

SHUTESBURY

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OUR TOWN

Shutesbury's broadband fiber project is advancing toward construction

Shutesbury Broadband Committee

We've had a busy summer making progress on Shutesbury's broadband fiber project. In June our engineering design was completed. As soon as possible after receiving the design we went out to bid for construction; and we will be choosing our builder in early September.

While the bids for the build were out we also released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Internet Service Provider (ISP) and Network Operator (NO).

This company will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of our network once it is built. They will handle billing, customer service, tech support, and maintenance and repairs. We're looking forward to evaluating these responses and choosing the ISP/NO by October. From our previous work doing an RFI (Request for Information) we are confident that we'll be getting bids that will allow us to run an affordable and sustainable network.

In July, we completed a volunteer initiative to evaluate all underground conduit. You may have seen one of our friendly volunteers out on July 7. Don't be concerned if your house didn't get a visit, because we only looked at the houses in town whose utilities are currently underground. Homes with aerial service didn't need to be examined.

You've likely seen lots of National Grid and Verizon trucks on Shutesbury roads this summer continuing the make-ready work. To recap, make-ready is the preparation work done on existing utility poles – or

"Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud"

Free Informational Medicare Workshop

Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 - 7:30pm Senior Lounge, Town Hall

Sponsored by:

Massachusetts Senior Medicare Patrol & Shutesbury Council on Aging
No RSVP needed. Refreshments will be served!

their replacement with new poles when necessary – to get them ready to accept our fiber-optic cables.

The slow pace of the make-ready work continues to be a source of frustration on a state-wide level. The Governor's office is well aware of this roadblock to fast fiber deployment and is working to improve the process.

The state has already agreed to cover make-ready cost overages to keep us on budget. Because Shutesbury got its applications in over a year ago we're poised to be one of the first towns to complete the make-ready process.

As long as the make-ready is completed this fall, we'll be on target to start construction by December, with the goal of having all houses connected next spring.

We know everyone is anxious to get connected and we'll be releasing sign-up and installation details as soon as we have them. Our goal will be to make sure that all residents know exactly what to do in order to sign up and get service.

As usual, the best resource for full project updates and information is our website <http://www.shutesbury.org/broadband>.

Celebrate Shutesbury 2018 Saturday, September 15!

10am - 2pm on Town Common

All are welcome at this town-wide celebration!

Enjoy BBQ from the **Shutesbury Athletic Club**, a book sale and t-shirt/sweatshirt sale by the **Friends of MN Spear Memorial Library**, pumpkin painting and town-wide tag sale by the **Shutesbury Elementary School PTO**, a bake sale and Tea Party Buffet from the **Shutesbury Community Church**;

Live music by **Dale Reynolds**, family music by **Katie Tolles** and **Dorothy Cresswell**, rising country star **Caylin Lee**, **Valley Women Drummers** directed by **Marilyn Sylla**, **Julie's Ukes**, and **Pat Barchenski's Line Dancers**;

A cheese making demo by **Valerie Wisniewski**, other Shutesbury t-shirts and hats for sale from local vendor **Soundscape Merchandise** (creator of the famous SES Moose shirts!), radar baseball toss with the **Shutesbury Police Department**, **Emergency Vehicle Tours**, donut-eating contest from the **Select Board**, **Village Neighbors** (an aging-in-place organization), many kids' activities and more!!

The celebration keeps rolling at the Shutesbury Athletic Club's **Clam Bake** starting at 2pm!

Messages from the Town Clerk

Susie Mosher, *Town Clerk*
1 Cooleyville Road

Town Hall Office Hours:

Monday 3:30 – 6pm

Thursday 6 – 8pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 – 10:30am

And by appointment

413-259-1204

townclerk@shutesbury.org

Welcome to Shutesbury one and all! **Another election** is coming on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. For those new to town, our one and only polling station is in the basement of Town Hall (top of the hill), 1 Cooleyville Rd. The polls are open from 7am – 8pm.

Copies of the ballot will be posted upstairs and downstairs

in Town Hall and at the Post Office, Library and School. It helps to look over the information and ballot questions before you sign in to vote. Remember your reading glasses!

