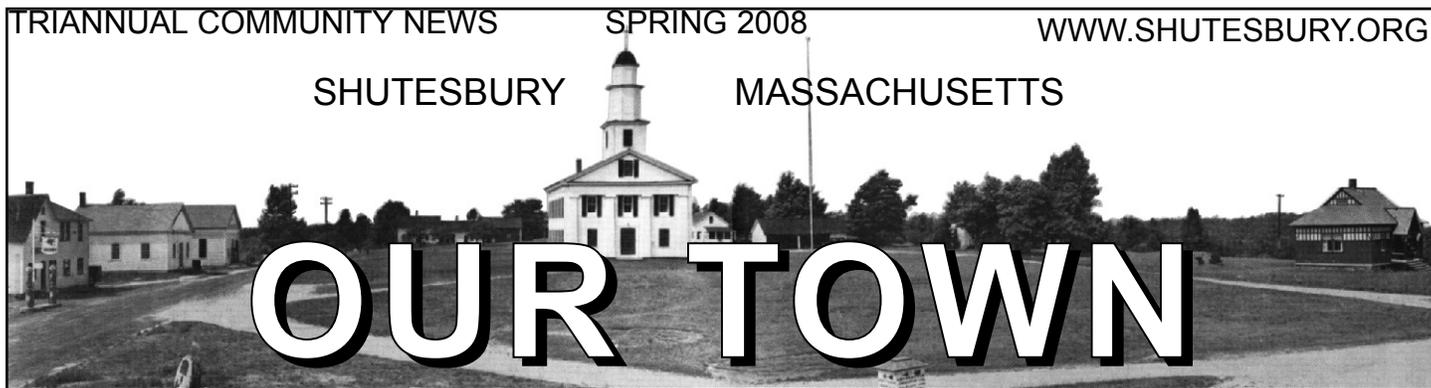


SHUTESBURY

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# OUR TOWN

## Weighty matters await us this Town Meeting

David Dann, *Town Administrator*

Every Town Meeting is important, but I can honestly say this year our Annual Town Meeting is in a category all its own, with some very important warrant articles.

Town Employees, Boards/Committees/Commissions have worked hard to prepare budgets, give reports, and prepare presentations in order to provide the most comprehensive information possible for your consideration and vote.

Some important articles for town meeting members to discuss and consider will be to adopt the **Community Preservation Act**, a vote to balance our FY09 budget with a **\$200,000 override**, and a **new zoning bylaw** with a map of the proposed zoning districts. The proposed zoning bylaws will replace our current zoning bylaws, which includes more flexible development as well as new and improved regulations by adopting many of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the proposed budget for next year, a complete list of all the warrant arti-

cles, and numerous inserts providing detailed information on some of the warrant articles up for vote.

Polls will be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm to vote for candidates for Board of Health, Cemetery Commission, Constable, Library Trustees, Planning Board, School Committee, Selectmen, and Town Clerk. Please come to the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday May 3. There is no truer form of democracy than town meeting.

If you need child care or get hungry, the PTO will be providing child care and the Friends of M.N. Spear Memorial Library will have plenty of good food.

If you have run out of garbage bags Town Meeting also is the beginning cycle of garbage bag distribution for the new fiscal year.

The Town has made a comprehensive effort to share upcoming information on all sorts of topics, events and activities. There are two ways you can stay up to date: one, visit our web page at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org) and two, sign up for the town's E-mail list server. If the latter interests you, subscription instructions are on our web page.

Thank you all who make our town so special. See you Saturday, May 3.

## School Committee seeks Prop. 2 1/2 override

Dan Hayes, *Chair, School Committee*

This year, the School Committee was made aware of the bleak financial position of the town; costs continue to increase above 2½%, cash reserves are dwindling and there is uncertain funding from the state and federal governments.

We were asked to keep our budget to a 3% increase, along with every other department in town. We began the process by generating a level-serviced budget; one which contains the same teachers, support staff and programs. Due to inflation, spiking energy costs and contractually agreed upon salary increases, the budget came in at 4.28%. We struggled with cutting costs to bring our increase to 3%.

