

SHUTESBURY

MASSACHUSETTS



**Dance with the Shutesbury Selectboard**

at the Shutesbury 250th Anniversary Moonlight Ball on the DCR Lake Wyola State Beach! This is an OUTDOOR event . . . RAIN or MOONSHINE. Must be 18+ years old to attend.

**Saturday, September 10, 2011  
7pm to midnight**



**Dancing**



**Live Music**



**Food**



**Cash Bar**



**Formal Attire Suggested**

**Tickets:** \$12.50 per person in advance, available at Town Hall, Library, and Shutesbury Market.

\$15 at the gate on the night of the ball. See page 8 for additional details.



*Shutesbury Selectboard: Elaine Puleo, Chair, Albert Springer and April Stein*

**National Flood Insurance workshop September 3**

Becky Torres, *Town Administrator*

Shutesbury is not currently a National Flood Insurance program participating community. Some properties around Lake Wyola and Browns Pond are marked A zone for high hazard.

The Planning Board will be holding informational sessions to review Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance Guidelines, answer questions and get feedback from the public.

Only four towns in Franklin County do not belong to the National Flood Insurance program. We are working with Pat Smith, Franklin Regional Council of Governments planner, to review the issue.

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**Visit nine Shutesbury Farms and Gardens September 11**

Five new sites will be on the second Farm and Garden tour of our 250th anniversary year, joining four venues from the June event. Hours on Sunday, September 11 are 10 am - 4 pm

On this self-guided tour, enjoy gardens with waterfalls, bogs, ponds, and garden sculptures; farms with solar arrays, orchards, organic vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs; and meet gardeners, farmers, alpacas, chickens and goats!

Tickets, descriptions and maps are available for \$5 in advance at the Saturday Farmers and Artisans Market, the M. N. Spear Library and Town Hall. On September 11, they'll be available for \$7 at the garden at 40 Kettle Hill Road and the farm at 243 West Pelham Road.

Look inside for:

More Anniversary events

Details on Celebrate Shutesbury

Important information for our neighbors new to town

Happenings at our Library and School



**Kids, come play colonial games in costume!**

Families are invited to gather on the lawn behind Town Hall this **Saturday, September 3**, during the Shutesbury Farmers and Artisans Market

From 10:30am - noon, Faith Deering, Museum Educator of Historic Deerfield, will provide reproduction children's clothing to wear and lead them in games. All are welcome.

Families are encouraged to gather with picnic lunches and blankets during and after this program.

This event is provided by the Family Network for Children and the Shutesbury Cultural Council as we continue to celebrate Shutesbury's 250th anniversary of incorporation.

## Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*  
townclerk@shutesbury.org  
Office Hours: Monday through  
Thursday 9:00am –1:00pm  
Call 259-1204 for special  
appointments or to leave a message.

**Many people move to Shutesbury during the summer.** If you are a new Shutesbury resident, "Welcome!"

1. If you would like to register to vote in Shutesbury, stop in or call the Town Clerk's office. You can register in person, or a mail-in voter registration form can be sent to you.
2. If you have a dog, it must be licensed within 30 days of arrival to Shutesbury through the Town Clerk's office.
3. If you have any questions about our town or our government, you are invited to call this office or take a general visit to the town at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org).
4. If you would like to receive email announcements of a general municipal nature, email your request including your email address to [web@shutesbury.org](mailto:web@shutesbury.org).
5. Please see the Emergency Management Director's notice in this newsletter or at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org) concerning Shutesbury's emergency only announcement system.

**All dogs residing in Shutesbury must be re-licensed within 30 days of July 1st** each year, and should now be wearing their red heart-shaped tags.

If you forgot to re-license, you can download a mail-in licensing form and instructions from the Town Clerk's or the Dog Officer's pages at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org). Alternatively you can request a licensing form be sent to you by calling the Town Clerk's office or just stop in at Town Hall.

If you mail your form and payment in, please remember to add the \$5 late fee to the check and also please remember to enclose proof of rabies vaccination and a self-addressed stamped envelope. The rabies vaccination form will be returned to you with your dog's new license. If your

dog loses its tag part way through the license year, just call or stop by for a \$1 replacement tag.

