



The GAZETTE

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JULY 2015

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RECYCLING CANCELLED FOR JULY 4th

Due to the 4th of July holiday, there will be no Recycling on the first Saturday in July. The next day of recycling will be July 18th.

TOWN GARAGE BOND VOTE RESULTS

The bond vote for a new Town Garage passed on May 26th, with 179 voters turning out. Results were: IN FAVOR – 159, OPPOSED – 20.

RESULTS OF MT. ABE BUDGET MOST RECENT VOTE

The Mt. Abe budget passed at the last vote held on June 9th. Results were YES – 852, NO – 597. Starksboro had 200 voters cast ballots.

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.

* Mark your calendar for **Vacation Bible School & Adventure Camp**. A week of (free) activities are available for kids ages K-6th. Tweens & Teens are invited to spend a week (or any portion of) their summer having fun and gaining valuable experience as volunteers. Snacks and lunch included for all participants. This VBS/Camp is one of Starksboro's biggest kid & community volunteer events. It's pure fun, it's free and inspiring. Registrations forms will be available soon. Please consider being a part of our annual summer program where folks gather together to "make a difference" here in Starksboro. Crafters, Entertainers and caring folks are invited to sign up for a 1-2hr block between 1pm-3pm, to share their skills and talents any afternoon. VBS runs 9-noon, Adventure Camp from noon-5pm August 10th-14th, 2015.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: Thank you to all that donated items and/or came to shop at the annual flea market at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. We had so many wonderful donations and cleared just over \$1,100. Special thanks to Norma Corse, Barbara Weightman, and Barb Farr -- they spent many hours helping the JSH committee pull this sale off! Huge thanks go to David Bedard and his Stampede crew for allowing us to use 2 nice tents during our sale and for coming to collect the unsold merchandise for the upcoming Stampede. We appreciate everyone's help so much. Our renovation fund has been boosted substantially because of your continued support!

And, now, here goes...another Jerusalem Schoolhouse memory...

" I honed my love for baseball out on the playground. We made up our own quirky rules such as if you hit 3 foul balls you were automatically out! This would speed up the game.

In the fall, far left field might either have a corn field, tall hay or cows behind an electric fence. It was our "field of dreams".

One challenge was a ball hit in the tall grass needed to be found. We would go and lay down, end to end, and roll until someone rolled over it! Then the game could go on!

Right field had a "short porch" with the chain linked fence separating the road (our "warning track") with the cemetery. Many home runs and ground rule doubles ended up in the cemetery causing the game to be delayed by having to retrieve our only baseball. It was decided that we needed to create a new position by stationing a player in the cemetery or " bone yard" as it was labeled! Carlie Thompson became our first "bone yard fielder". Occasionally he would get bored with this assignment so we decided to change the rules and allowed him to have a time at bat for both teams. It would be like "Big Papi" hitting for both the Red Sox and the Yankees in a game.

We would milk every minute of our recess and lunch time playing ball...and with our own rules to speed up the game, we often could, in the words of Ernie Banks " it's a beautiful day for baseball, let's play two"!

This memory came from Greg Orvis' extensive storehouse of memories of his years attending the little one room schoolhouse on Jerusalem Road. Greg has always called South Starksboro home. He and his wife, Nancy, continue to live on Jim Dwire Road.

Stay tuned for another great memory next month!

CRAFT FAIR / FLEA MARKET / TOY DRIVE

Life's Helpers Inc is having a Craft Fair / Flea Market & Toy Drive to benefit WomenSafe of Middlebury Saturday, July 11th, at the Starksboro Fire Dept from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Please bring a new unwrapped toy (if you can) for WomenSafe. They can also use your old cell phones. Come check out the varieties of vendors that we have and support a great cause. There will also be a raffle. If you have questions call: Phyllis 802-434-2559 or Penny at 802-434-6053.

2015/16 TAX BILLS:

The 2015/16 tax bills will be out mid-July. If you do not receive your bill by the end of July, please call the office. Taxes will be due in full on or before November 2, 2015.

STARКСBORO REAPPRAISAL CONTINUES:

We are still in the process of reappraising the entire town. You may find notices left on your doorstep. The reappraisal will be completed next year in time for the new tax bills. There will be a grievance period once all of the work is complete and you have been notified of your new assessments. The new values will not be available to us before next year.

UNLICENSED DOGS:

If you have dogs that are still not licensed with the town, please plan to get this done before the end of the month. The list of unlicensed dogs will then be turned over to the Selectboard and Animal Control Officer. We will also be doing a Dog Census this year. Make sure your dog is vaccinated against rabies and licensed with the town in order to avoid further penalties.

Starksboro Public Library

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

Catherine Goldsmith - Librarian -- 453-3732 -- starksboropl@comcast.net --
starksborolibrary.wordpress.com

Welcome to our new librarian, Catherine Goldsmith!!

Stop by to welcome Catherine to our community. She lives in Hinesburg with her husband and 3 children. Catherine brings her enthusiasm, MLS, & library experience to take our library forward. You might have seen her working at the Williston, South Burlington, or Shelburne libraries. She will take over the reins July 1st. Nancy will continue in her current role, providing her wisdom and support to our library patrons.

New Library Cards— WE NEED YOU! Please stop by the Library to sign up for your new library card. If you do, you'll be able to access our catalog on-line. Call or email us with questions.

Summer fun for Kids: Help kick-off our summer program "*Every Hero has a Story*" with **Michael Caduto**, at **Wednesday, July 15th at 2:00 at HOLLEY HALL, in Bristol**. Once again, we are collaborating with Lincoln and Bristol to bring this great program to area families with help from the VT Department of Libraries.

Passport to Libraries: Starksboro will participate in the *Passport to Libraries* program which runs from *June 1-September 1, 2015*. A map of participating libraries can be found at <http://www.vermontlibraries.org/passport/>. Modeled on the 251 Club <http://www.vt251.com/>, this program encourages exploring as many fabulous Vermont libraries as you can over the summer: visit the most libraries, get your passport stamped and win a prize! Pick up your passport (and new bar-coded library card) at the library after June 22.

Story Time for Infants & Toddlers: **Thursdays, July 2nd and 16th at 10:30.**

This story time, geared to the pre-preschool crowd, has grown into a nice sized group. It is a great chance to get kids and parents/caregivers together. Join us!

Knit/Fiber Arts will meet on **Saturday, July 11th and 25th, @ 10:00 a.m.** All crafters welcomed!

Museum and Park Passes: Be sure to take advantage of our pass to the Echo Museum (reduced rate), and our FREE passes to Historic Sites and State Parks. Call to reserve.

Preschool Story Time & Adult Book Group will take a break until September – look for dates in September newsletter

Robinson Elementary Artworks are decorating our walls and display. Stop by to see the creativity and imaginations of the youth of our community.

Bone Builders: **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30.** Continues through the summer. We have all the equipment you need at the library and trained leaders. You will be glad you did!



Happy 4th !

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

Dennis Hysko – 453-5960

Mt. Abe: Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library.

Bonita Bedard – 453-4305

Jodi Bachand – 434-5336

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.bristolskatepark.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).

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