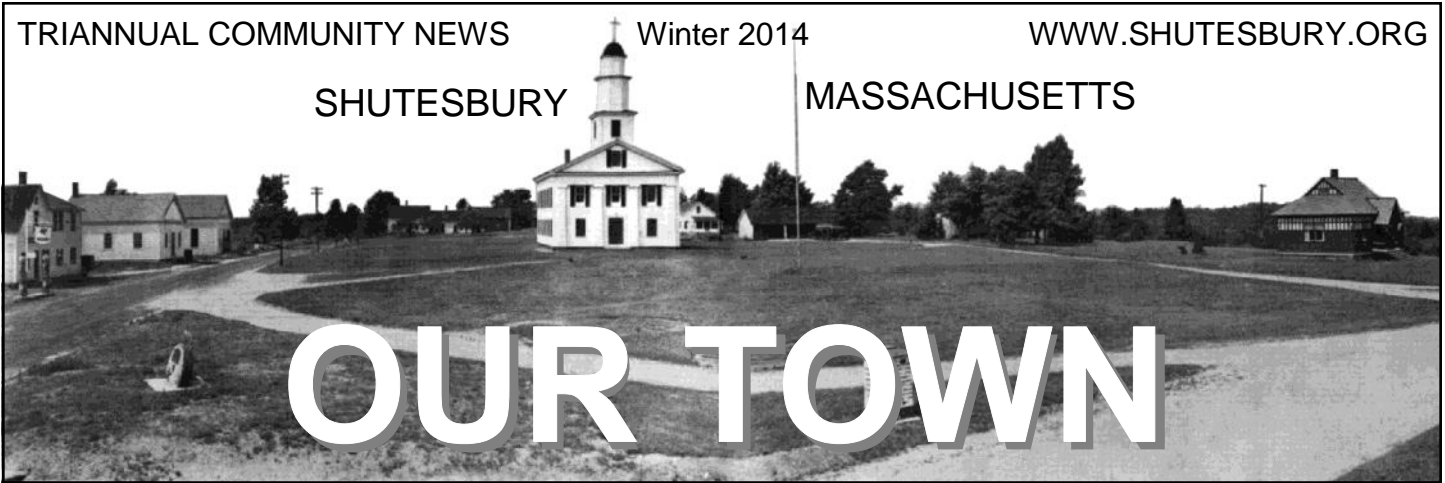


SHUTESBURY

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# OUR TOWN

## Update on the Regional School District Planning Board

Elaine Puleo, a member representing Shutesbury

On Monday, December 2, we held a Shutesbury forum in the elementary school library to discuss issues related to regionalizing our Pre-K-6 school (Regionalizing with Amherst, Pelham and Leverett). Approximately 40 town residents attended.

We spent two hours weighing the pros and cons of regionalization, hearing each others' concerns and addressing people's questions. The question the Shutesbury representatives to the Regional School District Planning Board (RSDPB) posed was, "Does our town want to move forward with planning for regionalization or should we stay away from the discussion?"

Although **the final decision about regionalization can only be made at Town Meeting**, we wanted to hear residents' thoughts ahead of time. We needed to know how (or if) we should represent the town on the Regional School District Planning Board in an upcoming meeting. Clearly there were different opinions and many unanswered questions to consider. The problem is that although there was good representation at the meeting, the final decision needs to be made town-wide by a Town Meeting vote.

Luckily, the full Regional School District Planning Board (RSDPB) consisting of 3 members from each of Amherst, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury) came up with a solution

where we could both move ahead with a regionalization plan AND still allow each of the three smaller towns the ability to opt out of the plan.

On Thursday, December 5, the RSDPB voted to ask the 7-12 Regional School Committee to consider amending the current regional agreement to include grades Pre-K-6.

On Tuesday, January 14, by a unanimous vote of 7-0, the Amherst Pelham Regional School Committee voted to create a committee to *"revise the current 7-12 (regional) agreement with the option that one of the existing four towns can remain 7-12 as long as that town is not Amherst, and that the town that remains 7-12 has the option to become a preK-12 member within a specified period of time, and that the town that remained 7-12 can negotiate with the Regional School Committee regarding shared superintendency services for their preK-6 school (district)."*

This amendment would have to be approved first by the Regional School Committee and then proceed to being presented at each Town Meeting.

