



The GAZETTE

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

JULY 2016

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Office closed on Mon, July 4th

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ABSENTEE / EARLY BALLOTS

Ballots are now available for early voting for the August Primary. Any voter can now vote early between now and the Primary by voting at the town office, having a ballot mailed to you, or by picking up a ballot at the town office to be voted at home. If you have any questions, please call the office – 453-2639.

Residents who are not already on the Starksboro voter checklist and wish to do so in time for the August Primary, should fill out an application and submit it to the town clerk no later than August 3rd by 5:00 p.m. It is always better to do this earlier rather than at the last minute. If you are not sure whether or not you are already on the checklist, you can check with the town office.

August Primary – **AUGUST 9TH** – at the Robinson School. Polls open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We will be using the tabulator.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org

The First Baptist Church of Starksboro, 2806 VT Route 116. Church phone 453.5577. Pastor Larry Detweiler, 802.434.6715 (home), 802.989.2679 (cell) or revdets@gmail.com.

Pastor Larry will be starting a 10 week study leave to complete the fourth & final semester in the VT hospital chaplaincy program. Beginning Sun, May 29 and continuing for 10 Sunday's Pastor Larry will lead the worship service but will not be responsible for delivering a sermon. Other ministers and layperson's have volunteered to present the message during Larry's ten weeks of study and professional development.

Sunday Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew and Renew, adult bible study and fellowship group meets
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday's Cool youth bible study and fellowship group meets (grades K-6)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion on 1st Sunday of every month
- 2:30 p.m. Share-on, community food distribution

STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL, served at 11:30 monthly on the 4th Thursday, January-October. Meal held in the Community Room of the Church, 2806 VT 116. Donations to defray costs are gladly accepted. Senior meal information and contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354 or mtgazette@earthlink.net

Youth ministries information and contact Roberta McKinney, Kidsrme7316@gmail.com, 802.922.1766.

JERUSALEM GATHERING: a congregation in the Episcopal tradition that has services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 9:30 am. We meet in the Jerusalem Schoolhouse, 397 Jerusalem Rd, in South Starksboro. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Vickie Backus – 434-6488.

SOUTH STARKSBORO FRIENDS MEETING: Singing every Sunday at 9 am, meeting for worship at 9:30 am at the Meeting House located at 430 Dan Sargent Rd. Call 453-4927 for details.

BONEBUILDERS EXERCISE CLASSES: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. This class is to help prevent osteoporosis. Questions? Call Susan at 453-5537.

TAI CHI CLASS: Every Thursday at 9:30 am at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. This class is for those that already know Tai Chi for Arthritis 1 & 2. Questions? Call Vera at 453-3597.

"Share On..."

Greetings Starksboro friends and neighbors,

There is an opportunity for you to enjoy the benefits of our local food distribution. Every Sunday @ 2:30pm the doors open at Starksboro First Baptist Church for folks to come "shopping" for free fresh, organic produce, dairy and meat. Trader Joes and Panera Bread are our main contributors. The amount and variety of food items change weekly which always keeps us curious. Please join the many local families that benefit from this blessing. Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

"Boy's Only" Campout

Event: Jul 15, 2016, 3:00 PM to 11:00 AM, Jul 16, 2016

Another year for bugs, bass fishing, a beastly BBQ and bon-fires at our 5th "Boys Only" Camp-out held July 15th/16th at the Russell Pond. Bring your boots, bait, sleeping bags and bug spray. Schedule of events may include swimming, fishing, and their favorite... "tough boy" competitions! There is always plenty to eat at our BBQ buffet. Then it's all-in sports 'till dusk. Followed by the now stinky-sweaty boys-s'more-stuffing-sing-a-long-star-starring-scary-story telling-before they slumber time. Bacon & eggs cooked over an open-fire gets them up and ready for activities and free choice time before they pack-it-up to be picked up BY 11am. Registration begins June 3rd. Free, as always well supervised certified life guard on duty. Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com

Hiking On Kilimanjaro

Event: Aug 8, 2016, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Aug 12, 2016

Strap on your hiking boots and dust off your walking stick, as this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) goes hiking up Kilimanjaro! Program's run August 8th-12th from 9am-noon then the Adventure Camp kick's it up a notch as even more Starksboro community volunteers get into action sharing their crafts, artistry and professional skills daily from 1pm-5pm.

Preschool through 6th grade registration starts soon. 7th grade and up volunteers needed as Jr. Helpers. High School students earn your required Community Service Credits, Adults sign up for a block (or two) of time as "many hands make for a lot of fun (and safety)!"

As always ALL events, meals & materials are free! Come be a part of Starksboro's largest community volunteer event! (over 97 participants daily last year!) An organizational meeting will be held June 20th @7pm at 11 Parsonage Rd.

Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all who donated and helped out with the Starksboro Fire Auxiliary's Memorial Day coin drop. \$2482 was collected.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: Our annual Flea Market in early June was quite a success...we raised nearly \$900. The money will be used for some much needed interior improvements: painting, refinishing the hardwood floors and caulking the windows. THANK YOU to all that donated items for the sale and to all that came and shopped! We have been fortunate to have so many generous donations and buying customers each year. HUGE thanks to Norma Corse, Barb Farr, Barbara Weightman and Alan Quittner for the many hours they helped at the schoolhouse either during donation times, the actual sale, or when we were boxing up the leftover items -- we appreciate the time you spent with us. Also, THANKS to the Bedards and the folks at the The Day Stampede for the use of the tents and for picking up the leftovers to have at the Stampede later in July. This sale is a community effort and we are thankful for all the support.

And now for another wonderful memory of time spent at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. This memory is from Nathan Shepard who grew up on Robert Young Road and was a part of The Green Mountaineers 4-H Club. After adventures in other places, Nate returned to the land he grew up on, built a house, and enjoys sharing his love of South Starksboro with his wife.

Up South, we don't get out much
But, when you're around
We have a good time.

My grandmother told me that once as she was preparing food in the house that both she and I grew up in. She attended her first eight years of schooling at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. I attended three years of preschool and spent at least six as a member of the Green Mountaineers 4-H Club. The Jerusalem Schoolhouse represents community and continuity for me.

If the Jerusalem Corners Country Store is the center, then the Jerusalem Schoolhouse is the heart of South Starksboro. There were many front porch forums on those concrete steps when bicycles limited the distance friends and I could travel.

What I remember most fondly about 4-H, was that it was our parents and neighbors that were teaching us all those great skills through activities. Many things I still enjoy today began at 4-H, such as gardening, hiking, biking, canoeing, and apple tree pruning. Other things only experienced through 4-H were the bike-a-thon, wood duck boxes, Downer 4-H camp, and a feeling of pride from our Field Days blue ribbon dominance! I

pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Many things have radiated directly out of our Green Mountaineers 4-H club: lifetime friendships, an appreciation for our place in this world, and most importantly, an understanding that we have the ability and capacity to create the things that we want and need.

Living between
The Starks and Abraham
4-H brought us together.

THANK YOU Nate for sharing these memories with us! Check out the August Gazette for another Jerusalem Schoolhouse memory!

LIFE'S HELPERS INC. is having a craft fair/flea market on Saturday, July 16 at the Hinesburg Fire Dept. from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. This event will benefit the Hinesburg Fire Dept. Come and check us out and support the Fire Dept.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for July 2016

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-1

Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - starksboropl@comcast.net

The library will be closed for the Fourth of July which falls on Monday

Summer Reading Program at your public library – On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!

Come in and sign up for summer reading fun. We have a free door hanger for each young reader! We can help with the Robinson School Summer Reading Challenge – read 14 different types of books this summer and get special library privileges when school starts. Need a good joke book, fairy tale, art book? If the one you want isn't here, we can get it from another library in our network within a week. Also, turn in your READ Book Wagon logs at the library!

@ Bristol's Holley Hall – Thursday, July 14, 3pm.

Summer Encore Theatre: Look out Olympics, Here Comes Zeus!

This year Summer Encore introduces a story that includes the Olympics and the Greek Gods descending for good or evil upon the games. This troupe, a group of students in grades 7-12, will invite audience participation and hand out Olympic keepsakes. Sponsored by Starksboro Public Library in partnership with the Lincoln Library and Lawrence Memorial Library.

Squishy Circuits - Thursday, July 21, 10:30-12 noon at our library

A program from Vermont Libraries and Makers: Spark a Culture of Innovation
Curious kids between ages 6-11 will build playful and colorful sculptures using conductive play dough.

Just some of the new materials in the library – call us to put one on hold for you:

Landline - Rainbow Rowell, author of YA title *Eleanor & Park*

Everyone Brave is Forgiven - Chris Cleave (large print)

Wildflowers of New England - Ted Elliman & NEWFS

Barkskins – Annie Proulx

Magic Treehouse books 1-8 (Audiobook on CD)

Valiant Ambition – Nathaniel Philbrick

An Abundance of Katherines – John Green (YA)

For new readers: *Biscuit Plays Ball*, *Pete the Cat's Big Lunch*, *Pinkalicious – Soccer Star*, *Futbol/Soccer*, *Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana*, *Play Ball*, *Amelia Bedelia*.

Knit/Fiber Arts meets this month on **Saturday, June 11th** at **10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, quilting, rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc. Coffee, tea and chai from the Keurig is always available for \$1.00 per cup (half & half is in the frig.).

RSVP Bone Builders meets all through the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30. Every class is taught by trained leaders and is designed to keep bones and strong and prevent osteoporosis. All equipment provided. Newcomers always welcome!

