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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler
FARM & GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2011

TICKETS FOR THE FARM & GARDEN TOUR AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET

STATE FOREST LAND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND MAPS are available on the DCR website, www.mass.gov/dcr/ld/gismodel/zones_details.pdf. The new designations are Parklands, Reserves and Woodlands. Cutting will continue to be allowed in the Woodlands but no longer allowed in the Reserves. I have print outs of the Shutesbury tiles, 5 & 6 available at town hall. Now is the time to ask questions about the maps and what the designations mean. DCR will close discussions in August. Shutesbury maps indicate Woodland and Park areas only, no Reserves. The designated areas do not include Quabbin protected areas.

NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE- The knotweed growing rampantly down North Leverett Rd. into Montague and Rt. 63 has been chopped back. Watch and see how quickly it recovers. Instead of pulling the roots out of the ground it was cut at about 3-4' high. ALERT: A large patch of knot weed is growing rampant near the Pelham border on Pelham Hill Rd. If you live in that area and do some pulling, please report!



This area needs work! We got one side but not this side.

THEBIGGREENBUS.org Spent the night in Shutesbury. 13 Dartmouth University students are traveling the country on a Sustainability Tour. The bus has 1.3 kW of solar panels on the roof and is powered by vegetable oil. It is converted Greyhound couch bus. The veggie tank holds 290 gallons and the bus gets 6-7 miles per gallon. Shutesbury resident, Jen Fownes, is on board and her family hosted the students in Thursday. This is an inspiring project and we are glad they stopped in Shutesbury.



David Garczynski, a BIGGREENBUS busser, came to pick up the bus at town hall and gave me a quick tour. Check them out at their website, thebiggreenbus.org. As Marilyn Tibbetts said, you just don't know what you will find when you pull in behind town hall.

SHUTESBURY FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET is open! Farmers under tents will be at the market! Artisans are getting creative in protecting their wares but not all will be able to come if it is raining. Story hour might move inside tomorrow.



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