



# The GAZETTE

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>TH</sup>** – at the Robinson School. Polls open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We will be using the tabulator.

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A BIG thanks to Pete Bissonette for putting up our flags on the poles in Starksboro Village. We really appreciate it! Great job, Pete.



# WORSHIP SERVICES

**The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:** [www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org](http://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](mailto: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. Worship service with communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month  
2:30 p.m. Share-on, community food distribution

**STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL**, served at 11:30 monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mtgazette@earthlink.net)

Youth ministries information and contact Roberta McKinney, [Kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:Kidsrme7316@gmail.com), 802.922.1766.

**JERUSALEM GATHERING:** a congregation in the Episcopal tradition that has services on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## A Celebration of Community

### A Sunday Social, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Starksboro

2:30-4:00 – Share-on at church and open house at the Library & Village Meeting House

2:30-4:00 p.m. Concurrent activities at Town's Fire House, Garage and Cota Field

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. FREE picnic supper at Cota Field Pavilion

Pack up the family and your lawn chairs and head on down to the village to join your neighbors for a late afternoon of activities followed by a **FREE** picnic supper. Food & beverages will be provided by a team of individuals representing Starksboro's volunteer organizations. Participants are welcome to "pitch-in" by bringing non-alcoholic beverages or food items to share although the co-hosts plan to provide an adequate supply of food and beverages. Please, no pets; celebration to be held rain or shine.

**2:30-3:30 -Share-On** food distribution at the Church; items donated by Panera Bread & Trader Joe's.

**2:30-4:00 - Starksboro Public Library & Village Meeting House** open for an hour of reading, storytelling\*, viewing artwork, listening to music and an arm chair tour highlighting the significant architectural features of buildings in the Historic Village District.

**2:30-4:00 - Activity Time** (all activities are FREE and run concurrently at locations indicated)

- Open house at Fire Station & Town Garage- climb on fire trucks & ambulance
- Guided walk on the Creekside Loop Trail at Cota Field
- Intergenerational pick-up sports, soccer, softball and volleyball- Cota Field
- Lawn games - Cota Field
- Face Painting- Cota Field

**4:30** Activities held away from sports field **end** so participants can travel to the pavilion at Cota Field

\*Storytelling theme- summer vacations (Stories 6 mins or less, true, and told, not read)

**5:00-6:00-Picnic supper** in the pavilion area of Cota Field

**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](mailto: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 @ 7 pm at 11 Parsonage Rd.

Contact Roberta: [kidsrme7316@gmail.com](mailto:kidsrme7316@gmail.com).

## LIFE'S HELPERS INC

is having a Craft Fair / Flea Market

Saturday, August 20

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Hinesburg Fire Dept.

We are still looking for a few vendors, so if you are interested call: Penny 434-6053

## **FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:**

We are planning to do interior painting at the schoolhouse on Sept. 2nd and 3rd. We would love for you to come and help if you have some time and love to paint! We will paint from 9:00am-4:00pm on Friday, Sept 2nd and start in at 9:00am on Saturday, the 3rd and hopefully finish the project up before 4:00pm. Please let us know if you are planning to help as we want to have enough painting supplies on hand for whoever can come...and we will provide lunch for all workers! Call Nancy at 453-4573 if you want to help...leave a message if no one is home, including your name, contact info and which day/time you plan to be there. Thank you!

**PLANNING AHEAD:** Mark your calendars now for the Annual Hunter/Early Bird Breakfasts in November...these breakfasts will be held on Nov. 12, 19, and 26th...As always, it will be "all you care to eat" with good stuff like eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes with real Vermont Maple Syrup, homefries, sausage gravy & biscuits, etc...More details will come in the months ahead but put it on your calendars now!

We hope you have been enjoying the memories that have been shared by many that have a connection to the schoolhouse. This month we have a collection of memories from another former Green Mountaineers 4-H member: Betsy Orvis. Betsy grew up on Jim Dwire Road in South Starksboro and now lives in Hinesburg with her husband and two children, Leo and Maria. Betsy's love of rural Vermont life was formed during her childhood years with 4-H being a factor in what she loves today...growing things in the dirt (!), tending goats & laying hens, raising meat birds, and living off the land.

"I have many fond memories of being in 4-H...a few that stand out:

~~learning to read a compass from Rodney Orvis with the conservation group in the orchard behind the Shepard's house

~~going to Burlington to choose the fabric for our many sewing projects; and learning to hem and stitch from Christie Sumner and Nancy Orvis

~~spending a week at the infamous Camp Downer with Missy Atkins, Erin James and Alyssa Leach!