To do this, we adjusted accounts including Field Trips and Programs, Arts Enrichment and Instructional Supplies.

The ability for us to develop future budgets with increases at 3% will require cuts to programs and personnel. Because this is not in the best interest of the school, we will continue

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## If we build it, they will come

The Recreation Committee has begun development of a cafeteria-style plan to improve the fields behind the fire station. On April 12, it presented a suggested plan to the All-Boards meeting, followed by a site visit. The plan includes:

- \* generally improving the grounds, in accordance with any wetlands restrictions.
- \* creating a field compatible with both

baseball and softball

- \* improving or replacing the goals/nets to be compatible with soccer and lacrosse

- \* maintaining the volleyball area
- \* installing a small piece of blacktop for 3-season basketball and 1-season skating.

The proposal met with strong support from community members. The idea of providing an area for sports and games that does not include a drive to Amherst turns out to be quite

popular. The plan suggests a building block structure that allows improvements as funding and interest allow.

If you have an interest in helping with this project, or feedback on the use of the fields, please be in touch. Contact **Jen Davies** ([jen.davies@verizon.net](mailto:jen.davies@verizon.net)) for more information, to put in a plug for your favorite sport, or to join the effort. We need committee members and/or field workers for the project-- sweat equity will go a long way. Mud season won't last forever.

## Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*  
Joan Hanson, *Assistant Town Clerk*  
Office Hours: Monday through  
Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Call 259-1204 for special  
appointments or to leave a message.

Saturday, May 3, 2008 is the date of Shutesbury's Annual Town Meeting and Election of Officers. The polls will be open at the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham RD from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Annual Town Meeting will begin at 9:00am.

Monday April 14 was the last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and Election. Once you have registered to vote in a Massachusetts town, as long as you remain at the same address and continue to fill out your annual street list form in January, your name remains on the voter registration list. Once registered, you may vote in any election (state or local). Also, all registered voters are eligible to vote in our open town meeting. I was recently reminded by a newcomer that this is a fairly unique privilege that we enjoy. Call the number above anytime if you would like to check your voter registration status or have any questions about voting.

At the polls, in addition to traditional paper ballots, Shutesbury voters will have the option of using a fully accessible ballot-marking machine.

An outcome of the federal Help America Vote Act, the AutoMARK VAT (Voter Assist Terminal) will look something like a tabletop copier with a computer screen. The office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth provided an AutoMARK VAT to every polling place in Massachusetts. Anyone may use the terminal; no voter will be required to use it. The AutoMARK prints out a paper record that is inserted in the ballot box along with the more familiar ballots that will also be available.

Absentee ballots are available for voters who will either be absent from Shutesbury, or who have a physical disability, or who have a religious belief that prevents them from being

present during polling hours. Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing and include the voter's name, voting address, the address to which the ballot should be mailed, and the voter's signature. Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery of an application and the ballot back and forth. A voter can also absentee vote in person at the Town Clerk's office through noon on Friday, May 2.

The only way to vote on the Town Meeting warrant questions is to be at the meeting. We hope you will be able to attend. Key results of both the election and town meetings will be put on the Town Clerk's answering machine (259-1204) and posted on the front door of Town Hall immediately following town meeting. As soon as first draft results are prepared, they will be sent to [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org).

You can **re-license your dog** any time now for the July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 licensing period. We will send mail-in request forms for dog licenses as part of a special mailing in June. Forms are also available at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org). Check now, to make sure that your dog is up to date on its rabies vaccination, as is required in order to re-license. (Though we do not license cats, they are also required by statute to be vaccinated against rabies.)

We welcome your inquiries any time, and look forward to seeing you on May 3.

## All hail to helping hands!

Thanks to **Nancy Dihlmann, Marilyn Tibbetts, Weezie Houle, Walter Tibbetts, Ellen Kalt, and Allen Hanson**, who helped **Joan and Leslie** get the Winter 2008 *Our Town* "stuffed," labeled, and in the mail.