### **Mandatory provision of documents, training and receipts for all newly appointed, re-appointed, newly elected and re-elected public officials, many of whom began new terms in July:**

1. All members of any public body must receive educational materials including the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A, SS18-25, 940 CMR 29.00, and the Guide to the Open Meeting Law published by the Attorney General upon taking the oath of office and before entering into the performance of the office.

The municipal clerk is responsible for providing educational materials to the members of all local public committees, boards and commissions. Within 2 weeks of receipt of the educational materials, the member shall certify receipt on the form provided. Both the materials and the receipt form are provided by the Massachusetts Attorney General and are available on the Attorney General's website: [www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting](http://www.mass.gov/ago/openmeeting).

2. Upon appointment or hire and on an annual basis thereafter, the Town Clerk is required by statute to provide all municipal employees and volunteers with a copy of the Conflict of Interest Law and obtain a signed receipt.

Additionally, all employees and volunteers must, complete an online ethics training and multiple choice exercise within 30 days of beginning public service and every 2 years thereafter. In Shutesbury, unless the employee/volunteer tracks his/her own timeline, new certificates will be due for everyone in December of odd numbered years.

Both the summary of the Conflict of Interest Law and the exercise are available online at [www.mass.gov/ethics](http://www.mass.gov/ethics). This information and training is to ensure understanding of the Massachusetts ethics code. Upon completion of the exercise, a certificate will pop up.

Employees/volunteers can either

copy, paste and send the receipt of the summary of the Conflict of Interest Law and the certificate of completion of the training exercise to [townclerk@shutesbury.org](mailto:townclerk@shutesbury.org) or print and deliver the receipt and certificate to the Town Clerk's office.

All documents referred to above are also available outside the Town Clerk's Town Hall office door or on the Town Clerk's web page at <http://shutesbury.org/townclerk>.

**While visiting the Town Clerk's web page. scroll down to the bottom of the page for the start of a section on historical maps and documents** made possible by the new printer/scanner in this office. Keep watching for interesting new (old) information as documents and photos emerge from hiding these many years in our town vault!

New to the website are links to all committee meeting agendas. These can be found by checking the website's main calendar page and clicking on the meeting of interest to you. Current and archived agendas from the previous year can be reached by selecting "town clerk" from the "Offices and Committees" drop down menu.

**The Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Annual Town Report** is printed and available at Town Hall. Please feel welcome to pick up a copy anytime the building is open. Town department heads are in the process of writing their reports for FY 11. We look forward to providing citizens with an extra special report of the first half of our 250th anniversary of the incorporation of our town's celebratory year next summer!

*Our Town*, published three times a year in January, April and August or 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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## Can we reach you in an emergency?

Walter Tibbetts, *Emergency Management Director*

For Shutesbury's **emergency only** announcement system, all residents, and especially those who have **just moved to Shutesbury** and/or those who **rely primarily on cell phones**, should check or register their contact information.

This can be done in one of two ways. Visit the Fire Department page of [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org) and follow the links to the "Automated Phone Notifications System." If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact either [firedpt@shutesbury.org](mailto:firedpt@shutesbury.org) (259-1211) or [townclerk@shutesbury.org](mailto:townclerk@shutesbury.org) (259-1204) to check the telephone numbers and other contact information currently in place for your address.

**Extra phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and email addresses can be added for your convenience.** This is a very important safety measure to take to ensure that you and your family receive emergency information as soon as it is available.

## Grant money opportunities pour into Shutesbury!

Becky Torres, *Town Administrator*

The New Shutesbury Library is one giant step closer to reality. The state **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners awarded \$2.1 million to Shutesbury**, 60% of the project cost, on Thursday, July 14, also Harry Potter Party Day! Congratulations to all those who worked so hard on the grant application. Well done!

The fundraising work now begins in earnest. This is a project we can all benefit from and be a part of. The next step for the library is to go to Special Town Meeting this fall to request approval of \$1.4 million to fully fund the construction of the new library. There will be a request for a debt-excluded override. The town will pursue a bond for the project.

Fundraising efforts will be used to

offset the \$1.4 million. If you are interested in fundraising efforts call **Susi Mosher**, chair of the New Shutesbury Library Capital Fundraising Committee, at 259-1550.

A few days later the Dept. of Energy Resources Green Communities Division **designated Shutesbury a Green Community with an award of \$142,275.**

This money will be used on energy efficiency projects for town buildings and hopefully a solar installation at a town building site.

