

SHUTESBURY

MASSACHUSETTS

# OUR TOWN



## Annual bonfire beckons all this July 1

Walter Tibbetts, *Chief, Shutesbury Fire Department*

It has been a long, cold, wet spring, but summer is finally here!! And what good timing. The warm, sunny weather has arrived just in time for one of the Shutesbury Firefighters Association's biggest events of the year, our Independence Day Bonfire.

This year it will be held on Friday, July 1. Fire will be ignited around 8:30 pm. Music, informal games and social activities start around 6:00-6:30 pm.

Bring your bug spray and we will see you there.

For those of you who attended our wintertime bonfire, we promise you that this one will actually burn!

## Late-breaking update on search for new Chief of Police

In the last two weeks of June, the Search Committee has been busy conducting preliminary interviews with six potential candidates for the position of Shutesbury Chief of Police. The first round of interviews will conclude the end of June.

Final interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, July 6 at Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend and will be permitted to ask questions of the candidates.

The next night, July 7, the Select Board will meet to announce its selection.

## Town earns awards for renewable energy

Peggy MacLeod brought a gift to the Shutesbury Select Board in May that

was greeted with a lot of smiles. Because of our community's outstanding support for renewable energy, the non-profit Center for Ecological Technology (CET) of Northampton and Pittsfield awarded the Town of Shutesbury \$5,000, which can be spent for a solar energy system.

The award was made because Shutesbury was one of the two communities in the Pioneer Valley with the highest percentage of enrollment in New England GreenStart, CET's renewable energy product. Wendell had the highest enrollment, with almost 10% enrolled, and also received \$5,000. Funding for this competition comes from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The award was a significant accomplishment, according to MacLeod. Out of 351 Massachusetts communities, Shutesbury achieved the second-highest percentage of enrollment in Massachusetts Electric Company's GreenUp program - 6.5% - with 53 residents choosing clean energy.

In addition to the \$5,000 award, the Town of Shutesbury will be receiving funding this year from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) equal to approximately \$7,500. The MTC's Clean Energy ChoiceSM program provides bonus payments of \$50 per household to towns where at least 3% of residents signed up for green energy, as well as matching funds based on the monthly premiums paid for renewable energy.

Shutesbury is among seven towns in Massachusetts that are set to receive these bonuses. And because of the achievements of those seven towns, the MTC has extended the

bonus award program at least till the end of 2005.

"So listen up, Shutesbury!" urges MacLeod. "This means you can increase your town's award: For each additional participating resident, the Town of Shutesbury will receive an additional \$50 award, as well as matching payments for 54% of each enrollee's monthly payments into the program. For example, if 30 more homes enrolled, about another \$4,000 would be added to the funding."

What about Shutesbury's Western Mass Electric (WMECO) customers? Although it was not available before to April 1, the town's WMECO customers can now also participate through purchasing one of CET's products, New England Wind or New England Biomass. This would be a one-time purchase of \$50 or more that would go to support Massachusetts power producers that generate electricity from wind power or from landfill methane. The town would receive 100% matching for this option, as well as the \$50 per household bonus payment award.

Shutesbury residents interested in this option should contact MacLeod directly at CET, [peggy@cetonline.org](mailto:peggy@cetonline.org).

"We think the state was wise to set up this incentive program," MacLeod explains. "Towns that receive matching payments and bonus funding, as well as CET's funding, will be able to see tangible results of the community's support through actual projects for which they will receive funding. One of these days, the citizens here will likely be smiling up at a new solar energy system of some type that they helped create."

CET also worked with individuals,

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## Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*  
Joan Hanson, *Assistant Town Clerk*

Office Hours: Monday through  
Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Call 259-1204 for special  
appointments or to leave a message.

At the May 7 Annual Town Election, 523 of our 1367 Registered Voters turned out to vote. We welcome **Debra B. Pichanick** to the Board of Selectmen and **Michael DeChiara** to the School Committee. Both were elected for the first time in Shutesbury.

We are honored to have the following officials re-elected to their posts: Board of Health - **Kenneth Rotondi**; Cemetery Commission - **Gary L. Dihlmann**; Constable - **Gary L. Dihlmann**; Library Trustees - **David Cormier, Karen Traub and Amy Beth**; Planning Board - **Deacon Bonnar** and **Carole Mizaur**; School Committee - **Daniel Hayes**; and Town Clerk - **Leslie Bracebridge**.

All committees hold public meetings, which are posted at the Town Hall at least 48 hours in advance (postings may also be available at Shutesbury.org). Shutesbury residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and to share their views with the people elected to serve them.