The last day for new voter registration is Wednesday, October 17. The Town Clerk's office will be open extra hours on that date, 2–4pm and 7-8pm. You can check on your voter registration status on the Secretary of the Commonwealth website. Newly registered voters may be required to show identification at the polls. Inactivated voters (those who did not send in the annual street list/census form) will need to bring a piece of mail, a car registration, etc. that shows their name with their residential address.

The November election will have Early Voting (EV) again this year. From Monday, October 22 – Friday, November 2, registered voters can come to the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours (see above), and additional hours for EV will be posted on the town website.

To have the ballot mailed to you, first fill out an application. **Absentee ballots can be mailed out as early as October 9.** Allow TWO WEEKS for the mail-in ballot process.



Notary services, dog licenses, birth, death, and marriage certificates are just a few more reasons to come in and visit the Town Clerk. More information available on our town website, www.shutesbury.org

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 paid both the first and second quarter amount 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 generate 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. Please change the mailing address of the check so generated from the Woburn address, which is that of the lockbox, to the Town Collector's address which is PO Box 175, Shutesbury, MA 01072. Because your checks are not accompanied by a bill, the lockbox company sends them to me for processing which results in a delay in crediting them to your account.

Please plan ahead when you mail your payments as it may take as much as a week for mail to arrive as the post office sorts mail in Connecticut.

Do NOT postdate your checks! I cannot accept such checks because they cannot be processed until the date on the check. They will be returned to you upon receipt.

"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 owned 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 (2019) that date is January 1, 2018. 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 when you will be leaving so I can redirect your bills and ensure that they will be delivered promptly. Please make sure I have your alternate address.

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. If you have an Amherst mailing address, that address should appear as the "mailing address" on your registration so it appears on your excise bill. Failure to have the correct mailing address may cause the bill to be returned as undeliverable and delays delivery.

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.

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.
Ellen McKay

Chapter 61 Applications due by October 1

The Assessors Office reminds all Chapter 61 property owners that your applications are due on or before October 1. Recreational (61-B) and Agricultural (61-A) applicants are required to apply every year by October 1. If you are classified in Forestry (61) and have a Forest Management Plan which expires at the end of 2019, your completed application and updated forest management plan also should be received by the Board of Assessors by October 1.

Application forms are available on our website or may be picked up at our office in Town Hall during office hours. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Community Preservation Committee seeks ideas!

The Community Preservation Act allows communities to create a **local Community Preservation Fund** for open space protection, historic preservation, affordable housing and outdoor recreation. Community preservation monies are raised locally through the imposition of a surcharge of the tax levy against real property, and these local funds are matched in part by state funding.

Shutesbury's Community Preservation by-law, approved in 2008, created a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) comprised of up to nine representatives of town boards, commissions and committees with functions that are related to community preservation. The bylaw also set the property surcharge at 1.5% with exemptions for people who qualify as low income and exempts the first \$100,000 value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

The members of the Shutesbury Community Preservation Committee this year are **Rita Farrell** (Co-chair and Housing Authority representative), **Allen Hanson** (Co-chair and Finance Committee), **Chris Donta** (Historical Commission), **Linda Avis Scott** (Conservation Commission), **Sue Essig** (Open Space Committee), **Jim Aaron** (Planning Board), and **Margie Tighe Saporito** (Community Member at Large).

Over the past eight years, the Town has approved:

- a running track for the elementary school

- a new elementary school playground
- tree removal and headstone repairs at the West Cemetery
- upgrades to the old Town Beach (including installation of a gazebo)
- restoration of the Hearse House
- sill restoration on the West Schoolhouse
- creation of a public canoe launch at Lake Wyola
- a study of the silting problem at the North Cove of Lake Wyola.

These eight projects represent a total investment of \$112,750 in Shutesbury. All projects were conceived and executed by citizens of the town wishing to preserve part of the town's history and to improve and create recreational facilities for everyone to enjoy.

CP-funded projects are community initiated. The application and funding process is *straightforward* and is described in the Community Preservation Plan available on the CPC website: https://www.shutesbury.org/community_preservation.

The CPC utilizes a two-tiered application process that begins with a simple one-page "Preliminary Determination of Eligibility," which is due by November 30. If the CPC agrees that a proposal is eligible with respect to the state Community Preservation Act, then a full application is due no later than January 25 of the following year.