At Town Meeting, there will be two warrant articles: The first would be to approve the amendments to the current regional agreement to allow the region to include grades pre-K-6, and the second would be to determine if the town wanted to participate in the region at the Pre-K-6 level.

Each town will vote on the first warrant article to allow the region to expand to the elementary grade level. This change would have to be approved by all four towns. Then, each of Pelham, Leverett and

Shutesbury will vote on the second warrant article (assuming the first one passed) to determine whether their individual town wanted to expand their participation in the region to include pre-K-6 grades. It was agreed by the RSDPB that Amherst would have to be preK-12; it, unlike the smaller towns, does not have this as an option.

**What does this mean for Shutesbury?** First, it means that an amended regional agreement can be **See Regionalization, page 3**

## How your town works: find out February 4!

Becky Torres, Town Administrator

Ever wonder what is going on at Town Hall? Why are there so many cars there on week nights?

Why do we have to pay for trash bags? Who came up with that plan?

How did the old West School House get renovated?

Who establishes policy at the elementary school?

Why did we get a new trash hauling company?

How do I get a building permit?

Why are my taxes so high?

Who determines the budget?

**Come join us on Tuesday, February 4, at 7pm** in the elementary school gym, when the Shutesbury boards and commissions will gather. Each will give a brief overview of its mission, membership, specific tasks and responsibilities.

We encourage you to explore the rewards of civic engagement. The town runs on an army of volunteers.

## Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*

Office Hours: 9am –1pm Monday through Thursday; call 413-259-1204 for special appointments.

By the time you receive this newsletter, your household should have received an **Annual Street List** form, requesting the household census on January 1. As required by state law, these forms should be completed and returned in the SASE within 10 days of receipt.

If your household did not receive a form, please call the Town Clerk's Office (259-1204) and one will be sent to you right away. Returning the completed street list form keeps one's voter registration active, ensures one's continued receipt of municipal mailings, and verifies eligibility for the trash bag distribution list in May!

**Shutesbury's Annual Town Meeting and Election of Officers** will take place Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Shutesbury Elementary School, 23 West Pelham Road. Polls will be open 8am – 2pm. The Town Meeting usually begins at 9am. Watch for the late April *Our Town* mailing with all the details.

If you are not already registered to vote, and you wish to vote on May 3, you must **register to vote by Saturday April 12**. Though my office will be open at least from 2 to 4pm and from 7 to 8 that night, why wait for the last minute? You can register to vote anytime: in person at the town clerk's office or by mail. Mail-in voter registration cards are always tacked up in the outdoor bulletin board of Town Hall and inside Town Hall in the files by my door. Call if you would

like a mail-in voter registration card sent to you. These cards can also be used if you have moved within the town, changed your name or if you wish to change your party affiliation.

**Absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election** will be available for voters who cannot come to the polls on May 4, due to health concerns, religious restrictions or because they will be out of town, between the hours of 7am and 8pm. You (or your relative on your behalf) may apply for an absentee ballot in person, or just write to the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 264, Shutesbury, MA 01072 to request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. Your request must include your residential and mailing addresses and your signature. If you apply in person, you can choose to vote at that time or a ballot will be mailed to you.

### Positions on the ballot due to term expirations follow:

Board of Health - 2 three-year terms  
Cemetery Commission - 1 three-year term

Board of Library Trustees - 2 three-year terms  
Planning Board - 3 three-year terms  
School Committee - 2 three-year terms

Board of Selectmen - 1 three-year term  
Town Clerk – 1 three-year term

Should any of these positions interest you, please **request a nomination form from this office**. You need only collect 20 signatures for your name to appear on the ballot. Completed nomination forms must be returned by Saturday, March 15.

People sometimes ask if they can get an absentee ballot for the Town Meeting Articles. Absentee ballots are strictly for the election of officials

and any ballot questions. Town Meeting questions are voted on the floor of Town Meeting after an open exchange of information.

**Tip to registered voters:** If you sign a nomination form or a petition and if your signature may not be legible, print your name in the same line beside your signature. **Illegible signatures cannot be certified** and your cause or candidate will lose your support.