On March 17, **Marilyn** returned to join **Penelope Kim, Al Springer** and **Mike Sepanek** in helping send out a special mailing from Town Hall.

If you'd like to join future "work parties," please call the Town Clerk at 259-1204 to be added to our list of people to call. You will be under no obligation if you do -- but we will happily welcome your help whenever or wherever it suits you best.

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury taxpayers,

Happy spring! Now that the warmer weather is here, we are approaching the end of fiscal 2008 and the Town Meeting for fiscal 2009.

Please call my office at 259-1615 to check my hours if you wish to pay a bill in person. Your fourth quarter real estate taxes are due May 1. I urge you to pay these bills promptly as the next bill you will be receiving on these bills is a demand that will cost you an additional \$5.00 plus interest.

If you need to set up a payment arrangement on your bill, please contact me as soon as possible. Although interest will accrue on any overdue portion of the bill, you will avoid the demand fee and the additional interest that would accrue should you leave the entire bill unpaid.

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 through abatement before the bill becomes due. Unless the bill is fully abated, any fees and interest that accrue prior to your payment must be paid. You will need to supply 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.

Have a good spring.

*Our Town*, published three times a year in January, April and late August or early September, 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  
Leslie Bracebridge, Town Hall  
Liaison



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**Dear Shutesbury resident:**

To secure the well-being of the town, the three main governing and administrative boards, Select Board, Finance Committee and School Committee, have come together in support of a property tax override of \$200,000 for the 2009 budget.

Most of the Town revenue comes from a combination of state aid, and excise and property taxes, which are raised locally. Two-thirds of town revenues come from local taxes, and most of that comes from property taxes.

Here's the basic problem: during the past five years, revenues have been averaging 3.5 percent annually, but spending has been averaging 5.1 percent. The difference has been made up from our reserve accounts. Free cash and stabilization are our reserve accounts.

The override is necessary to give the town enough revenue to pay town expenses and maintain cash reserves for emergencies, unanticipated expenses and to keep a healthy financial position for borrowing and overall financial stability.

**Why is it important to maintain our cash reserves?**

Since June 2004, the last year the town approved a Proposition 2 ½ override, our reserve accounts have dropped from 17 percent to approximately 11 percent of the budget. Falling below a 10-percent reserve threshold is financially unwise for our town. It would require the town to seek short-term borrowing of thousands of dollars to pay bills and meet payroll obligations. The cost of borrowing this money must be added to our expenses. Adequate reserve funds also helps the town by providing matching funds for grant opportunities and a cushion in case of emergency such as a road wash out. Perhaps more importantly, healthy reserves also generate income for the town from investment.

**Why do it this year?**

This is a proactive step to save the current level of town services without draining our reserve accounts. This override would reset the town's financial mechanism to pay for services and at the same time replenish our reserve accounts so that they will be available for use in the next few years. It also allows the town to shift the annual cost of capital projects from funding reserves to the main budget.

**What happens if we do not do it this year?**

Core services that have survived previous rounds of cost cutting may be cut. At this point, without an override, we may be required to delay necessary maintenance and upkeep and reduce levels of basic services. Without funds from this override, potential cuts could include town employee layoffs, including teachers and school staff, reduction of fire and police services, and cutbacks on building and road maintenance.

We realize this override will have a financial impact on property owners of the town. We all agree that asking voters to pay more property taxes is difficult, but necessary to keep the town financially healthy.

# Statements received from candidates for contested seats

There are two contested races for town office on the May 3, 2008 Election of Officers ballot. Each candidate was invited to submit a statement of no more than 125 words to *Our Town*. Space for campaign statements is available to all candidates for contested seats, including known write-in candidates.

For the purposes of this newsletter, a known write-in candidate is an individual who has notified the Town Clerk in writing that he or she is a write-in candidate for a particular office. The Town of Shutesbury does not endorse any candidate. Candidates have provided all information appearing in statements. *Our Town* is not responsible for proofreading or correcting these submissions.

## School Committee

**Danielle Jackson**  
175 Wendell Road

My name is Danielle Jackson and I'm running for School Committee. Being a parent, I am a staunch believer that the whole is a sum of all the parts and volunteer myself for whatever is needed at the school.

As the Native American song performed by the Intergeneration Choir at the spring concert stated so simply, "The children are our future." As a school committee member, I will bring the values that help shape me as an attorney: hard work, cooperation, the deep-seated belief in public school systems, and a non-adversarial spirit. The needs of the children and of providing the best possible educational experience for each child while staying within budget and state mandates would be my goals.

**Kristen Luschen**  
10 Sojourner Way

To me, good educational leadership happens when adults work together to support the curiosity, intellect, and goodwill of children in their care. My choice to become a Professor of Education Studies reflects my deep desire to understand how educational policy impacts the experiences of children in school. Every time I witness my son and his classmates presenting their work, I see evidence of the staff and community's commitment to excellence. As a member of the school council for four years, I have enjoyed working with others to develop solutions to the challenges facing our school community. I would like to extend my involvement and contribute my experience in education and policy to the school committee. Please vote for me on May 3 at Town Meeting.

## Constable

**Nancy Dihlmann**  
62 Leverett Road

As a resident of Shutesbury for 44 years and wife to former Constable, Gary Dihlmann, I am seeking the elected position of Constable. My goal is to serve the town as a measure of gratitude for all the kindness and consideration bestowed upon me by the community, since my husband's passing. Through this service, I can only hope to reaffirm my long-standing affection for the town and its residents.

### Town Meeting Cafe

#### The Friends of the Spear Library

will be serving breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea, soft drinks and desserts all day at Town Meeting. Come hungry and support your local library by supporting the friends.

## Shutesbury Fire Dept. needs your help

Walter R. Tibbetts, *Fire Chief*

Over the last few years the number of members on the Shutesbury Fire Department has been on the decrease.

Presently the Fire Department has only six (6) members. That is six people providing Fire and Emergency Medical Response to nearly 1,900 people over a 26.6 square mile area. As for daytime coverage, on a good day, there may be two or three of us around town.

That is a scary situation for us, and it should be for you also. The big problem is not that the department is not funded properly; it is just that *there are not enough of us*. WE NEED HELP. We need men, women, people

who work in and out of town, at-home mothers and fathers of school age children, part time employees and retirees. A variety of people could round out our coverage and lessen the load for our current six. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you have ever thought about joining the Fire Department or are just curious about what is involved in joining, this is the perfect time to find out what it is all about. **Prior experience is not required. We provide all the equipment and training needed for you to do the job safely.**

Even if you don't want to, or don't think you could be a "full fledged" firefighter, there may be other opportunities for you to help. Depending on the type of incident, there are important tasks that need to be done that do not require a fully trained and equipped firefighter to perform them. Having

someone else handle these tasks frees up a firefighter to do other fire related tasks. If you think this type of position better suits your abilities, please come in and talk to us.

If you are interested in being a much-needed Shutesbury Firefighter, there are a few simple requirements. You must be at least 18 or more years old, with a high school diploma or equivalent, and a valid Massachusetts driver's license to be eligible.

Upon appointment, you must obtain certifications for First responder and Health Care Provider level CPR. This training is provided by the department. If you:

- \* Have the ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency,
- \* Have the aptitude for mechanical work, and,

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\* Have the ability to work as a member of a team and to understand and follow instructions, then we would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

Firefighters are committed to being as available as possible, but it is also understood that work, travel, home and other commitments may prevent them from responding to a particular call. Training takes place every Thursday night starting at 7:00pm. Additional training is available through the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Meadowood County Area training facility, as well as the Tri-State recruit training course.

**While the job is challenging, it is also rewarding. Some of the benefits of being a member are:**

- \* The experience of being of service to the members of your community.
- \* Valuable training in how to handle and respond to emergencies.
- \* Building of self confidence and personal skills.
- \* Being part of a skilled, well trained, close-knit team.

