TIME TO PUT THOSE GARDENS TO BED!

FREE MULCH IS AVAILABLE
AT THE TRANSFER STATION

YOUR BRUSH AND SCCRRA’S TUB
GRINDER WORKING TOGETHER ALLOW
US TO PROVIDE THIS PRODUCT TO YOU
AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR HOURS

Sayles School Basket Bash
By the 8th Grade Class
Friday, December 7, 2018
Open at 5:30 pm for viewing and purchasing tickets
Drawing will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Town of Sprague provides Turkey Dinners at Holiday time both Thanksgiving and Christmas, if you can help we will be accepting donations of turkeys and the fixings. They can be dropped off at the Town Clerk’s office.

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.

Sewing Machine
HQ Stitch 210
$595. Value
New, still in original box.
$550.
Call 860-884-3320

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, December 29 for the January 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,

December is a month of joy with a giving and receiving of gifts, hopes and a reckoning of the end of another year. The turkeys were caught up with, meals were prepared, with hot apple cider to warm the insides. I hope and believe in the goodness of all, we are such lucky people, we live in the best country, state, town and each neighborhood has its own blessings.

The public works crew are geared up for winter! We have filled the potholes, graveled the dirt roads, repaired washouts from the floods of September and generally done all the repairs possible before the winter onslaught.

The Town has passed a budget which is austere, this keeps current expenditures for the 18/19 FY very tight. It still leaves a balance of close to $500,000 unpaid from last year’s school overage. We have covered close to $450,000 in school overages for the last 2 years. We are working with the state and have applied for a TIER II designation to see if there is an ability to assist us as we recover from this situation. This will require additional oversight for the length of this designation for both sides of the budget. In addition, we are still moving forward on accountability for this situation.

If you have questions on any project or line item either capital or operating please stop in the Town Hall for review of the documents. We have small items to finish on the bus lot, and River Street projects. We are completing the closeout documents for the Town Cold Storage Garage. We are moving the Town’s granite from the Baltic Mills project over to the Salt Shed area and will loam and seed the area in the spring. We may expand this project to include remediation in the lot containing the 2 smokestacks.

There will be an upcoming Town meeting on the ordinance increasing financial oversight in December. It will be noticed in the paper and on the Town’s website. We are holding off on the Town meeting on the solar project until the state has accepted this proposal.

As always thanks for your support

Cathy
First Selectman

PS: The Town will again be providing holiday gifts to children in need here in our Town. There are donation boxes at the Town Hall, Cumberland Farms and at Abare’s in Taftville to help out local children. (Thanks to Pam and Darrell Abare for always taking care of us!) If you can please contribute in any location, gifts will be distributed the week before Christmas.

Sprague Democratic Town Committee December Update

The Sprague Democratic Town Committee would like to thank all the voters in Sprague who voted in the recent election on November 6th. Turnout was great!

Senator Cathy Osten discussed plans for the next two years.

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.

Claire Glaude
DTC Secretary

Open Positions as of 11/1/2018

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The Garden Club has resumed their meetings on the first Wednesdays of the month. Our September meeting was spent cleaning the grounds at the Grist Mill. At our October meeting a committee will be nominating members for positions in the Club. Members made hydrangea wreaths at the close of our meeting. The Garden Club participated in the Three Village Fall Festival at the painting pumpkin tent. It was great to see all the awesome talent. Our Christmas luncheon will be at Modesto's and our calendar for next year was set. We welcome new members to our meetings. Have a very Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year.

Sprague Water Customers
The Sprague Water & Sewer Authority would like to inform our water customers that we will be changing out part of your water meters with a new radio recorder top in the very near future. We ask for your assistance in helping us complete this process by having someone at the address to let our workers in to access your water meter. This process will take no longer than ten (10) minutes. A letter will be left at the door of the homes that will be affected by this change a week before the work will begin with a date and time. We would appreciate it if you would make every effort to accommodate us to help make this a fast and easy replacement process.

We will only be replacing one half (approximately 150) of the town’s water meters this year with the hopes of completing the process in the next two years. Do not be alarmed if you do not get a letter as your home may not be slated for replacement this year.

If you should have any questions regarding this information please call 860-822-3000, ext. 225.