If you have any questions about the annual town election, or any other aspect of our local government, you are welcome to call or email the Town Clerk's office for more information or referral to the corresponding town department: 413-259-1204 or townclerk@shutesbury.org.

## Thanks to our folders!

The Fall 2013 *Our Town* reached you with the help of **Merka Fletcher, David Dann, David Jolivet, Joan Hanson, Janis Gray, Marilyn Tibbetts, Susan Millinger, and Leslie Bracebridge.**

In October, Marilyn returned to join **Julie Taylor** in helping Leslie fold a special Select Board mailing,

And in November, **Elaine Puleo** and **Joan Hanson** helped Leslie and **Becky Torres** fold a notice about regionalization information meetings!

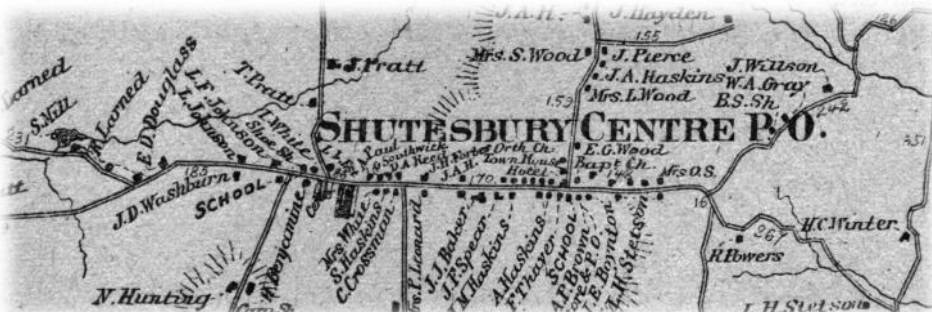
If you would like to join a "folding party" for any future municipal mailings, please call Administrative Secretary Leslie Bracebridge at 413-259-1204.

## What happened to that nice old map??

When **Greg Caulton** designed a new look for *Our Town* in 1998, he used a beautiful old map of Shutesbury Centre on the cover panel that includes your mailing address.

Regrettably, machines that now read addresses for the U.S. Post Office at bulk mail centers would be thrown off by the image's letters and numbers, so the map had to go.

But we can still include it *inside* the newsletter — and so we have at left, albeit in a smaller size. You may see it again from time to time in future newsletters.



**Regionalization, continued  
from page 1**

amended regional agreement can be crafted before we have to vote on whether or not we approve of it. That gives voters the chance to know exactly what the proposed changes would be.

Second, it means we can agree to expand the current region to cover elementary education in principle.

Finally, if we vote in the affirmative to allow the region to expand, we have the second vote to determine whether Shutesbury will participate in the expanded region at the elementary level or if we will remain in the region only at the 7-12 level (if a small town votes to opt out of preK-6 now, that town might have a limited number of years in which to vote itself into the region for elementary education but this is not yet confirmed).

This may sound very complicated but, we believe it provides the greatest flexibility and allows the whole town to participate in the decision. Please, contact **Becky Torres, Michael DeChiara** or **Elaine Puleo** if you would like further clarification.

We have received preliminary approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to go ahead with crafting this amended agreement. The Regional School Committee formulated the subcommittee to consist of the same members who were on the Regional School District Planning Board. Thus, Becky Torres, Michael DeChiara and Elaine Puleo will remain the representatives from Shutesbury at this time.

Please stay informed as this process proceeds. It is complicated and we will try to keep the town updated as developments occur.

*Our Town*, published three times a year in January or February, 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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On January 14, the Regional School Committee voted that the regionalization committee be comprised of the following 12 individuals:

**Amherst**

Andy Steinberg -Chairperson  
Katherine Appy  
Alisa Brewer

**Pelham**

Trevor Baptiste  
Jeff Eiseman - Secretary  
Mark Santos

**Leverett**

Ann Delano  
Kip Fonsh - Vice Chair  
Julie Shively

**Shutesbury**

Elaine Puleo  
Becky Torres  
Michael DeChiara

## Shutesbury Early Childhood Program

The Shutesbury Elementary School Community (SES) believes that opportunities for early childhood education are essential components of a good education system. Early experiences in an environment rich in hands-on materials and activities provide children various opportunities to grow emotionally, physically, socially and cognitively. We believe that a trans-disciplinary team approach, in which all adults working with children are responsible for a child's learning, is the most effective way of teaching and we also believe that parents are the most important teachers of their children and that their involvement in their child's education is essential.