The Energy Committee has been hard at work researching the most advantageous site for solar installation. Department heads will be consulted.

The Building Committee has done inspections of the fire station and the elementary school. They have reviewed building plans and are calling upon heating and insulation specialists to put together a proposal for heating improvements for these two important town buildings.

They are mindful of complexity of the elementary school roof design that is a mixture of old and new construction. The new parts of the building are now 20 years old. They are finding areas where insulation has shifted, where leaks have sprung up as well as areas where today's insulation standards are much greater than the six inches of fiberglass insulation originally put in.

The Building and Energy Committees are working overtime to make these projects reality. Look forward to reduced energy consumption in town buildings by savings on heating fuel costs and local electricity production from a new array of solar panels.

## Thanks to our mailings' hearty helpers!

In April, **Mary Anne Antonellis, David Dann, John Dawson, Nisha Dawson, Suzanne Hayden, Sandy Olken, Linda Avis Scott, Marilyn Tibbetts, Bob Tibbetts, Laura Walton** and **Pat Wilson** helped town officials prepare the 875 copies of the Spring *Our Town* newsletter for delivery to the Post Office.

In late May, **Michael Baines, Patrick Callahan, Janis Gray, Maryelise Lamet, Sterling Lamet** and **Linda Avis Scott** prepared a special mailing to all residents of a flyer with the details of the June 11 250th anniversary parade.

If you would like to join one of the town's lively "folding parties" for *Our Town* or special municipal mailings in the future, please call the Town Clerk's office at 259-1204 to be added to the list of people to call. (You will be under no obligation if a given date or time does not work for you.)

*Our Town* also appreciates the town's Web Committee for posting each issue of the newsletter at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org).

## **Flood Insurance, cont. from page 1**

On Saturday, September 3 at 9:00am, we will bring in a couple of knowledgeable people to a workshop at the Lake Wyola Association hall to help us all understand this issue better, as well as **flood maps with plot plan overlays to help us see what properties are potentially impacted** by this decision.

There are mandatory aspects of the program when a town fulfills the legislative requirements to become an eligible community. The town must adopt minimum flood plain management guidelines set by FEMA or adopt a new bylaw that establishes regulations on construction in high flood risk areas called Special Flood Hazard Areas. These are designed to minimize future flood damage.

Also the community must develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps, FIRMS, are used to determine what areas call for mandatory insurance. FEMA provides the structure of the program, defines areas of high risk, but does not have regulatory authority to enforce.

Banks are held responsible to require insurance for structures in high-risk areas when the property is subject to a mortgage or bank loan.

We know that if insurance is required, **the cost of obtaining flood insurance is much less expensive if we are eligible for National Flood Insurance.**



## Vacancy on Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is looking for a new member to replace **Earl Waterman**, who resigned as of June 1st. The Assessors are responsible for the valuation of and administering the taxation of all property—real, personal, and motor vehicles—in the town.

The Board meets twice a month on Tuesday in the late afternoon. Its members are **Amanda Alix** (Chair) and **Stephen Schmidt**. Members are appointed by the Selectboard. All assessors are required to take a one week course offered by the Department of Revenue within two years of their appointment; the class is offered annually in August at UMass in Amherst for one week but may also be also offered elsewhere in the state as an evening class weekly over a period of one month.

There is a stipend of approximately \$1600 per year.

Persons interested in this position should contact **Kenneth Holmberg**, Administrative Assessor, for more information. The telephone number for the Assessors is 259-3790.

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury residents:

With the fall approaching, so, too, is the mailing of the next installment of your real estate and personal property taxes. This will occur the end of September with a due date of November 1. If you have fully paid the first half bill with your first quarter payment you will not receive a bill for November. If you do not receive a second quarter bill, please check the middle portion of your first quarter bill as your total bill may be too small to cause the generation of a second quarter bill.

If you pay bills with a banking program, please be aware that there is a paper check generated that can take the bank over a week to mail, so please plan ahead. It is imperative that you verify the bill number identifier you are using as a memo. Your bill

numbers change every year for all types of taxes and your failure to correct the bill number causes difficulty in recording your payment.