~~the meetings, and especially afterward, running around outside the schoolhouse in the dark

~~growing a 4-H garden every summer and trying to keep it weeded and looking nice for when Linda Barnard came to inspect! One year I won a shiny new hoe for my efforts...4-H definitely began a lifelong love of gardening for me.

~~the wooden gavel that was used at our meetings to "bring the meeting to order"...it was special to me because it was made by my Grandpa, Roger Orvis

4-H was special because it brought the old and the young together in the community. Because so many of our parents were involved, we got to learn from them through the ways that they shared their special interests and talents. It was such a successful group because of their dedication, and we all had so much fun! I certainly didn't realize it then, but looking back I am really grateful for the way 4-H brought the generations together...especially through our friendships with our adopted grandparents and doing community service work for the elderly. As children we have much to learn from our elders, and 4-H really fostered that in our community. Even the way that the club was set up, so that it included so many ages of kids...we all got to be together, younger kids with older kids -- something that isn't seen as much anymore in extra curricular groups. 4-H was awesome, and I feel fortunate that it was part of my young life!"

**THANK YOU** Betsy for sharing some memories you have of 4-H, the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and the fun of being a part of this community. Summer is flying by...be sure to look for another schoolhouse memory in the September Gazette!

## **Starksboro Public Library**

**Monthly News for August 2016**

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

Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian, 453-3732 - [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

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

Come in and sign up for summer reading fun – crawl into the reading cave and get a free door hanger for quiet reading at home! Turn in your READ Book Wagon logs at the library for a prize.

### **It's that free entrance pass time of year – The library has free passes to:**

Shelburne Museum – Free for 2 adults & 4 children, now open year-round.

NEW - Shelburne Farms Farmyard and walking trails – Free for 2 adults plus children.

Vermont Historic Sites (Chimney Point, Bennington Battle Monument, more) Free for 8.

Vermont State Parks – Free for 8 people in one vehicle.

ECHO in Burlington - discounted admission for 4.

Call to reserve or for more information, ideas, directions, and maps.

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

*When Johnny came marching Home* by William Heffernan (formerly of Huntington)

*Hideaway* by Iris Johansen

*H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald (10 best books of 2015, New York Times)

*Hamilton, the revolution* by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter

*Vinegar Girl* by Ann Tyler (a new version of Taming of the Shrew)

*Murder at Lambswool Farm* by Goldenbaum

*Tourist Season* short stories by Enid Shomer

*Scary stories to tell in the dark* by Schwartz – J Fiction

*Trials of Apollo* by Rick Riordan - YA

More of the popular *Thea Stilton* titles – middle grades

*Lafayette in the somewhat united US* by Sarah Vowell (quirky non-fiction!)

For new readers: LEGO Superheroes and Nexo Knights

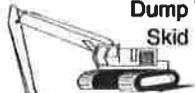
AND many new audiobooks! *God help the Child* – T. Morrison, *All in* by S. Ahrnstedt

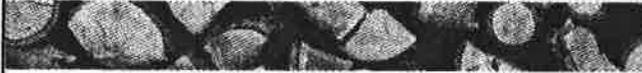
**Knit/Fiber Arts** meets this month on **Saturdays, August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Bring your project and enjoy visiting with other crafty, creative people. Coffee, tea and chai from the Keurig is always available for \$1.00 per cup (half & half is in the frig.).

**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 muscles strong and prevent osteoporosis. All equipment provided. Newcomers always welcome!

**Dorothy Canfield Fisher books on summer loan from Robinson School – thanks to Librarian Mary!**

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**Town Clerk:** Cheryl Estey [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com)

**Treasurer:** Celine Coon [starksborotowntreasurer@qmavt.net](mailto:starksborotowntreasurer@qmavt.net)

**Zoning Administrator:** Dave Wetmore [starksborozoning@qmavt.net](mailto: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](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

**SELECT BOARD**

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

**Mt. Abe:** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 4:30 pm at Library

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Fred Baser – 453-4391

David Sharpe – 453-2754 / [dsharpe@leg.state.vt.us](mailto: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:**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** Matt Witten-434-3236 or

[mwitten@qmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@qmavt.net) or Jan McCleery-453-3755 or

[mccleery@norwich.edu](mailto:mccleery@norwich.edu). Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

**HEALTH OFFICER:** Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** Charlene Phelps

453-3461

**RECYCLING:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.bristolskatepark.com)

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / [thehub@qmavt.net](mailto:thehub@qmavt.net)

**STARSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-5200**

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cayer@leg.state.vt.us)

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / [cbray@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:cbray@leg.state.vt.us)

**NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st**

**Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays**

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