum on development ideas for the Fusion property site. The forum will be on May 18th @ 7pm in the Town Hall, please attend if you can!

As always thanks for your support and it is time to start getting out and about again! Hope to see you on the trails!

Cathy
First Selectman

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**Open Positions as of 5/1/2018**

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**TOWN OF SPRAGUE BUDGET HEARING**

The Sprague Board of Finance will hold a Budget Hearing in the Senior Center of the Sprague Town Hall on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm to present the budgets of all town agencies for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Persons wishing to be heard on any item of the proposed budgets or who desire to offer any matter for consideration in connection with said budgets will have an opportunity to express themselves.

Ann Marie Osowski
Chairman
Board of Finance
Sprague Democratic Town Committee Update

Delegates to the State and District Conventions were approved and will be attending conventions from May 14th through May 23rd.

Election of DTC Officers took place. John Malone – Chairman, Cathy Osten – Vice-Chairman, Jeannette Deschamps – Treasurer and Claire Glaude – Secretary were seated for two years.

Cathy Osten reported on upcoming and ongoing town projects.

The Sprague DTC encourages residents to register to vote. Registered democrats interested in serving on Town boards or joining the DTC should contact me at 860-822-9111.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

Homeowner Tax Relief Program

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2018

Applications for the Homeowner Tax Relief Program will be accepted until May 15, 2018. This program is for residents who are 65 or older as of December 31, 2017 or rated totally disabled by Social Security, own their home, and meet the income requirements of married $43,000 or single $35,300. Applicants must supply proof of all 2017 income to the Assessor’s office including the 2017 Social Security statement 1099 and a copy of your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return (if filed).

Please call the Assessor’s office at 860-822-3000 ext. 222 for an appointment to ensure someone is available to assist in completing your application. Assessor’s hours are normally Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Additional Veteran’s Exemption

Applications are being accepted for the Additional Veteran’s Exemption. This program is for persons receiving the regular veterans exemption and have a 2017 income of $43,000 married or $35,300 single (including social security) or $18,000 single and $21,000 married (excluding social security) for 100% V.A. determined Disabled Veterans. Income proofs must be supplied. Applications are filed biennially with the assessor. The filing deadline for the Additional Veteran’s Exemption is Sept 27, 2018. For more information, please contact the Assessor’s office.
Parents and Residents Committee
BUDGET SEASON 2018-2019

Parents and Residents we encourage you to be involved in the budget process of Sayles School. Plan to attend the school and town meetings to speak out and voice your opinions, concerns, and ambitions for our children education. The Library, world language, and after school programs including bus transportation need to be reinstated and properly funded. The support of the town is important to show the Board of Education, Finance, and Selectmen what we as resident would like Sayles School future to become.

BUDGET INFORMATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT DAVID ERWIN
THURSDAY MAY 3, 2018
SAYLES SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER 7:00 P.M
* Bring your ideas, questions and concerns to the superintendent
Town Boards, Town Officials, Parents, Residents, All School Officials, Teachers, businesses, and all Town of Sprague stakeholders please attend for our children education and future.

THANK YOU
Sayles School Advisory Committee May 9th 6:15 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING May 9th 7:00 P.M.
PTO Meeting May 8th 6:00 P.M.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

Board of Education Meetings are video recorded www.saylesschool.org

like pages: Parents of Sayles Public School or Only in Baltic
Facebook page: Veronica Sanchez (Parents and Residents Committee)
**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. You must be age 60 for lunches.

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

- **All Occasion Card Making** – May 1st 10 – 11:30 am
- **Needlework Group** – May 21st 12:30 – 2:00 pm
- **Adult Coloring** – May 10th 10 – 11:30 am
- **Movie** – May 16th at 12:30 pm. No fee charged.
- **Monthly Meeting** – May 31st at 1:00 pm.

COME JOIN US SOON!!

**SPRAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Baltic – Hanover – Versailles

**Kindergarten (Full-day) Registration**

Please come in or call to receive a kindergarten packet

Sayles School 25 Scotland Road Baltic, CT 06330

822-826

Sayles School is currently conducting kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents of children who will be five years old by January 1, 2019 must provide birth certificates and a record of all state mandated immunizations along with a current physical. Parents also need to provide three proofs of residency showing the street address. It is important that all students planning to attend full-day kindergarten during the 2018-2019 school year be registered as soon as possible. Please call 822-8264 for a registration packet or if you have any questions.
SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

SHRED DAY SPONSORED BY THE CHELSEA GROTON BANK AND HELD AT THE SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE SATURDAY ON MAY 12th FROM 9-12
DON’T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND POPULAR DAY!

BRING ALL OF YOUR PAPER THAT MUST BE SHREDDED.

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FRIENDS OF SPRAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE & BOOK SALE.
WE SHARE THE DAY WITH THE SPRAGUE GARDEN CLUB & THEIR ANNUAL PLANT SALE
ON SATURDAY MAY 19TH FROM 9:00AM-1:00PM
RAIN OR SHINE
BASKETS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY AS THEY COME IN.
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED EARLY OR ON THAT DAY!
BASKET DONATIONS WILL BE HAPPILY ACCEPTED!

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LOOKING AHEAD TO WARMER WEATHER!!!
WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A NEW FREE EXERCISE PROGRAM...
“LET’S GET PHYSICAL”
THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FOR ADULTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY
TO EXERCISE WITH A DVD
ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS
AT 10:00 AM FOR 30 MINUTES
IN JULY AND AUGUST WE WILL HAVE AN EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR KIDS TOO!
Branching Out.....