*"Why is the name of the previous owner still on my real estate tax bill?"* is a question we are frequently asked. Under Mass. General Laws, the name of the person who owns property on January 1 of the year in which the fiscal year begins must appear on the bill. In the case of this fiscal year (2012) that date is January 1, 2011. We highlight the "in care of" designation to make certain the bill is delivered to the new owner and not forwarded to the previous owner.

If you will be receiving your mail at a different address during the winter, please notify this office so I can redirect your bills and ensure that they will be delivered promptly.

This is also the time to verify all information on your auto registration, license, and insurance documents. Your insurance company furnishes information to the Registry of Motor Vehicles during the last quarter of the calendar year that provides the database from which your motor vehicle excise tax bills on vehicles registered on January 1 are generated. It is essential that the place of garaging and both the mailing and residential addresses are absolutely correct to insure proper and prompt delivery of your bills.

Let me remind you that any tax bill sent from this office should not be ignored, even if it is on property you no longer own. The Town does not get notified if you dispose of an automobile, turn in your license plates, or dispose of personal property. You must notify the Board of Assessors by completing the appropriate abatement application or Form of List.

If you move from Shutesbury, please leave a forwarding address and make certain you change your license and registration to indicate your new address and place of garaging. Any registration that lists Shutesbury as a place of garaging will result in an excise tax bill being sent from Shutesbury.

Remember, your unpaid excise bills from any municipality will follow you through the data base at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and its

compact with other states. Unpaid bills can result in your inability to register a vehicle or renew your driver's license and registration.

Have a good autumn.

## Message from the Historical Commission

The Historical Commission sincerely thanks Annual Town Meeting for approval of the use of Community Preservation Act funds to repair the sills at the 1842 one-room West Schoolhouse. Coupled with the 33% in matching funds raised by the Commission and a donation from the Friends of the Historical Commission, we look forward to giving the building the strength to stand another 170 years!

Chairman **Barbara Goodhind** will host the annual open house at the West Schoolhouse at the intersection of West Pelham and Leverett Roads on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10 from 1 to 3pm. Guests will be able to see old text books, wall maps and many other items found in old school houses. If it's a cool day, remember to dress warmly as there was no heat and electricity back then, and none has been added since!

On Saturday, October 22, the Commission will sponsor a hike along Shutesbury's Briggs Road section of the Quabbin Reservation. We will meet at the Town Hall parking area at 12:30pm to carpool. (The rain date will be Sunday, October 23 at 12:30pm. Call 259-1204 for more information or to check on any weather-related change.)

The Commission continues to collect photos, stories and artifacts directly related to our town. If you have something to share, please contact any member of the Commission. We can copy while you wait or invite you to a meeting. If you have a particular question or interest about Shutesbury's history please call: Chairman **Barbara Goodhind**, 259-1428, Secretary **Julie Taylor**, Treasurer **Marilyn Tibbetts**, or members **Leslie Bracebridge**, **Karen Czerwonka**, **Steve Puffer**, and **Joanna Hayes**.

## Hello, Shutesbury Community!

As the new school year is right around the corner, we thought that we would keep you informed about some of the Shutesbury Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization's happenings this year.

We hope that these events create community-wide connections and help our school to remain an enriching place for Shutesbury's smallest community members.

If you have questions or would like to be in touch, please email us at [shutesburypto@gmail.com](mailto:shutesburypto@gmail.com). You can also leave a message at the school, 259-1212. Thanks for your continued support as we dive into the new school year!

**Wednesday, August 31** - Yahoo/Boo Hoo Breakfast at SES, 9am-11am  
For parents celebrating or lamenting their child's first day of school.

**Friday, September 9** - Welcome Back Potluck at SES, 5:30pm-7:30pm



### Shutesbury Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization – P.T.O.

For families with school aged children.

**Saturday, September 24** - Celebrate Shutesbury Old Fashioned Games on the Common, 10am-3pm For all children and families at the celebration.

**Sunday, October 23** - Hike-a-thon Fundraiser

**Sunday, October 30** - Halloween Fair at SES

**Saturday, November 19** - Local Craft and Artisan Fair at SES

**November/December** - Fall Citrus Sales

## Union #28 Community Network for Children

The Community Network for Children (CNC) is a program that is funded through the CFCE grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

The CNC offers programming and supports all families with children from birth through kindergarten and the early education and care providers that care for them in our school union.

