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BEARS ARE STROLLING THROUGH SHUTESBURY AGAIN! There have been a couple of reports of bears dining on bird feeders in recent weeks. Leaving just a trail of bird seed out into the woods... Moose are also on the move. Time to take the bird feeder in? This spring is a busy wildlife season so stay alert and keep your eye on little ones. I have no photos yet so don't know if Peaches the bear has returned or if this is a different family. (please share photos if you have them, thank you)

SOLAR PRODUCTION

We are reducing our electric expense line in the budget this year!

Town Hall – 1st quarter 3,272.1, Jan. 1088.60, Feb. 851.60, Mar. 1331.90 kWhrs!

Fire Station 1st quarter 4,743.6, Jan. 1856.6, Feb. 1181.3, Mar. 1705.7 kWhrs!

Total 1st quarter for town hall and fire station is 8,015.7 kWhrs!

SES Spaghetti Supper, next Friday, April 27, 7:30pm seating still OPEN

Spaghetti Supper The annual Shutesbury Elementary School Spaghetti Supper will be held on Friday, April 26th. There are two seatings, 6 pm and 7:30 pm. The 6pm seating is sold out, there are a limited number of tickets available for the second seating.

Now in its 29th year, this fabulous, festive event welcomes all community members and families (not just those with children or relatives in the school). The school's cafeteria/gym is transformed into a wonderful restaurant with 6th graders as the wait staff. 6th grade families are working their tails off to make this another great year and they will be busy in the kitchen all night long. We hope that you can join us!

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and the meal includes drinks, bread, salad, spaghetti and meatballs (vegetarian available) and dessert. They can be purchased from any 5th/6th grader, at the school or at the M.N. Spear Memorial Library. For more details call the school at 259-1212.

Adding to the fun at SES on April 26th is the PTO Silent Auction. Dozens of wonderful items donated by local businesses and craftpersons will be on display for your bidding pleasure. Stop by the auction before or after you have dinner, or come just for the auction.

Thanks for supporting Shutesbury Elementary School and the 6th grade class of 2013!

BOSTON MARATHON 2013

This is a hometown event for many in town. Our own Selectboard Chair, Elaine Puleo was witness to the blasts, awaiting her daughter's run across the finish line. Jesse did not get to cross the finish line this year. But we are all so grateful the family is safe. To all the marathon runners, event support people and avid marathon spectators in town we are so grateful you are all safe.

The bomb blasts on Monday, Patriots' Day were an unthinkable crime against the innocent. We mourn deeply for the victims of the bombs.

Almost all of us have either lived, worked, went to school in or visited Boston. We know the streets, the sounds, cheered on the Celtics at the Garden or the Red Sox in the stands, walked the Commons, the riverway.

And today the largest manhunt ever to take place is happening there. Tanks roll down the streets on this extra quiet Friday. Businesses are closed all around Boston and colleges are in lock down. A million people are asked to “shelter in place.” While things like this happen in other parts of the world, they are not supposed to happen here.

President O’Bama said they messed with the wrong city. Mayor Menino said nothing will defeat the heart of the city, they will not take us down. Our leaders are clear, strong and focused in their response. Governor Deval Patrick said our people are resilient, determined and underscored the events of grace and kindness that will help us heal.

SENIOR POT LUCK LUNCHEON

(55 AND UP, Yes, I qualify and you may too!)

We have invited SES principle Bob Mahler as our honored guest to this months pot luck luncheon. Come share a meal and a conversation with Bob before he retires. He has brought a great deal of joy to our elementary school and worked hard for our children.

Join us May 7, at noon.

Call Marilyn Tibbetts 259-1976, by Monday, 5/6/13. Give her your name and tell her what dish you are bringing to share.

TOWN MEETING IS MAY 4, 2013, SATURDAY at 9:00am at the Shutesbury Elementary School. Put it on your calendar. New England representative government at its best! Come learn about your town, participate and find a place to volunteer. TRASH BAGS available at Town Meeting!

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