Notes from the Tree Warden

Just a reminder that I will be planting pine seedlings on the south side of the Baltic Reservoir (by the dam) on Saturday, May 5th. Anyone who would like to help can meet about 9 am. Please bring a shovel and we’ll see how many seedlings we can get planted by noon.

I attended the CT Tree Warden’s annual meeting at the end of last month. During the informational session Kathy Dugas form the CT Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven gave us updates on Emerald Ash Borers (EAB) and Gypsy Moths. Lyme is the latest town to be added to the list of municipalities where EAB has been discovered. EAB is now in all 8 counties and about 2/3 of the 169 towns in CT are affected. She stated that the state’s efforts using parasitoids (wasps that attack the EAB larva) has proven effective but developing enough parasitoids to release in wide ranges is very difficult. Kathy also said that research indicates there was a significant mortality rate of mature gypsy moth caterpillars by the fungus produced in wet weather and the CAES believes that the gypsy moth population will be greatly reduced this summer.

Dave Gustafson
Sprague Tree Warden

VERSAILLES CHURCH
OPEN MIC NIGHT & CAFÉ
4 Church Street – Versailles, CT
Across from Occum Dam
MAY 4
7:00PM – 10:00 PM
ALL WELCOME FOR
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
MUSICIANS, POETRY READING, GAMES, SNACKS

Church Cafe

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM
SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018
TIME: 9:15 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
COST: NATIONAL AARP MEMBERS - $15.00
NON MEMBERS - $20.00
PLEASE CONTACT BUDDY MEADOWS AT 860-822-3000, EXT. 203 FOR SIGN UP
American Legion Post #85, Meeting minutes for April 3, 2018:

SVC called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., there were six officers, fifteen regular members and one guest. Opening prayer was led by the Post Chaplain, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Post Chaplain.

FO read the Minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting which were accepted as read. Financial Report by FO, currently there is a total of $155.99 in the checking account and $13,822.65 in the Memorial Fund.

ADJ reported that Post #85 has forty three members. Three members were placed on the expired list for not renewing their membership and their status remains in suspension.

FO reported on the planned Spaghetti Dinner, April 6, 2018, at the Sprague Rod & Gun Club, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M., requested member assistance and participation at 2:00 P.M., for preparation.

Lisa Bassett, Chairman of the Veteran’s Poker Run Committee reported that letters for donation requests had been mailed out the first week of April. The next scheduled meeting for the Poker Run Committee will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at T. J.’s Café.

“Tee Shirt” Committee, Chaplain reported that his committee is looking into the color of tee shirts to be ordered for the Poker Run, presently they are considering green and tan as well as blue with white lettering. Final decision will be made after sale of shirts at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Fred Zinavage reported that he met with members of the Senior Center at their regular meeting on March 29, 2018, at 1:00 P.M. and again with members of the Sprague Historical Society in an effort to generate interest in a Ladies American Legion Auxiliary.

CDR closed meeting at 7:26 P.M. with closing prayer led by the Post Chaplain and a Preamble tribute to POW’s/MIA’s followed by a salute to the colors.

Respectfully submitted:
Andre Trudelle, Financial Officer, Post #85

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Members met on Tuesday, April 10th, for our first meeting of the new year. We went over the financial report for the past year and again it was a very good one. We sincerely appreciate all who have supported us in many ways during the past years. We welcome member Jen Stamper to the Auxiliary. We did briefly discuss fund raising ideas for the coming year. Look for additional news in the months to come.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the firehouse at 7 p.m.

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.

Have an enjoyable and safe spring!!

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps
Jeannette Deschamps,
Secretary

BALTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT
LADIES AUXILIARY
P. O. BOX 591
BALTIC, CT 06330-0591
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<td>3 Western Omelet Roasted Potatoes Peas &amp; Carrots Fruit Cocktail</td>
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<td>9 Braised Shredded Pork w/ herb sauce Yellow Rice &amp; Black Beans Mixed Vegetables Sweet Treat &amp; Juice</td>
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<td>23 Mother’s Day Celebration Meal Crab Stuffed Sole Rice Pilaf Sugar Snap Peas Peach Cobbler &amp; Juice</td>
<td>24 Chicken Sausage &amp; Peppers Grinder Roll &amp; cheese Zucchini &amp; yellow squash Pears w/ mandarin oranges</td>
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<td>31 Baked Haddock w/ salsa Spanish Rice Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail</td>
<td>TVCCA Senior Nutrition Program 81 Stockhouse Road Bozrah, CT 06334 860-886-1720 (24hr voice mail available)</td>
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HAPPY SPRING
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

► 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
$50 OFF
Any Seal Coating Job

- Licensed and Insured
- Free Estimates
- Locally Owned
- Owner Operators

$100 OFF
Any Driveway Installation

HASTEDT BROS. LLC
ASPHALT PAVING
860.848.0545
Baltic CT

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

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### BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE TO OCCUM

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| Express Return to Senior Center | 2:15pm |

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.

### Ride the Shetucket River

The Town of Sprague will resume the popular Ride the Shetucket events for 2018. 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 2018 are:

- April 28th, May 19th & 26th
- June 23rd & 30th
- July 21st & 28th
- August 18th & 25th
- September 22nd & 29th
- October 13th (a night run)

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

[www.ctsprague.org](http://www.ctsprague.org)

**Paddlers need to have PFD’s and a distress whistle.**

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).

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