Please remember to re-license your dog for July 1. You may use the mail-in license application form sent with this newsletter, call for a new mail-in form, or come to the Town Clerk's office in person to license your dog.

You will need proof of a current rabies vaccination, which your veterinarian can print out for you. License fees are \$5 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$10 for animals able to propagate. There is a late fine of \$5 to owners of dogs who have not been re-licensed by July 30.

If you would like to become a paid election worker, please call before August to be considered for appointment for the coming year. We welcome anyone who might be interested

in being an election worker.

With summer vacations and other activities that take us all away, please call ahead to make sure someone will be in during our regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm) before making a special trip to the Town Hall.

## Changing of the guard

David Dann, *Town Administrator*

Come July 1, 2005, **Ralph Armstrong** will step down from the Shutesbury Select Board after serving almost five years. Thank you, Ralph, for your diligent and dedicated service to the town. You will be missed. We all wish you well.

Also at the same time we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Select Board member, **Debra Pichanick**. Good luck as you help guide our town.

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury taxpayers,

Happy New (Fiscal) Year! With the beginning of the new fiscal year, you will be receiving the first quarter real estate tax bill for Fiscal 2006. The amount of the bill is approximately 25% of last year's total bill. Any exemption you were granted in FY 05 will be reflected in the third and fourth quarter bills for FY 06.

Please remember the following mailing and due dates for your FY 06 real estate and personal property tax bills:

Mailing Date	Due Date
June 30, 2005	Aug. 1, 2005
Sept. 30, 2005	Nov. 1, 2005
Dec. 31, 2005	Feb. 1, 2006
March 31, 2006	May 2, 2006

If the payment for your bill is received after the due date, the interest that accrued will be reflected on the next bill except for the bill due May 1, which will result in a letter fol-

lowed by a demand notice with the extra fee and interest. Therefore, it is very important the you plan ahead and mail your payment in time for it to arrive by the due date.

Don't forget to contact the Board of Assessors if you no longer have a vehicle on which you have received a motor vehicle excise tax bill. This should be done as soon as you receive the bill so the bill can be adjusted promptly. However, you should always pay the bill and then apply for the abatement. Since all fees and interest become part of the bill when issued, an abatement of part of the bill will still require you to pay any fees or interest that have accrued prior to payment.

You will need to supply the Assessors with a bill of sale and a copy of a plate return receipt from the Registry of Motor Vehicles or a copy of a new registration for the same license plate to obtain the abatement. The abatement application is available on the Town's web site.

My daytime office hours are changing. They will be Thursday mornings from 8:00-11:00 and Thursday afternoons and evenings by appointment. Please call before coming and leave a message on the machine with a late afternoon or evening number. I will call you back and we can find a mutually convenient time to meet.

To drop of payments, there is a locked box outside my office door. If you want a receipt, please enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Have a safe summer.

*Our Town*, published four times a year, is supported by tax dollars. We welcome news from Town of Shutesbury departments, boards, and committees, and from individuals and groups about local projects, activities, or special events of benefit to our community. Submissions promoting the sale of goods or services for private profit cannot be accepted.

Janis S. Gray, Editor  
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## Celebrate Shutesbury and more!

Mark your calendars now for Celebrate Shutesbury, which will take place on Saturday, September 24 on the town common. We have been promised fabulous weather and are looking forward to great music, delightful dancers, an antique car parade, and of course delicious food.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan and execute this event, so if you can assist us, please contact rita-farrell@verizon.net.

This year we will once again be honoring a Shutesbury resident, and we are looking for nominations for a person who has made a significant contribution to our community or the community at large. Please submit all nominations in writing to Shutesbury Education Foundation, P.O. Box 964, Shutesbury, no later than July 15.

The Shutesbury Education Foundation supports educational activities in town for all age groups. If you or your group is interested in seeking financial support for an activity or program in town, please contact us at the above address. See you in September!

## Zero-interest rehab. loans available

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is administering a program for residents of communities in Franklin County.

Applicants to quality will be able to borrow up to \$30,000. This is a 0% interest, deferred-payment loan. The loan is secured by a lien placed on your property, and the loan is due when you sell or transfer the property.

For example: If you borrow \$30,000 for home repairs, when you sell or transfer the property, the amount due is \$30,000.

The goal of this program is to enable low- to moderate-income homeowners to bring their homes into code compliance, provide handicapped accessibility, do needed repairs and weatherize their homes.