Both applications can be found in the Plan. It should be noted that the CPC does not independently appropriate funding for projects, but rather submits articles for funding to Town Meeting for its approval.

The Fiscal Year 2019 CPC plan will be available on the CPC website around the middle to end of October. The plan describes the entire process with forms, due dates, etc. If you are thinking of a project, we don't expect a lot of changes, so look at the 2018 plan for a starter.

The tentative due date for the Determination of Eligibility proposal (one page) is November 30 and the date for the final proposal is tentatively January 25, 2019. We are always willing to talk to you about ideas, questions about the process, etc. You can reach us at cpc.shutesbury.org; contact information for committee members is listed on the web page.

The CPC invites all town citizens to become involved in maintaining and

improving our town and retaining our history. We welcome projects, both large and small, that add to our cultural heritage *and provide resources for open space, community housing and historic preservation.*

Many Thanks!

For those of you who may be new to town, our newsletter is edited and laid out by **Janis Gray**, a volunteer who incorporates news and information from various Town departments and staff

For each *Our Town* newsletter and town-wide mailing, a group of volunteers collates and folds materials. Since I last wrote, there have been three mailings.

These are the folks who helped get the Spring 2018 *Our Town* ready for mailing: **Joan Hanson, Tom Broughton-Willett, Dave Mosher, Susie Mosher, Pat Vinskey and Mike Vinskey**. Within days of finishing the Spring newsletter, we came together again to prepare the Annual Town Meeting mailing. Here's who made it possible: **Pat Vinskey, Mike Vinskey, Susan Gomberg, Dave Mosher, Diane Collari, Susan Millinger and Susie Mosher**.

And finally, in mid-July, a group of folks gathered to prepare the Special Town Meeting mailing: **Sharon Raymond, Peg Ross, JoAnn Bernhardt, Catherine Hilton, Penny Kim, Leslie Luchonok, Jill Marland and Janice Stone**.

Many thanks to all!

Here's how to join us: When an issue goes to print, there will be an emailed Town Announcement with the date/time the folding will begin. (To subscribe to the mailing list for town announcements, [click here for the simple form](#), or email web@shutesbury.org.) Any amount of time is welcome! The activity is easy and the conversation interesting.

Best wishes for your Autumn,
Linda Avis Scott,
Administrative Secretary

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*
Linda Avis Scott, *Town Hall Liaison*



Three guides to local trails coming to town website; Group hike October 21

The Recreation Committee would like you to know that it will soon be posting three annotated hike guides on the town website, www.shutesbury.org.

You can join other trail folks on Sunday, October 21 at 1pm at the Carroll Holmes/Lake Wyola State Park's parking lot for a hike to Fiske Pond in Wendell.

The trail is fairly level with a few uphill sections, and it will take about an hour round trip. We may linger longer around Fiske Pond to enjoy. You can

park an extra car at the Fiske Pond dirt lot on West St.

Protected as a cooperative project by the Town of Wendell Conservation Commission, the people of Wendell, and the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services, the 125-acre Fiske Pond Conservation Area offers interconnecting trails for hiking, cross-country skiing, and bird watching.

Outdoor education groups are especially welcome to explore the field and the forest, the pond and the park. www.northquabbinwoods.org/fiske_pond.html

Save our trees from invasive species!

Janice Stone

Trees are a very important part of the Shutesbury landscape and town character ("always cooler"). What would our town look like without the trees, or without many of them?

One of the most serious threats to our forests is Oriental Bittersweet. It is an aggressive non-native woody vine that climbs trees, shades out native vegetation, strangles branches and young trees, and sometimes causes major tree breakage from the weight of the vines when there is a heavy ice or snow storm.

You may recognize it in the fall by its attractive red and orange berries, which formerly were used for wreaths and floral arrangements.

Unfortunately, both human and

wildlife use have spread the berries, and it is now common throughout the northeast and eastern US. Oriental Bittersweet is on the MA invasive plant list, and any sales of the plant or its berries are prohibited in MA.

What can you do? There are some areas of town where this vine is getting a serious foothold (Leverett Road near the fire station), but it can be found along the roadsides in many parts of town.

