



# The GAZETTE

**The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro**

OCTOBER 2015

## PROPERTY TAXES DUE, *NOVEMBER 2ND*

A reminder that property taxes are due in full by Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> by 4:30 p.m. There will be no additional weekend hours for payment of taxes. There is a secure lockbox outside the office door, where payments can be left. It is not advisable to leave cash in that box. If you want to pay cash, you **MUST** have the correct change with you. The office does not have enough cash on hand to make change. We do not accept credit cards; however, you can use the checks that come with the credit card. If you mail your payment and want a paid in full receipt, send the entire bill and a postage paid, self-addressed envelope. The bill will be stamped and mailed back to you.

If you are unable to make your tax payment on time, call Amy McCormick, Delinquent Tax Collector, and she can help you work on a payment plan.

As always, if you have any questions regarding your tax bill or State payment, please call Celine Coon, Town Treasurer at 453-2639.

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# 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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month
- 2:00 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.

**Bonebuilders Exercise Classes**: Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am 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.

**“SUNDAY’S COOL”**: If you are looking for an opportunity for your children to learn great stories from the Bible, then come join us at “Sunday’s Cool”. Our program starts at 11:00 a.m. with up-beat music, crafts and lively conversation. As we learn healthy and helpful principles that can be applied to our lives today, we do so by engaging in dramatic play, music, memorization, reading and interactive instruction. Lunch is served around noon, then it’s activity time, which may include cooperative games, outdoor recreation and relevant videos. Occasionally we venture out to enjoy a seasonal fieldtrip. Kids of all ages are invited and encouraged to be part of something “Cool” happening on Sunday’s at First Baptist Church of Starksboro.

Contact Roberta: Kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

## **FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:**

What fun it has been talking with different people that attended the one room Jerusalem Schoolhouse for their elementary school years! Here is a memory from Linda Orvis Barnard that will help you see the long lasting effects of a positive learning environment.

"A memory that has really impacted my life is the spring of our eighth grade (there were three of us in that class), we did a unit on Vermont. We researched and studied all aspects of our state, all the counties, the history and the demographics. Since that time a goal of mine has been to visit all 251 towns and gores in Vermont. Fourteen years ago I started working toward that goal. My husband, Denny, myself and another couple have visited 227 of the towns. Each town we visit brings me back to the eighth grade and that unit. We live in a very special and beautiful state that is deeply enriched with lots of history and wonderful people. I truly believe that unit was a big factor why I chose to come back to Vermont and live."

Linda grew up on Jerusalem Road in South Starksboro ~~ she and Denny raised their family and continue to live on the very same road; enjoying family and friends in the area.

Stay tuned for another memory of the schoolhouse next month ~~ if you were a student of the JSH and would like to submit a memory, please call Nancy Orvis at 453-4573.

Life’s Helpers Inc. is having a **BENEFIT CRAFT FAIR** for the Breast Cancer Foundation. The event will be held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Dept. There will be a bake sale and raffle, along with a lot of great crafters. Come and check it out and support a worthy cause.

## **STARSBORO ANNUAL HAM DINNER ON OCTOBER 24**

The annual ham dinner of the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Starksboro village. The menu features delicious baked ham, vegetables (mashed potatoes, winter squash, and coleslaw), homemade baked beans, rolls, a wide variety of homemade pies baked by some of Starksboro's best pie makers, and beverages.

Tickets for this delicious event, which has been held for about 50 years, are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Family ticket of \$25 for two adults and two children, with additional children at \$3.00 each. Reservations are not needed but if you'd like to reserve seats, call 453-2079 for a seating at 5:00 or 6:00. Take-outs can be accommodated. The venue is on VT Route 116 in Starksboro village.

Please consider coming to support this event and enjoy a great home-cooked meal with your neighbors. The proceeds help us maintain the building. Check out the small silent auction. The Meeting House also will be selling Starksboro woven coverlets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and *Bertha's Book*, the town history. Visit [www.starksboromeetinghouse.org](http://www.starksboromeetinghouse.org).

### **Historical Society Civil War Program**

Mark your calendars for a special Starksboro Civil War program at the Village Meeting House on Thursday, November 5, at 7 PM. Details in the November Gazette. The event marks the 150th anniversary this year of the end of the Civil War.

**Starksboro Public Library**  
**Monthly News for October**

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

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

The Library will be <b>**open**</b> for Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2015
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**From the librarian:** The cooler weather is bringing in some new (to me) faces. If you haven't yet, please stop in and get your new library card and learn more about our new automated system. With this upgrade, you can renew your own books, place holds from home and other cool features. I look forward to meeting you.  
Catherine.

**Special Evening Program:** A movie, *Alone Across Alaska*, will be shown on the big screen in the library on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm. This self-filmed documentary of a solo backpacking trip across 1000 miles of natural beauty and wildlife encounters is the work of Bruce "Buck" Nelson. Nelson is a retired smokejumper (wildland firefighter) and a friend of Gretchen Adsit's smokejumper son. To learn more about Buck and his adventures check out [www.bucktrack.com](http://www.bucktrack.com). We'll provide the popcorn.

**Preschool Story Time:** alternates between **Monday and Thursday, depending on the week**. All are welcome for this group designed for ages 3-5. This month, join us on Mondays October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.

**Story Time and songs for babies and toddlers:** Thursdays, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. The library now has a changing table in the bathroom. Babies are always welcome at the library and wiggling is encouraged.

**Knit/Fiber Arts** meets this month on two **Saturdays, October 3rd and October 24th at 10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, quilting rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc. If your project can fit in your car – we'd love to admire your work and visit with you.

**Bone Builders:** **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30** at the library. Enjoy this supportive group while you keep your bones strong and healthy at any age. We have all the equipment you need and trained leaders. Start anytime, the group is ongoing.

**Mother-Daughter Book Group will start up again in November!**

**FREE passes & discount cards. Passes are loaned out until the next library day and can be reserved by telephone:**

- Shelburne Museum: This new pass is good for free admission for two adults and accompanying children 17 and under. At least one adult member of the group must be a Vermont resident and hold a valid library card. Parts of the museum are now **open year-round**.
- **ECHO:** This pass provides reduced admission of \$4 per person for up to 4 people at the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington. Some special exhibits require an additional admission fee. ECHO is open daily, year-round.

# ADVERTISEMENTS

Dennis Casey

Firewood for Sale – 373-4403 or 453-4054

Snowplowing available – 373-4403 or 355-0085



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COMMUNITY EMAIL GROUP: [WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM](http://WWW.FRONTPORCHFORUM.COM)

TOWN WEBSITE: [www.starksborovt.org](http://www.starksborovt.org)

**TOWN OFFICE:** 453-2639

Open Mon – Thu 8:30 – 4:30

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

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

**Zoning Administrator:** Dave Wetmore [starksborozoning@gmavt.net](mailto: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](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

Mathew Norris – 453-3273

#### SCHOOL BOARD

3rd Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Koran Cousino – 453-4352

**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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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@gmavt.net](mailto:mwitten@gmavt.net)) or Jan McCleery (453-3755 or

[mccleery@norwich.edu](mailto: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:** 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 fees by quantity.

**HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:**

[www.bristolskatepark.com](http://www.bristolskatepark.com)

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

**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)

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

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