**This is your department. Your neighbors need you. We need you. Make a Difference. Join the Shutesbury Fire Department.**

For more information call the Shutesbury Fire Department at 259-1211, the Chief at home at 259-1286, or stop by the Fire Station on Thursday night. You may also stop by the Fire Station on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the day.

I would like to thank all the people of the Town of Shutesbury for your past support and look forward to seeing some of you here at the station for an application.

Thank you.  
Walter R. Tibbetts, Chief

## Q&A session April 29 on town budget, Community Preservation Act

Town Meeting will be considering adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the May 3 meeting.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Q&A that provides more detailed information on the CPA. Please join us on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, when the Finance and CPA Study Committees will hold a public meeting to answer your questions about the budget and CPA.

## Come honor Quabbin's fallen on Memorial Day

The Shutesbury Historical Commission invites all Shutesbury residents and friends to Memorial Day observances at the Quabbin Cemetery in Ware. Participants will gather for refreshments at 10:00am. A parade will begin at 11:00am, followed by a ceremony.

As they have for many years, **Barbara Goodhind** and **Karen Czerwonka** will carry the Shutesbury Historical Commission banner in the parade.

In 1938, the Swift River Valley communities of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott were dissolved to make room for the new Quabbin Reservoir. Their historic town memorials and cemeteries were transferred to the Quabbin Cemetery.

The cemetery is on the right side of Route 9, eight miles east of its intersection in Belchertown with Route 202. Call the Quabbin Visitor's Center at 413 323-7221 if you need more information.

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*School, continued from page 1* to lobby our local and state representatives to examine funding formulas and funding levels.

We will continue to work with local and regional collaboratives as well as within our Union and other area school systems, finding ways to share resources and develop innovative ways to reduce costs.

However, our new dilemma is that

the town has now asked us to develop a budget that is further reduced. This can only be achieved by deferring maintenance, eliminating the cycle of maintaining computer and equipment upgrades, reducing or eliminating programs and personnel, or a combination of all.

The School Committee is advocating for an override of Proposition 2 ½. We will work hard to maintain and continue to improve upon the quality of education in our school, and with fiscal discipline, maintain its capital needs. Please vote in favor of maintaining our current level of services and maintaining fiscal solvency in our town.

The School Committee is also busy administering with its work on policy, and the Superintendent's performance appraisal.

The sub-committee on policies has worked hard to forge through as many outdated policies as possible. Each policy is carefully reviewed, edited and through a consensus building process, adopted by the committee. Through policy, we have an impact on the school, and as a committee, each of us brings different skills and life experiences to the table. This diversity promotes a culture of respect which enables us to look at our school and its policies from multiple perspectives.

Superintendent Joan Wickman will be evaluated for her performance in many areas, including Educational Leadership and Relationship with Committees, Fiscal Management, Community and Public Relations, Effective Leadership of Staff, and Management/Professional Skill and Abilities.

Each School Committee member will be given an Evaluation Manual to complete and sign, and the scores for each category tabulated. Then the ratings for each category for every School Committee member in the Union are summed together, creating a summary that is used to determine the overall performance of the Superintendent.

This tool is used to enhance the performance of the Superintendent, foster professional development, and

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aid in the determination of salary increases.

The evaluation is based on the experiences that each committee member has had with Joan, as well as her interactions at each individual school, school committee, and sub-committee. Joan is also evaluated based on her progress in achieving each of her goals and objectives. The Evaluation Summary will be presented to the Union #28 Joint Supervisory Committee in early June.



## 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 Salem and Wendell.

We offer 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 at 413-423-3337 or email mohamed@erving.com to be put on our mailing list.

This is a wonderful way to meet other Family Network families with young children in your and neighboring towns.

## Help for homebound elders

More than 150,000 meals are delivered to homebound elders in Franklin County each year. With the "Silver Tsunami" building, that number is on the rise.