Learn how to identify the plant by checking websites such as NEWFS's GoBotany (<https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/species/celestus/orbiculatus/>) or the Invasive Plant Atlas (<https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3012>).

Then check your own yard, road frontage and roadsides in town. Pulling the vines out by their roots is the simplest way to fight the vine, which is

easier when they are young and not well established. It is hard to get all the roots out at once, so you need to be persistent in coming back and pulling again as needed.

Cut vines in trees as high as you can reach, but don't try to pull them out (it might harm the tree branches). Once you have cut off any connections to the ground and roots, the vines in the trees will wither and die.

Keeping this invasive vine from spreading in our town is important for the future of our town trees and forests. Any bittersweet berries on your property can be easily spread throughout town by birds.

If you have any questions or need some help, you can contact me at jstone.shutesbury@gmail.com.

Stone is a Shutesbury resident and member of the board of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions.



*Fall berries and summer leaves of Oriental Bittersweet
Photo credits: J. Stone (L), Leslie J Mehrhoff, UConn Bugwood.org (R)*

News from Shutesbury Elementary School

Dear Shutesbury Community,

It is hard to believe that I am beginning my 5th year as the Principal of Shutesbury Elementary School (SES). It is incredible how fast time goes. I have had the privilege of seeing our students learn, grow and blossom over these years.

As is widely known, SES is a very special, unique and wonderful community for children to learn and grow in. From art, music, and drama to running, cooperative games and yoga, our students are immersed in interesting and engaging curriculum and also provided meaningful classes, performances, field trips, presenters, opportunities and physical experiences to create a well-rounded and robust Elementary experience. We are lucky that our town and community strongly support the school, so we can continue to provide such a special place for growth.

We have had some exciting happenings at SES, including:

- Brand new large playground! We are super grateful for the town's generosity and commitment to the present and future students at SES!
- We have brand new floors in our 5th grade, 6th grade, and music classrooms as well as in the main office. This is the second phase of new flooring. Last summer we had four classrooms freshly tiled. It is a big upgrade from the 20+ year-old carpets that used to be in the spaces. The classrooms look, fresh, clean and inviting! We thank the town for supporting this as well!
- New 5th grade teacher **Laura Ginsberg-Peltz**. She is coming from Leeds Elementary. We have one classroom per grade at SES, so new teachers are a big deal! Laura brings much enthusiasm and excitement in creating powerful and meaningful units of study. She is already working in collaboration with the Hitchcock Center on some great science projects!
- New 2nd grade teacher **Katie Hertel**. Our former second grade teacher has moved into our reading specialist position and so we had an opening. Katie

has much experience teaching students in grades K-3. She has worked in Virginia, DC and Connecticut. Katie and her family moved to the valley recently. She brings great kindness, patience and experience to her position.

- We have hired **Andy Skipton** as our new Assistant Custodian. Andy comes to us from Whately Elementary and is also a master carpenter!
- **Beth Riemer** is our new Art teacher! Beth taught art for 13 years in Brooklyn, NY. She and her family moved to the valley and she is now supervising future art teachers at Smith and Mount Holyoke! She has great ideas and a passion for her content!
- This year, we look forward to continuing to offer an exciting Artist in Residence Program for our students. We are also continuing to offer instrumental and band lessons. We are continuing our newly launched and very popular "Moose on the Move" running and walking club. (The moose is our school mascot!) We will continue to offer a weekly yoga class for every grade level as well!

Please continue using our track during non-school hours! The playground options are also a fun way to spend a weekend morning!

Sincerely,
Jackie Mendonsa, *Principal*

Developmental screenings for 3, 4 and 5 year olds

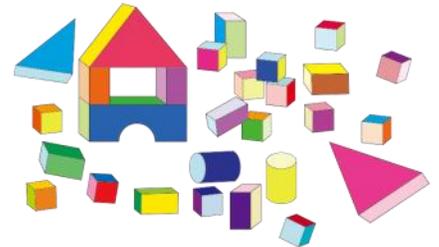
In Shutesbury, developmental screening is available through the school as a first step in a process intended to find children in need of special services and to plan for meeting those needs.

Screening focuses on a child's growth in a number of areas, such as large and small muscle control, speech/language development and concept development. This activity takes about 20 minutes and consists of a number of games that children typically enjoy playing.

The screening gives an indication of whether or not a child's skills are developing within the typical range.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's development, would like more information, or wish to set up an appointment, please call **Grace Griecci**, Shutesbury Elementary School's Preschool Teacher at 413-259-1212 X140 or email her at griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org

This service is available to all families in town, including those with a child not already enrolled in the school's preschool program.



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.

Your child must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2018 for preschool enrollment, or 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018 for kindergarten enrollment.

Please contact the school for Fall/2018 enrollment information. Call: **Jessica Carlson-Belanger** at the Main Office of SES, 413-259-1212 x100 carlson-belangerj@shutesburyschool.org or **Grace Griecci** 413-259-1212 x140 griec-cig@shutesburyschool.org

The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

Open Every Day

The M.N. Spear Memorial Library is open every day. Our hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday: 11:00am - 1:00pm and 3:00 - 6:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:00 -7:30pm

Friday: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00am -1:00pm

Sunday: 3:00 - 6:00pm

10 Cooleyville Road
413-259-1213; www.mnspear.org
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

Free digital magazines

Shutesbury Library users have access to a brand new collection of 50 digital magazines via our Overdrive collection. Read magazines on your computer, tablet or phone.

To borrow a digital magazine, visit our website, mnspear.org. Click on the Digital Books & Media Tab. Click *Overdrive*. Scroll down just a bit to find the magazines, click on the right side of screen. Click the cover or image of any magazine that interests you. Click *Borrow*. Click the drop down arrow under "Select your library from the list below" and choose CW MARS Patrons. Enter your 14-digit library card number. You will be prompted to choose a borrowing period of seven, 14 or 21 days. Click *Borrow* again and then begin reading.

Expanded digital book collection!

On June 30, 2018, access to the Commonwealth eBook Collection (Axis 360, Biblioboard, eBook Central) ended. The program transitioned to a shared OverDrive platform led by the Massachusetts library networks. As networks join, their content becomes available to share with other Massachusetts library patrons. Currently, CLAMS (located on the Cape), C/W MARS (Central and Western MA), Minuteman (Metrowest area), NOBLE (Northeast MA), OCLN (South Shore) and SAILS (Southeast MA) Library networks are participating.

This OverDrive Regional Lending Agreement allows C/W MARS public library cardholders access to OverDrive resources at the other Massachusetts Networks. Patrons are able

to search the other network collections and place holds just as they do on C/W MARS content. That means you have THOUSANDS more items to borrow!

There are three main ways to ac

cess OverDrive RLA content: the Libby app, the OverDrive app, and the OverDrive website at each network. Visit mnspear.org and click on the Digital Books & Media Tab, then click on Overdrive to get started.

Fall Movement and Fitness Classes

The Library is pleased to be collaborating with the Shutesbury Council on Aging to offer a series of movement and fitness classes again this fall. All classes are free. All are held at Town Hall except Line Dance, which is held at the Shutesbury Athletic Club. Some are drop-in and others require advance registration. A list of classes follows and more details are available on the Library's website, mnspear.org and Facebook page.

Library Gentle Yoga

(Usually taught by Sasha Rivera)
Every Wednesday at 9am
through November 28.

Bring a yoga mat and yoga block.

For the next three classes, registration is required. Priority registration given to those who can commit to all seven classes. To register, please call 259-1213 or email library.director@shutesbury.org

Yoga Therapeutics with Dr. Kathy Sward

Yoga Therapeutics is especially designed for those with chronic pain, health conditions, rehabbing injuries, joint replacement, and other health concerns.

Tuesdays, September 25 - November 20 at 4pm (no class 10/16 or 11/6). Please bring a yoga mat, a yoga block, and a yoga blanket or beach towel. Limited equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Strong & Sure: Intermediate Strength Training with Dr. Kathy Sward

Taking your strength and flexibility to the next level! Prior participation in Library strength training classes required.

Thursdays, September 27 - November 15 at 8:30am (no class 10/18).

Strong & Sure: Beginners Strength Training with Dr. Kathy Sward

A beginners class designed to tone major muscle groups for strength, coordination, balance, posture, functional movement (range of motion), and stability using our body weight.

