



The GAZETTE

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

JANUARY 2016

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& January 18th

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TOWN MEETING NEWS

A reminder that submissions for the Town Report are due by the end of December. If your organization usually asks for town appropriation, a letter of request is due to the Selectboard before the end of December. They also need a one page write up and budget report for inclusion in the town report.

Petitions for town and school offices are due to the town clerk by January 25th. Thirteen signatures are needed.

Petitions to be included on this year's Warning are due to the Selectboard no later than January 14th. Sixty-five signatures are required for these.

Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 27th** at 9:00 a.m. at the **Robinson Elementary School**.

Tuesday, March 1 is voting by Australian Ballot at the Robinson Elementary School. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We vote on the Hannaford Career Center budget, Town and School Officers, and the Mt. Abe budget on this day. Voters may also vote by Absentee Ballot if they are not able to attend on this day.

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.

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
- 2:00 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.



Where's the snow?

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: The annual Caroling Party at the Schoolhouse on Dec. 13th was tons of fun...lots of people singing, visiting, and enjoying refreshments...and then, Santa arrived! The children told him what they were hoping for this Christmas and he assured them that they would not be disappointed! Sure put some pressure on their parents! 😊 Thank you to all that contributed refreshments and to Faye Leavitt for leading us in singing carols with her beautiful piano playing. It was a fun afternoon with neighbors.

And now for another FUN schoolhouse memory..."We would watch for Betty Norris, who drove the school bus, which was some kind of Chevy Suburban type vehicle. The second we would see her careening around the corner by the Yuhas' house with dust flying, someone would yell out 'Here comes Betty', and then slam-bang, it was the signal, and we all jumped up, put our chairs bottom side up on the desks, and ran out the door, so she wouldn't have to wait for any kids. And then, of course, us "local kids" walked home. "

This memory has come from Maxx Farr's storehouse of memories of her elementary school days at the one room Jerusalem Schoolhouse! Stay tuned for another memory next month.



Treasurer's Reminder:

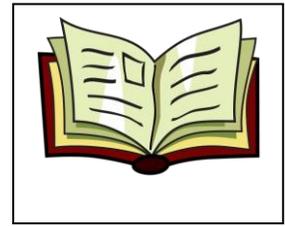
Don't forget to file your **Homestead Declaration** when you file your taxes. There is a hefty fine if you fail to do this.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for January 2016

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

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



The Library will be closed Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Happy New Year!

An Herbal Approach to Seeking Balance Amid Stress: Tuesday, January 19th 7pm

An overview of the role of herbs in dealing with stress: herb categories, specific herbs, and which ones can be grown in our Vermont gardens. We can all use this workshop! Session taught by Marguerite Gregory of Spring Mountain Herbs of Vermont.

Book Group: Date to be announced on Front Porch Forum & Facebook

This month the book group is reading “La Tour Dreams of the Wolf Girl”, a novel by Vermont author David Huddle. Art history professor Suzanne Nelson escapes her failing marriage by withdrawing into the fertile world of her imagination, inventing La Tour's final painting sessions with a lovely young village girl named Vivienne. In the author's skillful hands, the intertwined tales become "a luminous portrait of two worlds . . . part historical novel and part sharp-sighted study of domestic strife" (Boston Globe).

New full length unabridged audio books in the library! “Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande, “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr; “Nation” by Terry Pratchett; “The Lord God Made Them All” by James Herriot and more. Great for commuting! We could use more children’s audio books for the collection if there are any unwanted ones at your house.....

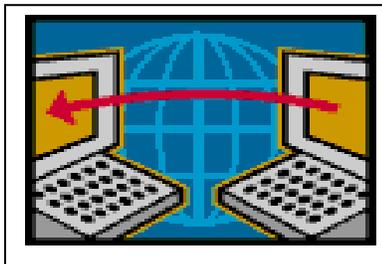
Preschool Story Time: alternates between Monday and Thursday, depending on the week. Any children and their adults are very welcome to join in our singing, dancing and reading fun time. This month, join us on **Mondays, January 4th and 18th and Thursdays, January 14th and 28th at 11am.**

Knit/Fiber Arts meets this month on **Saturdays, January 9th and 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** Inspired by all those craft fairs? Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, quilting, rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc. There is usually an experienced knitter in residence to answer questions or offer advice.

Download e-books and audio books on your device (Kindle, iPad, other tablets) FREE via the library’s membership in Listen Up Vermont. You’ll need a library card on the new system and log-in instructions. Come in and see us for a simple cheat sheet. E-book usage has been increasing steadily – join your neighbors in using this free service.

RSVP Bone Builders: **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30** at the library. Friendly group! All ages. Prevents and Reverses Osteoporosis • Improves Balance • Enhances Energy and Well-Being!

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at your public library!

ADVERTISEMENTS

Dennis Casey

Firewood for Sale – 373-4403 or 453-4054

Snowplowing available – 373-4403 or 355-0085

**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.



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.

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@gmavt.net

Zoning Administrator: Dave Wetmore starksborozoning@gmavt.net

(office hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:00 – 4:30)

Del. Tax Collector: Amy McCormick-Tues & Wed @ 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

Mathew Norris – 453-3273

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 @ 7 pm at Library

STARSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-5200

Meetings 3rd Wed. of March, June, Sept, and Dec at 7:30 pm

at the Starksboro Public 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

Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

CONSTABLES:

2nd Constable – George Wyckoff – 989-4538

FIRE WARDENS: Please call ahead for burn permits

Tom Estey – 453-4511 or Tony Porter – 989-5096

PLANNING COMMISSION: 453-4054

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Matt Witten (434-3236 or

mwitten@gmavt.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 fees by quantity.

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

www.bristol skatepark.com

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / thehub@gmavt.net

SENATORS

Claire Ayer – 545-2142 / cayer@leg.state.vt.us

Chris Bray – 453-3444 / cbray@leg.state.vt.us

Food Shelf Hours: 10:30 am – 6:00 pm every Wednesday,
(except the first Wednesday of each month).

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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