**Our Early Childhood Program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which is a mark of a high quality program for young children.**

## PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL OF 2014

**Our Preschool serves 3 and 4 year old children,  
Your child must be 3 years old on or before  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.**

**Please get in touch with us as soon as possible. Enrollment decisions will be made by March 15, 2014.**

**If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before  
Sept.1<sup>st</sup> 2014, please get in touch with us as soon as  
possible for Fall 14 enrollment.**

For more information, please call

Jessica Carlson-Belanger, Main Office of SES  
413-259-1212 x0  
carlson-belangerj@shutesburyschool.org

Grace Griecci  
413-259-1212 x140  
grieccig@shutesburyschool.org

# From the Recycling Committee

## Recycling at Town Hall

Here's a brief guide to recycling fluorescent lamps, mercury-bearing waste, and rechargeable batteries at Town Hall.

## Mercury-Bearing Waste

Mercury is toxic for human beings, but we continue to use it in many different ways—in fluorescent lights, thermostats, some electrical switches.

So, what do we do with mercury-bearing waste? Shutesbury residents can drop mercury-bearing items off at Town Hall for recycling. When the containers at Town Hall fill up, we put the nasty stuff in the Universal Waste Shed out back. Once a year a company that processes mercury-bearing waste (by binding the mercury to inert material) picks up the waste and takes it off for processing.

The Town has to pay for this service, of course, and **you can save Shutesbury money by recycling your fluorescent bulbs at Lowes, Home Depot, or Whole Foods in Hadley at no cost.**

Here's how to recycle mercury-bearing waste at Town Hall:

- Fluorescent lamps of all kinds. **Please no packaging, bubble wrap, cardboard, etc. Do not tape long fluorescent lamps together. Most important: No broken lamps! If a lamp is broken the mercury has already escaped. Just put the broken lamp in the trash.**
- Thermostats, thermometers barometers. **Again, no packaging, please.**
- Elemental mercury. If you break a thermometer or have some other kind of mercury spill here's what to do:

1. Ventilate the room and put tape around the area so no one will walk through the spill.

2. Get some disposable gloves, then use a note card or other stiff cardboard to push the mercury globules together.

3. Place the mercury in a Zip - lock bag along with the card and the disposable gloves, place the bag in a glass jar with a tight lid, label the jar "elemental mercury," and bring it to Town Hall.

## Batteries and Cell Phones

Some batteries are hazardous waste and should not be thrown out with the trash. Cell phones are also classified as hazardous waste because of the lead, copper, nickel, and antimony in them.

There are a number of mail-back programs that are free for recycling batteries, cell phones and other items. A list of programs is at <http://earth911.com/recycling/mail-back-programs-recycling-from-home/#>.

**Again, you can save the Town money if you participate in one of these programs.**

Here's how to recycle batteries and cell phones at Town Hall:

- Rechargeable batteries and button batteries Place each battery separately in a baggie and place the baggie(s) in the box under the table in the copy room. They need to be in separate baggies so that they don't touch one another. Truck loads of apparently "dead" batteries have ignited, causing serious fires.
- **Do not bring items with rechargeable batteries in them (such as electric toothbrushes, beard trimmers, etc.) to Town Hall.** Take the rechargeable batteries out of these items (hitting them with a hammer does the trick) first, then bring the batteries to Town Hall and throw the rest in the trash.
- **Do not bring non-rechargeable (alkaline) batteries to Town Hall.** They are **not** hazardous waste and can be thrown out with the trash.

- Cell phones. Take the batteries out, put the batteries in baggies and then in the battery box. Put the cell phone in the cell phone box, also under the table in the copy room.

## Recycling Quiz

### Recycling or Trash?

1. Pizza boxes
2. Styrofoam
3. Wire Hangers
4. Ice cream cartons
5. Five gallon plastic pail
6. Empty bug spray can
7. Empty paint can
8. Plastic flower pot
9. Phone books, paperback books
10. Paper with staples
11. Burned out incandescent light bulbs
12. Broken glass

### Answers:

1. Recycle, if clean; trash, if food on the box.
2. Trash
3. Can't be recycled. Save for Bulky Waste Day or donate to Good Will or Salvation Army
4. Trash
5. Can't be recycled (yet). Save for Bulky Waste Day
6. Trash
7. Trash or save for Bulky Waste Day
8. Trash
9. Recycle
10. Recycle
11. Trash
12. Trash (wrap in paper so the glass doesn't break through the trash bag.

For more information on what's recyclable check out the Springfield Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) site here: [http://springfieldmrf.org/site/?page\\_id=32](http://springfieldmrf.org/site/?page_id=32)

### Give our haulers a break

Our Republic haulers do a terrific job of picking up our trash and recyclables every week. They work in all weather and heft hundreds of bags of trash and containers of recyclables every Wednesday. Please be considerate when putting out your "offerings" each week.

Don't put out bags that are too

heavy. In September one of our haulers was injured when, trying to lift a very heavy bag, he braced the bag against his leg and sustained a bad cut when broken glass came through the bag.

Make sure that everything in your recycling bins is recyclable.

Put your trash bag in a trash barrel so that dogs and crows can't get into it. The haulers will try to pick up bags that have been broken into, but they can't spend time picking up scattered trash.

## Announcements from the Board of Assessors

The tax rate for FY14 has been set at \$20.60 for all property third quarter payments for FY14 are due to the Collector by the end of January.

### **Abatements Elderly Exemptions**

Property owners seeking an abatement for overvaluation on their FY14 taxes must apply using the official application form before February 1. The form can be obtained from the Assessors Office and on the Shutesbury website at <http://www.shutesbury.org/assessor>. Select "Real and Personal Property Abatement Form."

### **Applications for abatements must be received or postmarked (if mailed) before February 1 2014.**

If you are Shutesbury resident over the age of 70 and have total assets of less than \$40,000 (excluding the value of your house) you may be eligible for a "17-D" exemption of \$175 on your property tax. If you were 65 before July 1 of 2013, your income is under \$20,000 and your total assets are under \$40,000 (excluding the value of your house), you may be eligible for a "41-C" exemption of \$1,000 on your property tax. Applications are available from the Assessors Office and on the Shutesbury website, <http://www.shutesbury.org/assessor> and select "Seniors 65 and Older."

Community Preservation Act exemption forms are also available from our office and on our website. Exemption applications must be received before the end of March 2014 to be considered.

### **FY15 Revaluation**

The Board of Assessors will be conducting a triennial revaluation of property for FY2015 this year. The majority of property inspections will take place from March thru August of the year. Property owners will be contacted by mail prior to inspection by the Assessors. The Assessors will identify themselves and request permission to inspect and measure all buildings on the property. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions about your assessment, abatements, exemptions, or the revaluation, please direct them to the Board of Assessors. The mailing address for the Board of Assessors is PO Box 264, Shutesbury, MA 01072 or you can call 413-259-3790.

The Board of Assessors now meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm in the Assessors Office in Town Hall.

The Assessors Office will be closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Day and on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day.

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury taxpayers,

With the winter upon us, the third quarter of our real estate bills are due and the calendar 2014 motor vehicle excise bills for many vehicles registered on January 1 will shortly be mailed. Additionally, excise bills on vehicles registered late in 2013 are billed during 2014. The year for which the bill is issued is found in the upper right hand corner of the bill.

If you receive a bill on a car you have traded or on which you have changed registrations, do NOT ignore the bill. The Board of Assessors should be contacted to obtain an application for abatement. The forms are also available on the Assessors' section of the Town's website. The mailing address for the Assessors is PO Box 264, Shutesbury.

Our on-line bill paying feature allows you to pay your tax bills either directly from your checking or sav-

ings account with a fee of \$.25 or with a credit card for a fee based on the amount of your transaction. To use this service, click on the Town's website and then on the announcement on the Home page. For Real Estate and Personal Property taxes, you should enter 2014 for the year and just the bill number WITHOUT the RE or PP to enter the program. For motor vehicle payments, enter the year and bill number which is found on the top, right side of your bill.

You are now able to find your bill information by clicking on the notation "Need help locating your bill" after you indicate what type of bill you wish to pay. You then enter your last name and mailing address and click on the bill information.

With changes in the postal service, it now can take as much as a week for mail to travel from point of mailing to the destination. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD when mailing your tax payments to avoid interest due to late payment. The date your payment is received in this office or by the lockbox is the date of payment for receipt purposes under Mass. General Law.

If you receive a demand notice, you should pay it immediately as you only have 14 days from the demand date to pay before the bill goes on warrant, which results in a substantial increase in the fees.

If you have purchased your property after January 1, 2013, Massachusetts General Law requires that the previous owner's name remain on the real estate tax bill. Hence, your name will appear with an "in care of." There is nothing we can do to put the bill solely in your name. The question has come up concerning the information found on the bills. All information is required either by Massachusetts General Law or by the Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth. The Town and this office have no discretion on the statements printed thereon.

Before venturing out to pay a bill in person, please call this office at 413-259-1615 to check the answering machine to determine if I will be here.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Ellen

## Med-Ride Program is solving transportation dilemma for seniors

The Shutesbury Council on Aging's Med-Ride program is available to seniors age 55 and older in town who are unable to drive or have no means of transportation. Medical/Dental transportation is provided by a volunteer driver who will pick you up and drop you off to appointments in Franklin and Hampshire Counties.

Since we started in August of 2013, we have provided over 15 rides. We have four volunteer drivers who average one-three trips a month.

Shutesbury seniors in need of transportation should call 413-259-2123 and leave a message with their name, phone number and date/time/place of appointment. Requests for rides require two weeks advance notice to make all the necessary arrangements

**Linda Avis Scott** and **David Dann** are the coordinators for Med-Ride.

## Potlucks return!

The first Council on Aging Potluck of 2014 will be Tuesday, March 4 at Town Hall.

All are welcome, young, old, or in-between. Please RSVP to **Marilyn Tibbetts** at 413-259-1976. We sit down to eat at noon time. Come join us and meet fellow Shutesbury folks.

## MassHealth and the Health Connector

The deadline to reapply for MassHealth and insurance through the Health Connector passed on December 23, 2013. If you received a letter to reapply and have not applied, please be sure to apply ASAP.

### Specific Deadlines have been extended to March 31, 2014.

Those currently getting Commonwealth Care will be covered through March 31. They must apply before March 23, 2014 to have continuous coverage.

### How to apply:

Apply online at [MAHealthConnector.org](http://MAHealthConnector.org) or make an appointment with a Certified Application Counselor at the Community Health Center of Franklin County by calling 413-325-8500 or emailing Carolina Kenny at [carolina.kenny@chcfc.org](mailto:carolina.kenny@chcfc.org) or Peter Kuusisto at [peter.kuusisto@chcfc.org](mailto:peter.kuusisto@chcfc.org).

Other instructions can be found on our website, <http://www.chcfc.org/making-an-appointment.html>.

### Other reasons to apply or reapply:

New Life Events, and  
Loss of Coverage

**Qualifications for MassHealth or Assistance:** Your Massachusetts Adjusted Gross Income is  $\leq$  300% of the Federal Poverty Level. (For an individual, that is \$34,470 per year and a family of two is \$46,530 per year.)

### You don't have to apply if:

**ALL** those in your household have received a letter with a pink strip across the top from MassHealth. (If one household member received a letter to reapply, the entire household must reapply.)

### OR

You receive private insurance through an employer or some other source.

Feel free to direct any further questions to Carolina Kenny or Peter Kuusisto at the Community Health Center of Franklin County at 413-325-8500.

## Union #28 Community Network for Children

The *Community Network for Children (CNC)* program is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant. The CNC supports all families with children from birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 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; support in accessing child care and information regarding assistance paying for child care; information about children's development; new baby gift bags and home visits; and newsletters with current programs and events. Our local CNC council assists in the oversight of

the grant funds.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive the newsletters, please call or email **Gillian Budine**, Coordinator, 978-544-5157 or

[Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com).

See our newsletter here: <https://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/newsletters> to get more information.

## Redeem coupon for a Welcome Baby Gift Bag!

The Union #28 Community Network for Children (CNC) 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 drop off at your home or to pick up your welcome baby gift bag at one of our local story hours or playgroups!  
978-544-5157 or [Budine@erving.com](mailto:Budine@erving.com)!