Homeowners and any tenant families must have an annual gross

income equal or less than the following amounts:

Number in Household and Gross Annual Income

1	-- \$35,450
2	-- \$40,500
3	-- \$45,600
4	-- \$50,650
5	-- \$54,800
6	-- \$58,700
7	-- \$62,800
8	-- \$66,850

Please call 413 863-9781 for more information or an application packet.

## Sing praises to our small-town spirit!

The Spring issue of Our Town arrived in your mail thanks to the nimble hands of **Marilyn Tibbetts, Freddie Windriver, Joseph Jacobs, Debra Pichanick, Blair Robey, Ken Hartwright and Paul Vlach**

By stepping up to fold and stuff the newsletter's 850 copies, they made sure the news voters needed to know arrived well in advance of our Annual Election and Annual Town Meeting.

If you would like to join a future "folding party" for Our Town or other bulk mailings from the town, please call the Town Clerk's office (259-1204). We welcome your help whenever or wherever it suits you best: daytime, nighttime, at home or at Town Hall.

## Don't let the bloodsuckers get you down

Catherine Hilton, *Board of Health*

It's the season for outdoor activities- for us and for the bugs! Insect-borne diseases such as Lyme Disease (ticks) and West Nile Virus (mosquitoes) can have devastating consequences, and they're a lot easier to prevent than to treat.

Most important: don't get bitten! Cover up, use insect repellent where appropriate (not on the baby, please), check everybody for ticks when you come in from outdoors (people AND animals). Be extra careful during the buggiest hours of the day.

Remember that mosquitoes like to breed in dirty standing water, so make sure you don't have any in your yard. Change the water and clean the bird-bath, garden fountain, wading pool, etc., frequently. Dump out water that's collected in pots, tires or on top of tarps.

The Board of Health wishes you a happy and healthy summer.

## Safety is in your hands

Shutesbury Fire Department and Firefighters Association

The summer is a time for parties, barbecues, and many fun activities, as well as those summertime chores that only some of us find fun. Whatever the activity you are doing, please be safe. Here are a few summertime safety tips.

### Gasoline and lawn mowers

Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. The warm weather makes the gas vaporize more readily. You should store gasoline only in approved containers, outside, or in a building that is not attached to the house.

Never store gasoline inside the home or in your basement. Keep gasoline away from heat and ignition sources.

Use caution when opening gas cans that have been stored in a hot area, as pressure can build up in the container. Bring the container to an open area away from ignition sources. Open the small vent opening to relieve the pressure before opening the main cap. If the pressure in the container is not relieved first, gasoline can spray out under pressure, causing bodily injury and a fire hazard.

Never fuel a lawn mower or other gas-powered tool while it is hot. Let it cool for a few minutes first.

Use safety equipment, such as hearing and ear protection, when using your lawn mower or weed whacker.

Watch for children. Do not let them play in the area that you are working in. Keep hands and feet away from the mower while it is running. Use caution when mowing on slopes.

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### **Barbecue Safety**

When lighting a charcoal grill, use only charcoal lighter fluid. Do not use gasoline or other flammable liquids.

Once the coals have been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire, flames may travel up the stream of fluid and result in serious burns. It is recommended that all grills, charcoal and LP gas, be used at least 10 feet from the house if possible. LP gas grills are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building where people live. Make sure all connections are tight and secure. LP gas is heavier than air and it will sink. The vapors can pool in low-lying areas.

### **House Number Signs**

Again we thank all of you that have purchased our reflective green house number signs. If you have not gotten yours yet, there is still time. The Association is taking orders on an on-going basis. Help the Fire Department, Ambulance, and Police find your house in an emergency.

Keep in mind that you may have your house numbered, but can it be seen easily, on a wet, foggy night, from a distance and from both directions? Also does it clearly mark your house or driveway? If your number is on your mailbox and it's on the other side of the road with other mail boxes, it is still a guessing game for us.

To order a number sign you can pick up an order form at the Fire Station or Town Hall. You may also call 259-1976 for more information.

### **We need your help**

If you have ever thought of joining the Fire Department, we could use your help.

Our roster is down to nine personnel; three of these people have less than six months experience. They are doing well but we need more people. Previous experience is not necessary, but it does take a serious commitment. If you are 18 or more years old, have the time, the desire to help people and the community, a willingness to learn, and the ability to work as a team member, we have a job for you. Call the Fire Station at 259-1211, e-

mail us at [firedepartment@shutesbury.org](mailto:firedepartment@shutesbury.org), or just stop in on a Thursday night.