Some programs for families include: weekly playgroups and story hours, parent/guardian workshops and events, opportunities to meet other families in our community, sup-

port in accessing child care, new baby gift bags and home visits, and newsletters with current programs and events. Our local CNC community council assists in the oversight of the grant funds.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive monthly newsletters of events and workshops, please call or email Gillian Budine, Coordinator, (978) 544-5157.

You can also access information at <http://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/>

## Update from the Shutesbury Education Study Committee

The Shutesbury Education Study Committee has had a busy and fruitful summer.

We have been engaged in meetings with our State Representative Stephen Kulik and Senator Stan Rosenberg. We also have had 3 meetings with the committees from Leverett and Pelham.

At this point, we are focusing our energies on mapping out the possibilities of creating an "outer ring" K-6 school region.

This would be a region of the Pelham, Leverett and Shutesbury schools. We have subcommittees working together to discuss the potential financial implications, the governance structure and the educational benefits of such a region.

We will be coming to the Fall Special Town meetings in each town to request the formation of a Provisional Regional Planning Board that will take the process on to the next step.

We will seek funding from the state to help with any financial burdens that might arise from this regionalization plan.

Please contact any member of the SESC for more information: CoChairs, **Elaine Puleo** and **Clif Read**, and members **Emily Bloch**, **Michael DeChiara**, **Eric Stocker**, **Gary Bernhard**, **Patrick Callahan**, **Jody Brush**, and **Rebecca "Becky" Torres**, Town Administrator.

Our meeting minutes and progress report are posted on our website: <http://www.shutesburyeducation.info/>

## Roadside Swap Week, Bulky Waste Day coming!

Bulky Waste Day is set for Saturday, October 1.

During the week preceding Bulky Waste Day, residents are encouraged to place their unwanted household items at roadside with a "free" sign.

Usable furniture, toys, athletic equipment, flower pots, building materials, books, clothing, paint, anything that would be of use to others, gain

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### Redeem coupon for a Welcome Baby Gift Bag!

We would like to extend a welcome to your new baby with a free Welcome Baby Gift Bag. Your bag will contain books, health and safety items and valuable information about local services for you and your new baby. Please call or email Gillian, CNC Coordinator, to arrange for a drop off at your home or to pick up your welcome baby gift bag at one of our local story hours or playgroups!



# The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road  
259-1213; [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org)  
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

## New Expanded Hours!

We are open five extra hours each week!

Our new hours are:

Monday and Wednesday: 11-1,  
3- 7:30

Tuesday and Thursday: 3-7:30

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10-1

Sunday: 3-6

## New Library News:

### Construction Grant Awarded!

At its Board Meeting at Northborough Free Library on Thursday, July 14, 2011, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) voted to award General Construction Provisional Grants totaling \$28,448,989 to eight communities. <http://mbcl.state.ma.us/mbcl/news/releases/past-releases/2011/nr110714.php>

Shutesbury was awarded \$2,093,084 toward its \$3.5M new library project.

Our Library Construction Grant Application was submitted to the MBLC on January 24, 2011 by Library Facilities Needs Assessment Committee (LFNAC) members **Lori Tuominen**, Chair, **Weezie Houle**, and Library Director **Mary Anne Antonellis**.

LFNAC was formed in 2007, when the Town received a Planning and Design Grant from the MBLC. LFNAC was charged with examining the facility needs of the MN Spear Memorial Library and assisting the Trustees of the Spear Library and the Town of Shutesbury in making decisions regarding the future of the library's facility.

LFNAC gathered information about our current library's history, structure and use.

They studied our Long Range Plan and the Town's Master Plan.

They reviewed the plans for a new library developed by the Trustees and

Library Building Committee at the end of the 1990's.

They studied standards for providing good library services.

LFNAC gathered input from residents of Shutesbury by conducting a survey and holding community forums.

And LFNAC members made multiple visits to new libraries in nearby towns, including Leverett, Pelham, New Salem, Wendell, Sunderland, Warwick, and Southampton.

LFNAC investigated building an addition to our current library. This idea had been fully explored by the previous Library Building Committee, and once again it was determined that it is not feasible.

LFNAC then fully investigated developing a new library in two locations, behind Town Hall and Lot 0-32 on Leverett Road. Lot 0-32 was chosen as the best site for a new library and a schematic design, a vision reality, of a possible new library was created by Oudens Ello Architecture.