Thursdays, September 27 - November 15 at 9:30am (no class 10/18).

For both Strength Training classes, please bring a yoga mat, a yoga block, dumbbells and a yoga blanket or beach towel. Limited equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Beginner Friendly Gentle Yoga with Sasha Rivera

Wednesdays, October 3 - November 7 at 10:15am. Drop-in, no registration required.

This is an introductory, slow and gentle yoga class. The class is geared towards those who need a very gentle, accessible yoga practice. We'll focus on breath awareness, supported standing and seated poses using chairs, and we will avoid getting down on the floor. Bring a yoga mat and yoga block

Line Dance Lessons with Pat Barshenski

Thursdays, October 4 - November 15 at 7pm at the Shutesbury Athletic Club (no class October 18). Free, fun weekly line dance classes! Drop-in. No experience necessary.

The Library has other programs planned for this fall including craft classes, book clubs, and programs for children. Visit our website often to learn about what is happening.



Museum passes

Thanks to support from the Friends of the M.N.Spear Memorial Library and collaboration with the Shutesbury Cultural Council, our museum pass collection has grown. All Shutesbury library cardholders can borrow these passes. They are all available on a first come, first served basis. Our current collection of passes includes the following:

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center

Loan period: Seven days
Admits: All members of one household.

Children's Museum at Holyoke

Loan period: Three days
Half off regular admission for up to six people.

The Clark Art Institute Pass

Loan period: Three days
Admits: One adult

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

Loan period: Three days
Admits: Two adults and four children

Historic Deerfield

Loan period: Seven days
Admits: Four people

MASS MOCA

Loan period: Three days
Admits: Two adults and two children

Mass Parks

Loan period: Seven days
Provides parking for one car at Massachusetts State Parks

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

One pass per adult patron per visit
Each pass provides admission for two visitors for \$10 each

Springfield Museums

Loan period: Seven days
Admits up to four people

Are you on the official Town email list?

Shutesbury has a mailing list for the distribution of town announcements and information from town committees. To sign up, [click here for the simple form](#), or send an email to web@shutesbury.org

This is a low-volume list, typically no more than two or three messages per week.



Nextdoor Shutesbury

Join "Nextdoor Shutesbury," the *non-municipal* website and email communication system for Shutesbury residents.

This is a virtual town bulletin board, where people exchange timely information. It offers two-way communication, which the official town systems do not. You can buy, sell, seek or recommend service providers, post notices about pets lost (and found!), discuss and share news and information 24/7.



You can choose to receive email notifications of every posting, or just a "daily digest" list of current postings.

Google "shutesburyma nextdoor" and choose "sign up" to start receiving and sharing info with more than 860 Shutesbury residents, representing 56% of our 957 households, and optionally, to reach out to an additional 1,800 Nextdoor neighbors in adjoining neighborhoods in Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Wendell. You must be a town resident or property owner to join.

If you have problems signing up, email Paul Vlach, a Nextdoor "Lead," at vlach@admin.umass.edu for help.

Grand opening for Village Neighbors October 14!

Village Neighbors, a non-profit volunteer organization to help elders in Shutesbury, Leverett, New Salem and Wendell age in place, will hold its Grand Opening Party on October 14, 2018, at the Shutesbury Athletic Club from 4 to 8pm. The event, free to residents of the four towns, will include dinner, raffles, promotional gifts and oldies music.

RSVP to prvillage@gmail.com or 413-345-6894 to be entered in the raffle and to request a song from the DJ.

Suggestions for additions to a vendors list (carpenters, house cleaners, appliance repairers, etc.) will be collected at the event for seniors who need paid services.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or a member wishing to request services, or are just curious about the organization, please come and celebrate the culmination of two years of planning and the roll-out of the Village Neighbors benefits.

Visit us at our Village Neighbors booth at Celebrate Shutesbury and at www.villageneighbors.org

More information from the Village Neighbors website:

A Village Neighbors member is at least 60 years old from one of the participating towns of Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury, or Wendell. Each member defines what they need to help them stay in their home.



We invite you into a village community that supports each member as a helpful neighbor or family might do.

Each member is encouraged to volunteer as they are able, to promote their active engagement in their community.



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