Todd Hastings, Superintendent
Sprague Water & Sewer Authority

Baltic Fire Department Ladies’ Auxiliary
Members met on Tuesday, November 13th, at the firehouse.
Plans were finalized for the Holly Jolly Bazaar, which is scheduled for

Saturday, November 24, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the firehouse.

All of our table spaces have been rented. We have 18 vendors with a wide variety of items such as jams, jellies, Tastefully Simple products, jewelry, handmade craft items, fleece items, skin care products, Christmas ornaments and many more items.

We also have a good variety of raffle prizes donated by our members, vendors and businesses in the area.

Members will be meeting at the firehouse on Tuesday, November 20th, to do the baking for our baked goods table.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Occum Pizza at 6 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.

Sincere best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Deschamps
Jeannette Deschamps, Secretary
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 – December 4th 10 – 11:30 am

Movie – Cancelled for December. Next movie on January 16, 2019

Monthly Meeting – Cancelled for December – Next meeting Jan. 31st.

COME JOIN US!

FOR SALE

Cards for All Occasions

Created by the Sprague Seniors Craft Group
Available for purchase –
Monday through Thursday in the Senior Center
$1.00 each
Birthday, Sympathy, Thank You, Holiday, Note Cards, etc.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, December 1, 2018
10 SCHOOL HILL ROAD
BALTIC, CT 06330

BASKET VIEWING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM
SPAGHETTI DINNER SERVED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT 5:00 PM
AUCTION TO BEGIN AT 6:00 PM
BASKET RAFFLE TO FOLLOW
FULLY LOADED THEME BASKETS, MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS, GIFT CARDS, AND MUCH MORE!!!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN!!!!
GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE “ST JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION/BASKET RAFFLE” TO GET A SNEAK PEAK!!
ALL ABOARD
The Polar Express Experience

6pm Friday December 14th, 2018
*DOORS OPEN AT 5:30
Sayles School
Advance Tickets Only $5 per person (Ages 3 and UP)

Tickets Purchased at the Door are $8 per person

Sayles School PTO is excited to present this holiday themed event! **Join us in your PJ's** for a dramatic read aloud of the cherished holiday classic, *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg. Following the story, our “trains” will depart for three different destinations! The golden tickets include a professional photo with Santa, a special gift, make and take crafts, and refreshments. Let your child experience the joy of giving by providing them with an allowance for the Polar Express Holiday Shoppe where all items are $3 and under!

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Please make checks payable to Sayles School PTO

Total Amt Enclosed

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Want to pay online? Go to Eventbrite.com
Search for our event: The Polar Express Experience
Eventbrite applies a small convenience fee.
Polar Express Experience- Train Destinations

Immediately following the story, our “trains” will depart for three different destinations. Each train will have a personal guide that will lead the passengers throughout their journey. We hope that this method of travel will help to minimize waiting and lines. Each destination will have plenty of activities to keep you entertained.

Present your golden ticket at each destination for a special hole punch!

1) Santa’s Sleigh- A visit with Santa where each child will receive a special gift and a complimentary (digital) professional photo. Digital downloads will be available while waiting to see Santa, write him a letter to deposit in the magic mailbox. Enjoy a coloring activity. The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg will be available for purchase at this stop, as well as spirit sticks!

2) The Polar Express Holiday Shoppe- A guided shopping experience where shoppers age 14 and under can buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones (including the furry ones). All items in the shop will be priced $3. We will provide a Gift List Envelope to help organize your child’s visit to the Polar Express Holiday Shoppe. Please complete the front portion of the envelope and be sure to detail the amount enclosed. The information provided will help our elves assist the children with their shopping experience.

The Polar Express movie will be playing outside the Holiday Shoppe, for those who aren’t shopping or finished shopping to enjoy.

3) The Workshop- This is where our little passengers will get to show their creative side as they make ornaments and reindeer food for the big night. These make and take activities are all included in your ticket purchase! Complimentary refreshments will be served at this destination.

Tickets sales begin Tuesday 11/13 to Sayles students ONLY. Tickets will be available to the general public beginning Monday 11/19. Purchase your tickets early! We have a limited number of “First Class” seats available. If we sell out of “First Class” seating, you will receive “Coach” seating in the bleachers. All tiny passengers age 2 and younger ride at no charge, but are required to ride in “lap seats”. Please return the bottom portion of this flyer along with payment to school. Special golden tickets will be sent home with your child and will be needed for entry to the event.
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NOTICE TO MEALS-ON-WHEELS CLIENTS

**THANKSGIVING 2018 HOLIDAY DELIVERY**

November 13, 2018

Dear Meals-on-Wheels Client:

There will be no delivery on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The program will be closed.