In May 2010, Annual Town Meeting voted to allow the Town to apply for a Library Construction Grant from the MBLC. LFNAC members then developed the grant application and submitted it to the MBLC.

### Next Steps:

The total cost of our new library project is projected to be \$3.5 million dollars. The grant award of \$2,093,084 is just under two-thirds of our projected costs. The New



Shutesbury Library Capital Fundraising Committee (NSLCFC) has set a goal of raising \$400 thousand dollars through private and corporate donations.

Volunteers are needed to help with their efforts. If you would like to volunteer or to meet with a NSLCFC member about making a contribution, please contact **Susie Mosher**, Chair, 259-1550 or Library Director Mary Anne Antonellis, 259-1213.

The Trustees of the Library will be asking residents to approve borrowing the remaining amount needed to build our new library at a Special Town Meeting this fall. Details about the date, time and location of the Special Town Meeting will be posted on our website, [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org) as they become available.

### C/W MARS software change coming soon!

In order to provide better service to library patrons, C/W MARS will be changing the catalog and circulation software it uses this fall. As we get ready to migrate to the new Evergreen system, there are some things you need to know about the new catalog.

### Highlights:

**Only one catalog!** All C/W MARS libraries, Central and Western, will be in the new catalog.

**Patrons will have the option to create a username.** You will have the



option to use either your library card or create a username for login to the catalog.

**Public lists.** Want to show off that reading list? You will have the option to make your lists available on the internet through an RSS feed.

However, there are some things that cannot be moved from the current system. Patrons should make note of the following changes:

**Outstanding holds.** Any holds that may be on your record that have not come in for you will be cancelled upon moving to the new system. You can recreate the request once your library is up on the new catalog.

**Current PIN.** When you log into the new catalog for the first time, you will use the last four digits of your library card number as your PIN. You will be asked to create a new password at that time.

**Reading History and Wish Lists.** Unfortunately, due to the need to pro-



Library trustee Karen Traub, left, and Director Mary Anne Antonellis serve a "2.1 million dollar cake" at a community picnic at Lake Wyola on July 20.

tect patron privacy, we will not be able to move these lists over to the new system. You can save both your Reading History and your Wish Lists by using the "Export List" button when you are in your account. We recommend using the "Brief Export" option: this will give you the Title, Author, and Published lines for the titles in your lists. You can either display these on

your screen to print or have them emailed as a text file to your email address.

## Story Hour every Monday

Thanks to support from the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library and the Union 28 Community Network for Children, we offer a weekly story hour. Mondays, 10 am, at the Library.

## Medicare guidance available from Franklin County Home Care

Ready to retire? Retired and need help with your health and prescription drug plan? SHINE Counselors can show you your options at no charge.

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare Part D has changed this year. Call SHINE now to learn more: 413-773-5555 or 978-544-2259 or [info@fchcc.org](mailto:info@fchcc.org). Read more at [www.fchcc.org](http://www.fchcc.org)

## Democratic Town Committee invites candidates

Nine residents will be elected to the committee as part of the Presidential Primary Ballot March 6, 2012. Candidates must have been registered as a Democrat by this past August 16th and come to a meeting at Town Hall on Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at 10 am, when a ballot will be prepared. While the committee size is set at nine, others can serve as associate members and those who have been on the committee for over 20

years can serve as tenured members. If you have questions, call **Bruce** or **Georgianna Parkin** (259-1266) or **Joanne Sunshower** (259-1129).

The Shutesbury Town Democratic Committee is planning activities with neighboring town committees and will implement an action agenda for the upcoming important state and national elections.

## Opportunities abound at Sirius Community

Sirius Community is an ecovillage, education/conference center and spiritual intentional community.

We welcome our neighbors and friends to come visit us. Please check out our website for more information and latest events. Call Sirius at 413-259-1251 or visit us at [www.sirius-community.org](http://www.sirius-community.org)

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Open House** - 1st & 3rd Sundays - 11:00am Q & A, potluck lunch, tour,

**Joyful Productivity** - Every Saturday 9:00am to 12:30 pm and/or 2:30 pm - 5:00pm \* Comes with Free Lunch

### Community Experience

**Weekends** - 1st Weekend of the month - fee

**Hearthstone Kitchen Dinners** - Wednesdays 6:00pm; reserve with [daniel@LivingRoutes.org](mailto:daniel@LivingRoutes.org) - \$9/\$10