The 16th Annual Walk for Meals on Wheel is scheduled for Sat., May 3, 2008 at Franklin County Tech School. If you'd like to walk, walk pledge papers are now available.

Contact Martha Morse at 413-773-5555 or mmorse@fchcc.org. If you can't walk but would like to support Meals on Wheels please send a check to Meals on Wheels, 330 Montague City Rd, Turners Falls, MA 01376.

## Looking for a fun family weekend event?

Come join the Lake Wyola Association Road Race & Walk plus the NEW GPS Family Scavenger Hunt.

On Sunday, June 22 the Lake Wyola Association is holding its annual race and walk that consists of a beautiful 4.8 mile loop around the lake. All entrants receive a prize plus cash bonus for the top finishers and a raffle for all entrants.

Following the race, the first annual GPS Family Scavenger Hunt will be held. Teams will use GPS units and associated clues to seek out various waypoints. Each waypoint that they successfully find earns them points.

They can then solve a team challenge, puzzle or riddle for extra points.

The cost is \$45 per team of four and there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. GPS units provided. Spaces are limited so register early!

All events happen on Sunday, June 22nd at the Lake Wyola Association Hall.

For more information and registration forms, please visit [www.wyolaroadrace.com](http://www.wyolaroadrace.com). Or, contact **Bruce Hartley** at 367-2068.

## Celebrate Shutesbury # 9 coming this fall

Mark your calendars, the Shutesbury Education Foundation is planning the 9th Celebrate Shutesbury for residents on Saturday, September 20. It should be a great time for friends and neighbors to get together for fun on the town common. We will have music, games, food, and fun of all sorts. Look for details closer to the date.

The Shutesbury Education Foundation is a non-profit organization with goals to bring townspeople together, and to support programs which bring people of all ages together for arts, educational, social, health, safety, or recreational activities.

Proposals for projects, or donations, can be sent to S.E.F. P.O.Box 672 Shutesbury 01072.

## More news from the lake

Everyone's waking up! As the ice continues to go off the lake with the warming sun and breezy days, the river otters, eagles, minks and birds are back to enjoy the offerings. The Lake Wyola Association would like to welcome you to our Summer '08 offerings. We hope to see you eating, running, swimming, boating, drinking and dancing the summer days away. Mark your calendars! All events held at the LWA building on Shore Drive.

### Lake Wyola Association Summer Events '08

June 15	<u>Father's Day Pancake Breakfast</u> 8:00-10:30am \$5/\$3
June 22	<u>Lake Wyola Road Race</u> 4.8 miles run/walk This year there will also be a <u>GPS Scavenger Hunt</u> . Call Bruce at 367-2068 for more information
July 3	<u>Boat Parade</u> starts off the holiday weekend. Dusk on the lake
July 5	<u>Steak Roast and Chicken Barbaque</u> \$15/\$10 5:00-7:00pm
July 19	Dance \$4 7:30-11:00pm Call Carol at 367-0189 for ticket information
July 19	<u>Swing Dance</u> Live Swing Band \$8/\$2 8:00pm and Free Dance Lessons 7:00pm
August 2	<u>Beer and Wine Festival</u> \$15/\$10 5:00-11:00pm Food and Drink Adults only
August 25	<u>Tag and Bake Sale</u> 9:00am-2:00pm Call Bonnie at 367-2464 to reserve a table.

# The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road  
259-1213  
www.mnspear.org  
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

## Hours

Monday and Wednesday  
11:00am to 1:00pm  
3:00pm to 6:00pm.  
Tuesday and Thursday  
3:00pm to 7:30pm  
Saturday  
10:00am to 12:00pm  
Sunday  
3:30pm to 5:30pm

I am discovering that it takes a village to run a library. Fortunately, here in Shutesbury, many members of our community are willing to pitch in to help out in many ways. **Saskia Grooms** helps when the bookmobile comes, **Janis Gray** helps process Inter Library Loans, **Nichole Strangman** helps with shelving, **Weezie Houle** maintains our website, **Dale Houle** continues to oversee the bathroom and accessibility project, and **David Ulen** shoveled snow.