# The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

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

## Hours:

Monday and Wednesday:  
11am -1pm and 3-7:30pm  
Tuesday and Thursday: 3-7:30pm  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10am-1pm  
Sunday: 3-6pm

## What is happening at the library?

Library staff and volunteers work together to offer approximately 100 programs each year. We strive to make all Shutesbury residents aware of our program offerings so that everyone who wants to can participate.

We also use these resources to make announcements about weather related closings.

- Programs are usually posted on the home page of our website, [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org).
- The most up-to-date resource for

library news is probably the library's Facebook Page. To follow the library on Facebook, search for the M.N. Spear Memorial Library and "LIKE" us.

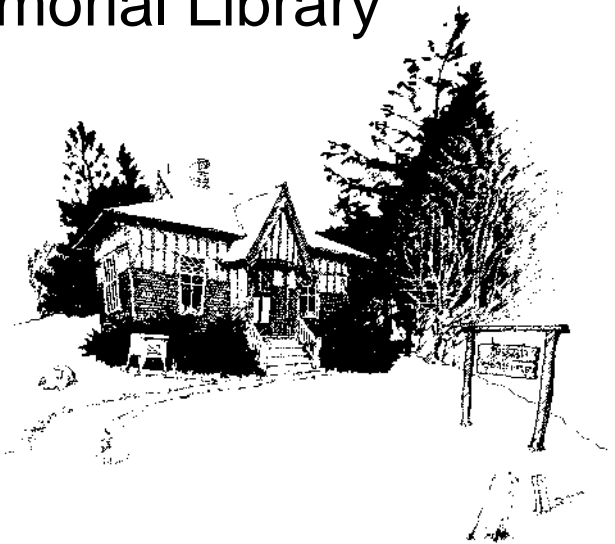
- We also send out announcements via the Town-wide email list. If you do not receive town emails you can sign up for them by visiting [Shutesbury.org](http://Shutesbury.org) and clicking on the link on the right side of the page under the heading, Join the Town Email List.
- Programs are also listed on two privately organized list-serves, the ECricket, and Nextdoor Shutesbury. Flyers about upcoming library events are posted at the library, Town Hall, the Post Office, and the Bulletin Board at the end of Locks Pond Road

near Lake Wyola.

- Flyers are distributed through the elementary school's newsletter, the Roadtown News.
- Lists of programs are also included in *Our Town* newsletters and other Town-wide mailings and are available at the library.

There are lots of ways to follow all that is happening at the library. Be on the lookout for library news. You might see something you like.

The library has ebooks  
At this time of year many peo-



ple have received gifts of new eReaders or other electronic devices.

If you received a Kindle, Nook, iPad or other similar device, stop by the library for a brochure with instructions for downloading free digital eBooks, audiobooks and video through the Overdrive collection available through C/W MARS.

You can browse the Overdrive collection by clicking the link at the top of our home page at [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org).

**Managing your library account**  
Managing your online library account is easy. Once you have logged in you can view items checked out, renew items, pay fines, and place holds. In the *Our Town* Newsletter in September 2013 (available at [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org)) and again in a Friends of the Library mailing in November, we distributed bookmarks with step-by-step instructions for logging into your account. We have plenty of extra copies of these bookmarks at the library. Feel free to pick one up at the library.

## The Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library support the Library by providing funds for new materials and programming. A 2014 membership brochure is included in this mailing. Your Library needs Friends!

Friends of the M. N. Spear Memorial Library  
10 Cooleyville Road, Shutesbury, MA 01972 • 413.259.1213 • [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org)

**Spear Friends**  
**Movie Night!**

**Saturday**  
**February 1st**  
**2014**

**6:30 pm**  
**Town Hall**

**Suggested donation**  
**\$1 per person**

**Rated PG**

Baked goods, popcorn and soft drinks for sale to benefit the Friends!

Stay tuned for more movies at [www.mnspear.org](http://www.mnspear.org)  
Brought to you by the Friends of the M. N. Spear Memorial Library  
This is not a school sponsored event



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### HOW TO CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS

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ACCOUNTANT Gail Weiss	259-1108	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Maureen Ryan, Principal	259-1212	RECREATION COMMITTEE Vacant	259-1214
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