**Healing Meditations** - 12:30pm Saturdays & 1st & 3rd Sundays

**Wood-Fired Saunas** - Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 5 - 10pm -\$5 (in season)

**Monthly Special Events** - Drum Circle, Kirtan, Movies, Lectures, etc.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Stone Circle Workshop** (help erect Standing Stones - Druid Ivan McBeth/Bruce Davidson September 8-12, October 11-12 Fee

**Transformational Breathwork Workshop** - Dr Judith Kravitz - September 11-17 Fee

**Thanksgiving Day Community Potluck Feast** - November 26, 4 PM  
**Winter Holiday Community Potluck Feast** - December 25, 4 PM

### PROGRAMS

**IMMERSION** - Experience living at Sirius for a month or more - fee

**INTERNSHIPS** - contact us for more information.

# Don't miss these 250th Anniversary Events!



**September 3: Children's Colonial Picnic and Games**  
See the story on page 1!

## Ongoing: Photo exhibits of Shutesbury past and present

In July, Shutesbury photographer **Mali Page**, with support from the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee, mounted an installation of lake scenes at Lake Wyola State Park.

Two additional exhibits are now on display at the M. N. Spear Memorial Library and the Shutesbury Post Office.

They include Page's own, contemporary photos and scanned reproductions of vintage images courtesy of the Shutesbury Historical Commission.

Below: A house that was moved to West Pelham Road from Prescott Road when the Quabbin Reservoir was created.



At right: The home and workshop of a manufacturer of hay rakes and wagon wheels on Cross Road, which once ran between Pratt Corner Road in Shutesbury

## September 10: Moonlight Beach Ball

Our 250th Anniversary is a special time to celebrate Shutesbury's beauty, history, culture and spirited population.

As the summer ends, the Selectboard hopes you will join your neighbors and friends between 7 pm and midnight to dance to live music on the beach at DCR Lake Wyola State Park under the full moon.

We'll have tables and chairs beyond the dance floor, so you can snack and chat with folks that share your roads, woods and lake.

Admission to the ball is restricted to people age 18 and up.

Tickets to help cover its costs are \$12.50 per person in advance at Town Hall, the M. N. Spear Library and the Saturday Farmers and Artisans Market, and \$15 at the gate.

(No tax dollars will be used for this event. Many thanks to the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee for renting the canopy through donations it's received from residents like you!)

There will be ample free parking at the DCR parking area.

Come out for this special celebration, a time to put on fancy clothes and enjoy the evening. Let's celebrate Shutesbury's past and embrace the challenges of the future.



From left to right, Selectboard members Elaine Puleo, Al Springer, April Stein and Town Administrator Becky Torres prepare to welcome you!





## September 24: A very special 'Celebrate Shutesbury'

See the flier in this newsletter for a hint of the fun to come!

For now, here are a few details on 250th anniversary-related offerings that you've never seen at Celebrate Shutesbury before!

### 250th Anniversary Shutesbury Business and Resource Directory

Hot off the press, this publication will be available at Celebrate Shutesbury for free, thanks to the support of the Shutesbury Educational Foundation.

### 250th Anniversary Pictorial Postmark

From 1 - 3pm, Postmaster **Marie Despres** will be at the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee's table on the common at a temporary Post Office station.

As a community service, the Post Office offers pictorial postmarks to commemorate local events celebrated in communities throughout the nation.

Bring a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum first class postage, and Despres will cancel it with the pictorial postmark.

## Get some Tai chi with your local produce and crafts

Tai chi for Health, Meditation and Community: Instruction and open practice is being led by **Henry Geddes** every Saturday, 8:30-9:30am at the Shutesbury Farmers and Artisans Market behind Town Hall.

Henry Geddes has 16 years of experience in the Cheng Man-ch'ing style tai chi short form, push hands and sword. He has taught classes in Mexico and the U.S. for beginners and advanced students.

This event is free and open to all. Says Geddes, "Develop your chi and get to know your neighbors."

Questions? Email him at [geddes@comm.umass.edu](mailto:geddes@comm.umass.edu)



*A few of the "People of the Past" assemble before the 250th Anniversary Parade. These and more will perform in character at Celebrate Shutesbury.*

*Photo by Leslie Bracebridge*

### The Tavern of Time ~ Scenes from Our Story

The People of the Past will present a lively performance covering some highlights of Shutesbury history -- with audience participation.