## **Recycling and Solid Waste News**

The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee

### **Bulky Waste Day**

The June 4 Bulky Waste Day was too great a success! From the opening time of 10:00 am until 12:20 pm, we never reached the end of the check-in line.

Two of our volunteers reviewed the loads along the roadside, with Officer Ken Hartwright keeping an eye on traffic for us. The crew of nine working inside the Highway yard kept everyone flowing through smoothly and safely, but they came as fast as they left!

After that, the stream stayed steady until we reached capacity at 1:00 pm, and had to shut down an hour early. Thirty or more people had to be turned away.

The same thing had happened last Spring, so we had added a fourth, 40-yard roll-off container for this event, and still couldn't meet demand.

We'll have the extra capacity again at the October 1 Fall Bulky Waste Day, but we may have to look at limiting the number of trips each household can make, and be more strict about load sizes, in order to maintain the equity of the system. Watch for guidelines in the Fall Newsletter.

Remember that our goal is to offer the convenience of in-town disposal of large items to all 1,900 residents. Every household has the option, throughout the year, of getting an annual permit from the Town of Amherst, and bringing large loads to its transfer station.

You may be rejected from our events if your load would take up more than "your share" of space. There are potentially more than 800 households trying to fill four roll-off containers. You should contact the Recycling Coordinator before bringing in large loads, to avoid waiting and being turned away. We had someone with a full dump truck arrive after we

had already closed down early. Please try to work with us, to be fair to all.

We want to give special thanks to our non-committee volunteers for the day: **Leonard Bobrow, Graeme Sephton, Jeffrey Essig, Mari Vlach, Gregg Adams** and **Steve Rice**. If you'd like to help out at one of our events, please let us know. It's a fun and fulfilling time, with a bunch of good people, and we always welcome extra hands!

### **Notable summer dates**

Last two trash bag distributions - Saturday, July 2, 10:00 am to noon, and Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, both at Town Hall.

Delayed pick up week - July 7, due to the holiday on the Fourth.

### **Crows!**

Our resident crows have learned to gorge themselves on Wednesdays from those tasty yellow take-out bags! They're more of a problem than wandering dogs.

We strongly encourage putting your bags out at curbside in barrels, to avoid being skipped due to ripped and scattered bags. To avoid being skipped on recycling, be sure your "recycling" trash barrels have a large "R" or "Recycling" painted on all sides, so the drivers can read them from the truck.

### **Almanacs**

Be sure you found your Shutesbury Recycling Almanac in your bag supply, and keep it handy for the next several years. It should answer any questions you have on our recycling and solid waste system. [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org) is still a good resource, providing the weekly calendar and other variable items. Subscribe to the town email list for timely notice of system changes or special events.

With our thanks, from the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee: Paul Vlach, [recycling@shutesbury.org](mailto:recycling@shutesbury.org), and Gary Bernhard, Meryl Mandell, Ron Essig, Christy Vlach, Gary and Nancy Dihlmann, Beth McCoy, Karen Czerwonka

## From the Desk of the Town Administrator

David Dann, *Town Administrator*

During my first six months, I quickly became involved in several big and small capital projects.

The Leverett/Cooleyville/Prescott Footprint Road project is moving along with an expected construction phase in the spring of 2006.

Two big roof projects were just completed at the Fire Station and Old Town Hall.

Rehabilitation, construction, accessibility, and clean-up projects are in various stages of consideration at the Highway Garage, Library, Lake Wyola Dam, Elementary School, and Lot 032 (66 Leverett Road).

The Select Board is working very hard with multiple committees/boards to extend the lives of our buildings and infra structure in order to preserve our capital assets.

I hope everyone swapped all the items they could before bringing their remaining items to Bulky Waste Day. If you missed Bulky Waste Day, the next one is planned for the first Saturday in October.

The Town has some outdated law books that we are ready to recycle. It is a complete 20-volume paperback set of 2002 Massachusetts General Law books that we will give to the first caller to the Town Administrator who expresses an interest in them.

On a similar theme, the deadline for enrolling in the New England GreenStart renewable energy program has been extended to September 30, 2005.

Shutesbury can benefit in several ways by your participation; most notably we receive money for developing solar power projects. See the article on page one of this newsletter, or contact the Center for Ecological Technology directly in Northampton at 413 586-7350.

As I have settled into the position of Town Administrator, I am very appreciative to be working with so many

volunteers on such a wide variety of areas and issues. If you have the time and interest, we still have a few vacancies on town boards/committees. Call me if you are interested. Enjoy the summer. It is always too short.

### Renewable energy awards

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activist groups, communities, and businesses to encourage over 800 households across western Massachusetts to support clean energy. According to MacLeod, the majority of people have chosen New England GreenStart<sup>SM</sup>. GreenStart, the only clean energy choice from Massachusetts-based non-profit organizations, uses energy generated in New England, including solar energy generation from systems installed on the Williamstown Elementary School and Williams College.

The Shutesbury Select Board will be researching different ways of spending the funds. It is also likely to apply to the MTC for its Small Renewables Initiative grant program, in which the town could almost double its funding for a local project. In the meantime, citizens that have not yet enrolled are urged to inquire at Town Hall for additional enrollment forms.

For more information about Clean Energy Choice, please visit: [www.cleanenergychoice.org](http://www.cleanenergychoice.org). To discover more about New England GreenStart, visit: [www.cetonline.org](http://www.cetonline.org).

CET, a community based non-profit organization, has focused on energy conservation and renewable energy for 28 years. To learn more, call Peggy MacLeod at 413-586-7350.



*Peggy MacLeod of CET congratulates Select Board Chair Becky Torres as Ralph Armstrong and Joseph Jacobs display a check representing CET's \$5,000 award.*

## New look for Town web site!

Fred Steinberg, *Web Committee*

If you haven't visited <http://www.shutesbury.org> lately, take a look - the site has been redesigned, and is both nicer looking and easier to use.

The newest member of the Web Committee is a professional web designer, and we're happy she's volunteering her time - so a round of applause to Willa Jarnagin for all her hard work.

As always, we encourage town committees to send email to [web@shutesbury.org](mailto:web@shutesbury.org) if you have anything new to add or would like changes made to existing pages. And please let us know if you have questions about getting information from your committee onto the web site.

We're also happy to answer questions from anyone - just drop us a note!

-- The Shutesbury Web Committee:  
Ralph Armstrong, Leslie Bracebridge,  
Willa Jarnagin, Fred Steinberg, Paul Vlach

## Support for loved ones left behind

Bereavement groups for adults who have lost a spouse, significant other or loved one are being offered at Hospice Of Franklin County, 329 Conway St. in Greenfield. The groups are free, ongoing and open to the public. For more information, call Priscilla White or **Jean Footit** at 413-774-2400.

## Family Network reaches out to little ones

Since 1998, the Erving School Union #28 has been funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education/MA Family Network to provide outreach, education and support services for families with children under 4 years of age living in the towns of Shutesbury, Leverett, Erving, New Salen and Wendell. We offer

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 weekly story hours at the Shutesbury library and play groups at the school gym; Parent Council meetings; workshops based on assessed families needs; field trips; and frequent fun events for the entire family. We also make Home Visits with our Baby Gift Bags to families with newborns to welcome them into our program.

If you have just moved into Shutesbury, have a child under four years of age, are pregnant or have a newborn, then please call Naz Mohamed-Ahamed at 413-423-3337 or email mohamed@erving.com to be put on our mailing list.

### Local summer camp open

Pine Brook Camp, a nonprofit facility close to Lake Wyola on Lakeview Road, offers day and overnight camps this summer.

### Day Camp for ages 6-11 (entering grades 1-6)

- Week 1 June 27-July 1 \$115
- Week 2 July 4-8 \$115
- Week 3 July 11-15 \$115

### Residential Junior Camp for ages 7-12 (entering grades 2-7)

- Week 1 July 17-23 \$190
- Week 2 July 24-30 \$190

### Residential Teen Camp for ages 12-17 (entering grades 7-12)

- Week 1 July 31-August 6 \$200
- Week 2 August 7-13 \$200

See [www.pinebrookcamp.org](http://www.pinebrookcamp.org) for more information, to view a slide show from last summer, or to register.

### Lake Wyola Summer Events

All are welcome to Summer Festivities sponsored by the Lake Wyola Association!!

- June 26 **Lake Wyola Road Race**  
4.8 miles 25th Anniversary! Walk or Run! Call Laurie 367-2775
- July 2 **Steak Roast Dinner** 5:30-

7:30 pm. Dance till midnight Association Hall \$13 BIG steak, potato, salad, rolls, drink and desert. Tickets 367-0189 or at the door \$2 Dance Tickets 367-0189 or at the door.

July 9 **Game Night** Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards to Association Hall for this fun new event. 7:00-9:00 pm.

July 16 **Tag and Bake Sale** 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Association Hall. Call Donna at 785-1496 to reserve a table or donate items or baked goods. Come look for treasures!

August 6 **Chicken Barbeque** at Association Hall. 5:30-7:30pm/Dance till midnight Association Hall \$10 half chicken, pasta, rolls, salad, drink, dessert. \$2 Dance Tickets 367-0189 or at the door.

August 13 **International and Domestic Beer Festival** and Raffle Drawing. 4:00-9:00 pm Association Hall. Tickets available at the door.

## @Join our Community-Wide-3-Schools E-mail List!

The Shutesbury School Committee has been looking for ways to communicate directly with ALL our families with school-aged children & youth. The *Roadtown News* does an excellent job during the school year with connecting our elementary school families to important school & community events. We also list both local & regional school reports on the town web site; yet, this is not enough. We want to be able to reach everyone [100%] and year 'round. Often there are time-sensitive events or information that we would like to pass on to families. In April, with the help of SES Principal Tari Thomas, we began to compile a SES List serve for all families enrolled at the school. This is a good start, yet it does not include families that home school or that have children in local private schools; nor does it include families with students at ARMS, ARHS, or vocational schools.

This may be ambitious, yet we want to try! Our goal is to have four Lists: one for each school age group – elementary, middle, and high school – and one combining all families! Please fill out the enclosed form and return it now to us at School Committee, Town Hall, P.O. Box 276, Shutesbury, MA 01072.

*Thank you, Anne Lundberg – Chair Person*

The Shutesbury School Committee is compiling family E-mail addresses so that we might contact you with timely news about school events and emergencies. We invite you to join this effort to build stronger connections within our school community.

Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Names, grades, and school of children

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to the School Committee to use this information solely for communication related to school news & education events.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road  
259-1213

Jane Buchanan, *Director*

## Summer Hours

Wednesday

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

and 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday,

3:00 - 7:30 pm

## Summer Reading Program

In keeping with the theme of the statewide Summer Reading Program, the library will celebrate Going Places! Make a travel journal. Take part in our Tuesday and Thursday crafts and games days.

The program begins June 27 and continues until August 17. Those who complete the program will be invited to our annual End of Summer Celebration. This year's program will feature African Rhythms and World Music by Steve Leicach and Jay Cook. And, of course, our famous make-your-own ice cream sundaes.

## Gnomes Across Massachusetts

Come in and check out our Gnome Home-part of the Gnomes Across Massachusetts project-and meet Gnomar, one of our library gnomes. We've sent Gnorma out to visit other libraries and will be welcoming visiting gnomes from across the state. Follow the progress of our Library gnome, and meet our visitors. Check out some of our books about gnomes while you're here, and share in our gnome activities. More about this on our Web site, [www.shutesbury.org/library](http://www.shutesbury.org/library).

## Bring us a stone!

Going somewhere this summer? Even if it's just to Lake Wyola, let us know by bringing in a small stone for our community travel jar. We'll be collecting stones all summer, and marking destinations on our travel map. Not j



ust for children!

## New Chair!

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, our old, much-used armchair has been replaced with a shiny new Windsor chair. It's not only more beautiful, it actually makes the reading area look spacious! Well, relatively! Come on in and try it out!

## Story Hour

**Gudrun Durham** will be our primary summer Story and Craft Hour presenter. Story Hour will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15, and is most suitable for children ages two to five. The summer program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

## New Materials

New books at the library include a fine first novel by Amherst College president emeritus Peter Pouncey.

*Rules for Old Men Waiting. The Secret History of the Pink Carnation* by Patricia Wettig is a fun summer read with a bit of romance, a bit of history, and a dash of espionage.

Other new titles include: *The*

*History of Love* by Nicole Krauss; *Captain Alatriste* by Arturo Perez-Reverte; *The Shop on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber; *Rage* by Jonathan Kellerman; and *Hummingbird's Daughter* by Luis Urrea.

If you like paperbacks to take to the beach, we've got a growing collection. Look for the blue dots on the spines if you're in the mood for something light!

New films include:

Trip to Bountiful; Benny and Joon; Hotel Rwanda; Noi; Ballet Shoes; Supersize Me; Fahrenheit 9/11; Horatio Hornblower, the complete collection;

Buffy the Vampire Slayer, seasons four through seven; Don Juan DeMarco; Once Upon a Time in Mexico; Racing Stripes, and many more.

Harry Potter is coming! Release date for the next installment is July 16. If you'd like to get on the waiting list, give us a call!

# HOW TO CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS

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