*** Those meals will be delivered to you on

   Monday, November 19th 2018 ***

Please make sure you are home on Monday to receive your meals.

If you will not be home or you do not want a delivery please call the Meals-on-Wheels office at 860-934-1006 to cancel the delivery. The office is open from 7:30am to 3:30pm, with 24hr voice mail available.

Thank you.

   TVCCA Senior Nutrition Program
   81 Stockhouse Rd., Bozrah, CT 06334
   860-886-1720

Wanted – 10 women! They must be wives, widows, children, grandchildren, or related to a veteran.

Purpose – to form an American Legion Auxiliary to help Post 85 in Baltic, Connecticut.

Contact: Wilfred Zinavage @ 860-822-1352. Leave a message with your number. Thank you.

Wilfred Zinavage

ON THE TRAIL WITH TROOP 19 - ANNUAL AUCTION

On the evening of Saturday, December 1, the Friends of Troop 19 will hold its annual auction at the Baltic Fire Department. Doors will open at 5:30 for viewing and the auction will commence at 6:30. All proceeds will be used to fund the scouting program in Sprague for all of 2019, which is now open to all youth - both boys and girls! We use the funds to repair broken equipment, purchase new equipment, maintain the troop cabin, pay for heat and electricity, and assist scouts who cannot afford it to attend camp and participate in our many other activities throughout the year. It’s a great opportunity to support the troop and also find fantastic bargains! And if you have any items that you’d like to donate for us to auction, we’re always willing to come take a look. Please contact me at the email address or phone number below if you have anything of interest to donate.

In the event of inclement weather, the auction will be held the following Saturday, December 8.

We’d also like to thank everyone who donated food during our annual Scouting for Food drive. It was a great success and we appreciate your generosity.

Finally, if you know a youth (boy or girl!) between the ages of 11 and 18 who is interested in developing leadership skills, enjoys camping and hiking, or is interested in community service, we’d love to have them as a member of Troop 19. Contact me for information about meeting times and come out for a visit!
Weekly Drop-in Programs (no registration required)

TUESDAYS at 10:30am – 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!

WEDNESDAYS at 12:00pm – 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, DECEMBER 4th at 4:00pm – Afternoon Delight Book Club: Low Pressure
by Sandra Brown. Join us for a friendly conversation of this month’s selection. Let us know if we can get you a copy!

Stories with Mrs. Claus
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th at 6:00pm
We’ll be decke the halls and rolling out the red and green carpet for a very special guest reader. Join us for cocoa, carols, and a few holiday stories. Don’t forget to charge your cameras & bring your Christmas list!

DIY Holiday Craft Programs
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th at 11:00am – Snowmen & Reindeer Ornaments
The perfect addition to your holiday decorating or a unique gift idea for even your littlest gift-giver. Registration helpful so supplies can be gathered.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th at 6:30pm – Holiday Plates
Put a personal touch to your gift-giving this season with a hand-painted goodie plate. We’ll provide the supplies along with some inspiration and help from a local artist. Just bring your holiday spirit! Registration required by phone or email.

VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th at 11:00am – SPL Family Movie: Incredibles 2
Bring a comfy seat and a friend or two! Free popcorn provided.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th at 11:00am – Kids’ Craft Saturday: New Year’s Party Favors
Get ready for 2019 with DIY noisemakers, confetti poppers, & party hats.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th at 6:00pm – Non-fiction Book Club: White Christmas
by Jody Rosen. Save the date to join us for an after-holiday discussion surrounding the famous yuletide ballad. Get your copy at the library before the holiday rush!

The library will close on December 24th at 12pm. We are closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 26th, and Tuesday, January 1st. During inclement weather, the library follows Sayles School for all closing and delays.
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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### BUS SCHEDULE FROM SPRAGUE 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](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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**Sprague Historical Society**

2019 Birthday and Anniversary Calendar.

If you have not submitted your order yet, please do so immediately.

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.

Calendars will be available for pick up at Town hall in December. You’ll be notified when they’re ready.

Please help the Sprague Historical Society. Place your calendar order today.

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