We have wrapped up our Community-wide read, *A Tale for Seven Towns*. Thanks are due to **Elaine Puleo** who led a very interesting book discussion about *The Worst Hard Time*. I would also like to thank **Al Werner** for stepping in at the very last minute as our *Tale for Seven Towns* speaker. Al is a Mt. Holyoke professor who is studying global warming. He described some of the effects of global warming that have already occurred and some of the climate changes that could happen if efforts are not made to stop global warming.

We plan to reschedule **David Foster's** talk, "From the Worst Hard Times: A Second Last Chance for the New England Landscape." Details will be posted on the library's website, [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org).

## Friends

The Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library announces its Town Meeting Cafe! The Friends will be

selling breakfast, lunch and desserts, coffee, tea, soda and juice all day at Town Meeting on Saturday, May 3.

## L.F.N.A.C. News

The L.F.N.A.C. continues to gather input from Shutesbury Residents about their library use, preferences and needs. A public forum is scheduled for **May 13, 6:30pm**, at the Elementary School. Please come and share your thoughts about the library's future. Refreshments will be provided.

## Fly Fishing with Bob Sousa

Shutesbury Resident, Fly Fishing expert and author **Bob Sousa** will lead a fly fishing workshop on Sunday, June 8, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, on the Town Common. The program is free and open to anyone who is 10 or older. Please register at the library before June 5.

## Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Kickoff Party is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 6:00pm, at the Shutesbury Athletic Club. We will have a pot luck supper with juice and desserts provided by the Friends of the Library. **Roger Tinknell** will provide the entertainment. This program is funded by a grant from the Shutesbury Cultural Council.

More details about summer programming can be found at [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org).

## State Park Pass

The library has one Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Parks Pass. This pass entitles the bearer to free parking for one vehicle at over 50 day-use facilities in the state parks system, including Lake Wyola. This pass can be checked out for one week. Details are available at the library and on our website, [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org).

## New Materials

New materials arrive at the Library every week. Here is a list of some of what is new and on order.

## Audiobooks

*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen  
*Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali  
*Giving* by Bill Clinton  
*This I Believe* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman  
*NPR Driveway Moments: All About Animals*  
*Atonement* by Ian McEwan  
*The View from Mount Joy* by Lorna Landvick  
*Songs without Words* by Ann Packer  
*Fire in the Blood* by Irene Nemirovsky  
*The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller  
*The Third Jesus* by Deepak Chopra  
*Remember Me* by Sophie Kinsella  
*Girls of Riyadh* by Rajaa Alsanea  
*The Handmaid and the Carpenter* by Elizabeth Berg  
*The Human, the Orchid, and the Octopus* by Jacques Cousteau  
*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson  
*The Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle

## For Kids

*Marley: a Dog like No Other* by John Grogan  
*Betsy-Tacy* By Maud Hart Lovelace  
*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*I am Not Joey Pigza* by Jack Gantos  
*The Land of the Silver Apples* by Nancy Farmer  
*The Lost Years of Merlin* by T.A. Barron

## DVDs

Across the Universe; American Gangster; Atonement; August Rush; Awake; Bourne Ultimatum; Charlie Wilson's War; Dan in Real Life; I Am Legend; Into the Wild; Michael Clayton; No Country for Old Men; Power of Forgiveness; Stargate: The Ark of Truth; Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street; Things We Lost in the Fire; Juno; Kite Runner; National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets; Adventures of Indiana Jones Collection; Bobby; Elizabeth: The Golden Age; Gone, Baby, Gone; La Vie Rose; Margot at the Wedding; Martian Child; Transformers; Diving Bell and the Butterfly; I'm Not There; Lars and the Real Girl; There Will Be Blood.

## For Kids and Families

Bee Movie; Enchanted; Nancy Drew; The Water Horse; High School Musical; High School Musical 2; Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium; The Seeker.

# HOW TO CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS

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