It's that free pass time of year – VT State Parks – Historic Sites – Shelburne Museum – call for info!

ADVERTISEMENTS

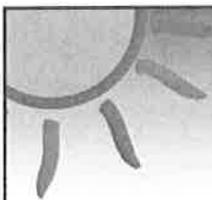
Think beautiful and Vermont different gifts; handmade locally. Now available at Art on Main, 25 Main St, Bristol

Jude Bryant – Pottery

Ellen Spring – Scarves, unusual children's tees, felted pins

Cynthia Kling – Prints & cards of Starksboro and Little People ornaments

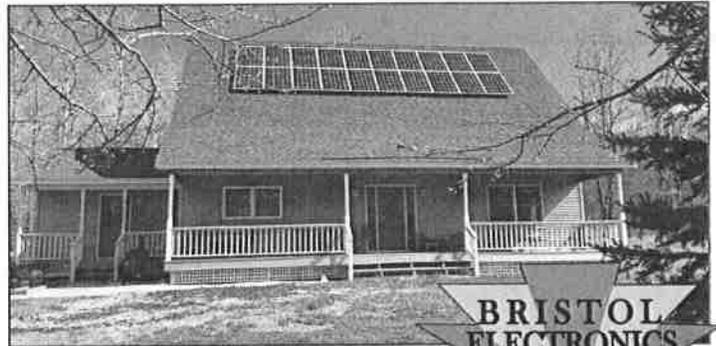
Also by appointment or when open at our studios.



South Starksboro, VT Homeowner Recommends Bristol Electronics

Bristol Electronics installed our 20 panels quickly, efficiently, courteously and just the way we wanted them. Our roof is a difficult one due to our post-and-beam construction, but nevertheless, the crew was friendly, informative and just great people. Then even in the cloud cover, we began immediately to generate electricity! Furthermore (and most importantly for others deciding to install solar), the price was fair, competitive and honest. If we had another home, I'd want them to put the solar panels on that one, too! We recommend solar and Bristol Electronics without reservation!

Lawrence & Cynthia Jones ~ South Starksboro



802 . 453 . 2500
BristolElectronicsVT.com
FREE SITE EVALUATIONS

The **GAZETTE** is published monthly and mailed to all Starksboro residents. Articles and advertisements must be submitted by the **15th of each month** to the Town Clerk. If the 15th falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, than it is due the following Monday by **NOON**. **Anything not received by the 15th will not be included in the Gazette.**

COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP: WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM
TOWN WEBSITE: www.starksborovt.org

TOWN OFFICE: 453-2639
Open Mon – Thu, 8:30 – 4:30
Town Clerk: Cheryl Estey starksboro@madriver.com
Treasurer: Celine Coon starksborotowntreasurer@qmavt.net
Zoning Administrator: Dave Wetmore starksborozoning@qmavt.net
(Hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:30 – 4:30)
Del. Tax Collector: Amy McCormick-Tues & Thurs @ 453-2639
starksborotaxes@gmail.com

SELECT BOARD
Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 at Town Office.
Please call at least one week in advance to get on the agenda.
Susan Jefferies – 453-3611
Peter Marsh – 453-3478
Tony Porter – 989-5096

SCHOOL BOARD
3rd Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.
Louis DuPont – 453-5538
Nancy Cornell – 453-2681
Caleb Elder – 434-4805

Mt. Abe: *Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library.*
Bonita Bedard – 453-4305
Jodi Bachand – 434-5336
Supervisory Board – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

LIBRARY: 453-3732
Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-1
Library Board meetings 2nd Monday @ 4:30 pm at Library

REPRESENTATIVES
Fred Baser – 453-4391
David Sharpe – 453-2754 / dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us

NEW POST OFFICE HOURS:
Mon – Fri, 7:30 – 11:30; 12:30 – 2:30
Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00
Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:
Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

CONSTABLES:
1st Constable – George Wyckoff – 989-4538

FIRE WARDENS: Please call ahead for burn permits.
Tom Estey-453-4511, 453-2319, or Tony Porter-989-5096

PLANNING COMMISSION:
Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Town Office
Development Review Board meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Matt Witten-434-3236 or mwitten@qmavt.net or Jan McCleery-453-3755 or mccleery@norwich.edu. Meetings: 4th Monday @ 7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

HEALTH OFFICER: Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Charlene Phelps
453-3461

RECYCLING: 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 8-11 am at Town Garage,
1686 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$4.50/bag. Recycling – by donation

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:
www.bristolskatepark.com
Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / thehub@qmavt.net

STARКСBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-5200
Meetings: 3rd Wed of March, June, Sept and Dec at 7:30 pm
at the Starksboro Public Library

SENATORS
Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / cayer@leg.state.vt.us
Chris Bray – 453-3444 / cbray@leg.state.vt.us

NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays