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

Information & News for September 2018

**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
- September 1st Straight Ahead
- September 8th Funky Dawgs
- October 13th Nick Bosse (3VFF at the Rec Fields)
- October 13th Braiden Sunshine (3VFF at the Rec Fields)
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

**BREAKFAST**
VERSAILLES METHODIST CHURCH
Across from Occum Dam
4 Church Street, Versailles, CT
SATURDAY, September 15, 7 AM – 10 AM
All You Can Eat
- Adults - $8.00
- Children - $3.00
- Under 4 yrs old - free
Scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries,
- French toast, juice, coffee, tea etc.
Breakfast served every Third Saturday of the month!

Sprague’s Brush Pick-up
Please let us know if you need any brush picked up…!
Thanks
Cathy

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.

**Benefit Steak Dinner – Friends of Boy Scouts Pack 19**

When: Saturday, September 22, 2018 @ the Sprague Rod & Gun Club, Bushnell Hollow Road, Baltic, CT  Time: 6:00 P.M.
Cost: $20.00 per ticket – LAST DAY TO PURCHASE IS September 17th
Contact Katie or Bill Trudelle @ 860-861-1193 or 860-234-1960 for tickets or any member of Pack 19
Steak, baked potato, salad, vegetable, dinner roll and ice cream
We will also be doing raffle baskets and a 50 - 50

**Hanover Congregational Church**
Chicken Barbecue
Saturday September 29th, 2018
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Hanover Parish House
Main Street, Hanover
Adults-$9.50/Child-$5.00
Take-outs Available
For tickets call: 860-822-9977

**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 29 for the October 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,

September is here! Oh my how did this happen so quickly! Autumn is approaching with (I hope) crisp, cool, refreshing and oh yes bright days.

First a brief update on the school’s financial situation. There will be a second informational meeting at Sayles School where there will be discussion and hopefully conclusions on what happened last fiscal year. This date has not been set; once a date is determined, it will be noticed in all appropriate venues. There has been no change in the overage amount. The school board is addressing some of the oversight failures with changes in policies, organizational charts, job descriptions and financial practices.

In addition, we will be voting on a budget in early October for this year, it will be a very austere budget. Also, we will be voting on an ordinance which includes checks and balances on all committees having oversight on Town monies.

We do have projects that are creeping to completion. They are:

a. the State project of the bridge which is open but needs several small ticket items such as rail, sidewalk and telephone pole placement..

b. the Pines area needs minor landscaping, bus shelter, clock and light placement..

c. the lights on River Street are waiting for scheduling with Eversource...

d. the cold storage garage has several small ticket items but is being used by the public works crew as we speak...

The public works crew is starting it’s second round of roadside mowing, culvert cleaning will be done early this year and oh yes we are starting to prepare for winter!

As always thanks for your support; I am looking under every stone to address this situation.

Cathy
First Selectman

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You **MUST** have your permit **on your person at all times** while in the Sprague Land Preserve

**Permits**

**Available at the Sprague Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330**

**Hunting Hours**

M – F: ½ hour before Sunrise to Sunset
Sat.: ½ hour before sunrise to 10AM
NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY.

CLOSED TO HUNTING (Columbus Day weekend)

ALL DEEP Regulations apply to hunting in this Preserve

**Bow Hunting (by permit only)**

No permanent stands
No tree spikes or damage to trees
Must use fall arrest system

**Pheasant Hunting (by permit only)**

Non Toxic Shot ONLY
NO rifles – 12 gauge or smaller shotgun ONLY

**HIKERS**

Stay on the trails, wear blaze orange (also advised for your pets), keep dogs on leash at all times
The following is a tentative schedule for the next budget vote.  
Budget Hearing-September 11, 2018 7PM-Senior Center  
Town Meeting-September 25, 2018 7PM-Senior Center  
Referendum-October 2, 2018 6am-8pm  
Baltic Fire Department  

Updates will be posted on the Town website, legal notices will be in the paper when this is formalized.

### Sprague Housing Authority Commissioner Vacancy
Sprague Housing Authority is accepting applications for a Commissioner’s vacancy.  
* Meetings are quarterly throughout the year*  
Please send a letter to Housing if you are interested.  
You can drop off/mail to our address at the Town Hall:  
Sprague Housing Authority  
P.O. Box 162  
Baltic, CT 06330

### Informational Meeting
Will be scheduled for the upcoming month  
at Sayles School concerning the  
overage for the BOE fiscal year 17/18...  
How it happened, update on review of the school’s financials,  
Paths Forward.

### 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 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm to hear complaints on assessments pertaining solely to motor vehicles on Grand List of October 1, 2017.

Board of Assessment Appeals  
Richard Waterman, Chairman

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Thanks to Dave Gustafson and Denise Dembinski for cleaning, weeding, and planting the Hanover Versailles vee! It is beautiful and what a pretty sight right in the middle of Hanover!
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, 2018, are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before Thursday November 1, 2018, 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, 2018. Certified Forester’s Reports must be received by October 1, 2018.

VETERANS
All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 27, 2018. 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, 2018.

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, 2019 to May 15, 2019.

RENTERS
Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may reapply for the State Renters Rebate Program. The filing period for this year ends September 26, 2018. Please call for questions or for an appointment to apply.

The Assessor is normally in the office on Wednesdays from 9:30 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
**A note from the Assessor regarding the Sprague 2017 Revaluation**

The new property values reflect the changes that have taken place in the real estate market over the last five years (the last revaluation was completed in 2012). Some areas of town have seen more appreciation than other areas. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding revaluations to help explain the change in value (source: Vision Government Solutions Inc. Taxpayer Revaluation Information)

**What is the “market” and who determines my property value?**
A: The value of your property is based on an analysis of the entire market for a specified period of time before the completion of the revaluation project. The market can generally be defined as, you, the person who sold the property to you, and the person willing to buy it from you. It is the appraiser's job to research and analyze the values in any particular area or neighborhood. In effect, they do what you would do to determine the selling price when putting your property up for sale. However, the appraiser has specific guidelines to follow during their research. Some factors that are examined for each property are: location, size, quality of construction, age of improvements, topography, utilities, zoning restrictions, if any, etc.

**Will all property values change?**
A: Most likely, yes. However, not all property values will change at the same rate. Market value may have increased more for some neighborhoods and property types than for others. Some neighborhoods and property types may have decreased in value and others may have remained the same. One purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that the assessed values reflect the changes that have occurred in the real estate market.

**What is market value?**
A: Market value is defined as the amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property. For a sale to be a market value (arms-length) sale, the seller and buyer must be unrelated, the buyer must be willing (but not under pressure) to buy, the property must be on the market for a reasonable length of time, the payment must be in cash or its equivalent, and the financing must be typical for that type of property.

**Why did my land value change differently than my building value?**
A: Since the last revaluation, real estate values have changed. Over the same period, building construction costs have increased at a slower rate than property values have appreciated. Since building costs have not increased as much as total values, the bulk of the total increase, if any, is attributable to land. This makes perfect economic sense, as it is land that is limited supply.

**What sales did you compare to my home to arrive at my value?**
A: This question highlights one of the clear differences between the revaluation appraisal process and the more well-known fee appraisal. Most homeowners have had a fee appraisal of their property before and are familiar with the process involved and the resulting report. Many assume that the revaluation company uses the same process. Although the appraisal concepts are the same and the results similar, the process is different.

In a revaluation, the value of your property is based on an analysis of the sales within your market area for a specified period of time. (usually a one or two year period). This study of recent property sales allows the appraisers to establish valuation parameters (construction rates, land rates, market adjustments, etc). Once these valuation parameters are applied to the properties that sold, the result is an appraised value that is very close to the sales price. The revaluation appraisers test the newly developed parameters then apply these same valuation parameters to all of the "non-sale" properties in the town. In doing so, they are approximating the market value of each property using the information derived from all of the sales. Therefore, no particular sale or group of sales was used to determine the value your property. This is because ALL of the recent sales were included in the analysis that set the parameters used in the revaluation of your town.

**What if there hasn't been a recent arms-length sale of my property?**
A: The next best evidence is the arms length sales of reasonably comparable properties. These are properties similar to yours in location, age, style, condition, and other features that affect market value, such as the number of bedrooms and bathrooms and size of garage.

**What if there are no reasonably comparable sales?**
A: We will then consider all other factors that may affect the market value of your property. The cost to replace your building(s), less any depreciation, plus the value of the land could be used to estimate market value. For income producing properties, the income and expenses could be considered.

**How can my assessment change when I haven't done anything to my property?**
A: General economic conditions such as interest rates, inflation rates, and changes in the tax laws will influence the value of real estate. As property values change in the marketplace (sales), those changes will eventually be reflected on the assessment roll.

**Do all assessments change at the same rate?**
A: There are differences between individual properties and between neighborhoods. In one area, the sales may indicate a substantial increase in value in a given year. In another neighborhood, there may be a lesser change in property values. Different types of properties within the same neighborhood may also show different value changes. For example, one-story houses may be more in demand than two-story houses or vice versa. Older homes in the same area may be rising in value more slowly than newer homes. Among the numerous factors to be considered that will cause values to differ are location, condition, size, quality, number of baths, basement finish, garages, and many others.
**Weekly Drop-in Programs (no registration required)**

**TUESDAYS at 10:00am – Children’s Story Time** It’s never too soon to bring your youngster to the library! Join us for age-appropriate stories, early literacy activities, and social time. Recommended for children up to age 5, but older siblings always welcome!

**THURSDAYS at 1:00pm – Crochet & Knitters’ Club** Want to learn or like to knit? Join our skein-ful group. It won’t take long to get you hooked! Help is always available

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th at 4:00pm – Afternoon Delight Book Club: Best Summer Reads in Review** With the change in season coming, it’s the perfect time to reflect on your favorite summer reads. Share a recommendation and get a few from your neighbors. While you’re here, pick up our October book club selection Lucky Us by Connecticut author, Amy Bloom.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th at 11:00am – Extreme Fuse Beading** Design a fuse bead (a.k.a. perler bead) creation of your favorite animated character, sports team, or logo. Then turn it into a bracelet, coaster, key chain, or back pack trinket. Help and ideas available. Recommended for ages 5-12. Registration helpful so that supplies can be gathered. Meet up with a friend or two and learn a new craft!

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**FINALE**

**SEPTEMBER 20th**

**7:00pm**

**MOHEGAN SUN CABARET THEATER**

**FREE EVENT!** Doors open at 6:15pm

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**Save the date...**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th @ 7pm**

**LOCAL SPRAGUE AUTHOR**

**JANE H. DESROSIEERS**

Book signing & discussion of her new release *Gone Fishing – The Line*

*In observance of Labor Day, the library will be closed on Saturday, September 1st.*
Branching Out..... Notes from the Tree Warden

A reminder to Sprague residents that Eversource will start tree trimming around power lines around the middle of September. A total of 28.59 miles of roads will be trimmed – about half of that amount will be on state routes 97, 138 and 207. This work is required to ensure minimal power outages as a result of downed limbs and trees during storms.

The process will start with the Asplundh Tree Co.’s arborist, Brian Kole, flagging trees that need to be trimmed. He will provide all property owners with permission/consent paperwork – it may get hung on your door knob if you are not home. Please get this paperwork back to him as soon as possible so that he can complete his work and the crews can start trimming.

There are 2 types of trimming that will be done. Standard Maintenance Trimming (SMT) removes all limbs within 8 feet on each side of the wires, 10 feet below and 15 feet above the wires. SMT will be done on almost 20 miles of the work. The remaining miles will be Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT) that requires 8 feet of clearance on each side of the wires and “ground to sky” below and above the wires. ETT is done around primary 3 phase lines that provide power to a lot of customers.

Eversource is serious about doing all they can to minimize damage and outages to their lines – and keep our power on. In addition to the regular scheduled trimming they have provided their regional arborists with additional funding and tree crews to deal with the great number of trees that have died from the stress of drought and gypsy moth infestation.

Dave Gustafson—Sprague Tree Warden
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.

Movie – September 19th at 12:30 pm. No fee charged.

Monthly Meeting – September 27th at 1:00 pm.

COME JOIN US!
Sayles School Color Splash

Registration
Visit secure.netactivefundraising.com to register and donate online! Please make checks to Sayles School, PTO.

Early Registration (ends 9/28) $30
Late Registration $35

The registration fee includes run/walk registration, individual color packet, race bib, and a Color Splash FUNDrun T-shirt!

*Promotional items only guaranteed if you sign up before Friday, September 28th

Join us after the race at the Three Village Festival!
Runners/participants will receive a food voucher to a variety of food vendors.

Sayles Elementary School PTO Fun Run/Walk Entry Form
Send to Sayles School ATTN: PTO 25 Scotland Road, Baltic, CT 06330

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the race. (check in, water/refreshment stations, color stations, etc.) If you’re interested in volunteering, please check here □

Date: ___________ Name: _____________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City: ___________ State: ___________ Zip: ______________
Phone: ___________ Sex: _______ Age: _______
Email: _____________________________________________

Extra Color Packet: ______ x $4 (payment due with registration / offer ends 9/28)
GAF Sunglasses: ______ x $4 (payment due with registration / offer ends 9/28)
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- 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

Don Boushee
Sales Associate
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O. 860.739.4455 | F. 860.691.0312
donboushee.raveis.com
157 West Main Street | Niantic | CT 06357

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HASTEDT BROS. LLC
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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

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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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**Ride the Shetucket River**
- September 22 & 29
- October 13 (a night run)

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.

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).

For more information contact Lou Dzialo 860-822-6043

**SEE YOU THERE!**

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On September 29, 2018 a Master Wildlife Conservationist will be leading a hike on the Beaver Trail at the Sprague Preserve at 10:00 am.

Sponsored by the Sprague Conservation Commission

We will meet in parking lot, on the left, at end of Holton Rd, Franklin.

For more info: call 860 822 9808 or email drboushee@gmail.com

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Note from the Editor: Elizabeth Calderon

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