### 250th Anniversary Parade Video!?!?

At press time, the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee hoped to have a professionally made video available at Celebrate Shutesbury.

If it's not ready by then, it will be later this fall! Stay tuned.

### October 1: Tree talk and tour

Meet Tree Warden Tom Houston behind Town Hall at 1pm on Saturday, October 1.

This event will cover the identification, uses, care and maintenance of 12-15 native and non-native shade and ornamental trees.

Watch for details on more 250th Anniversary events planned through December at

[www.shutesbury.org/250th](http://www.shutesbury.org/250th)

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an extended life with new owners.

Many savvy recyclers successfully use this option throughout the year, but the designated week before Bulky Waste Day becomes a Town-wide event.

People take a ride around town, check out the offerings, and help to recycle and reuse those cast-off gems along the roadsides. Any unclaimed items can be brought to Bulky Waste Day at the end of Swap Week.

Bulky Waste Day is your chance to dispose of really large items. "White goods" (enameled metals such as stoves, washers, dryers), scrap metal, tires, and furniture can be brought to the Highway Department yard on Leverett Road between 10am and

2pm without appointment. (Space is limited, so large loads may not be accepted.)

Members of the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee will guide you through the disposal process as you arrive at the Highway Department yard on Leverett Road.

There is a charge to cover the cost of disposing of these items, so bring some cash or your check book.

Pesticides, oil-based paints and thinners, and other hazardous materials are not accepted.

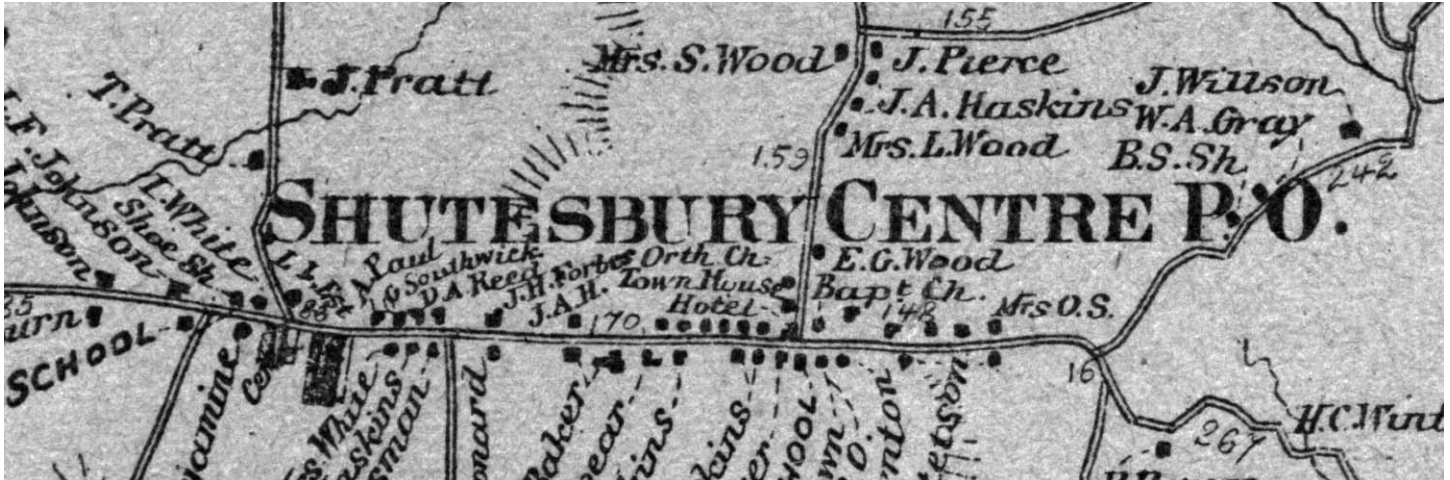
You must take those items to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day operated by the Town of Amherst at their Transfer Station on Belchertown Road (Route 9).



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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR <i>Rebecca Torres</i>	259-1214	FINANCE COMMITTEE <i>Patrick J. Callahan</i>	259-1584	REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE <i>Kristen Luschen</i>	256-3303
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				<i>Maryélise Lamet</i>	259-1551

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