



The GAZETTE

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

SEPTEMBER 2015

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS

By now, most everyone has received their property tax bill. If you do not see your homestead information in the box at the upper right corner of the bill, it is possible that you forgot to declare your Homestead. It is not too late. Go on line to: <https://secure.vermont.gov/hd/index>. Some people have not received their State payment. Before that payment comes to the Town, the State will notify you by mail. Their letter will tell you what last year's homestead tax was and show the amount of the payment they are sending. If you did not get a letter on July 2, you may get one on September 1st. We will mail out a new bill, with the State payment, as soon as we get the information from the State.

Property taxes are due in full by Monday the 2nd of November. There will be no additional weekend hours for paying taxes. There is a secure box outside the office door, where payments can be left. It is not advisable to leave cash in that box. If you want to pay with 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.

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

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 8:30am 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: Lots of former students means lots of memories of the good ol' days at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. Here are some fun Halloween memories from Marge Thompson Porter.

"I remember when fall came we would take walks and pick up leaves then Mrs. Wyman would heat wax and we would dip our leaves in it. They were our decorations for our Halloween party. We would all dress up or make masks to wear. We had a large round wash tub in which we would bob for apples."

Thank you Marge for sharing some good memories. Marge and her husband, Paul, raised their family in South Starksboro and continue to live in the farmhouse that Floyd and Sadie Thompson lived in for many years. Marge and Paul have four grandchildren that love time on the family land.

Stay tuned next month for more memories of the "goings on" at the one room schoolhouse.

The Starksboro Democrats will meet for a **Reorganizational Caucus** at 7 pm on Monday, September 21st at the Town Clerk's Office. The purpose of this caucus is to elect a Democratic Town Committee for the next two years. Any Starksboro voter is invited to attend. The first meeting of the newly formed committee will follow immediately after the caucus.

Meeting Agenda

1. Election of Town Committee
2. Election of Officers by the Town Committee
3. Election of County Committee Members
4. New Business

Starksboro Public Library – Monthly News for September

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

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

The Library will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2014

From the librarian: I've enjoyed meeting many residents of Starksboro in my first two months and look forward to meeting many more of you in the fall. I can't wait to hear to hear about your favorite books of the summer. Please come in and let me know your ideas for this wonderful library! (or email your thoughts to the address above). We are trying out a new one-year pass for the Shelburne Museum in response to many requests. Autumn is a beautiful time to visit the grounds and buildings of the museum. Call to reserve or ask about the exhibits there. See you at the library. Best regards, Catherine.

Preschool Story Time: will resume on **Mondays and Thursdays**. More schedule details to come soon.

Story Time and songs for babies and toddlers: Two Thursdays a month at 10:30: this month September 10th and 24th. The library now has a changing table in the bathroom and we have toys. Babies are always welcome at the library!

Knit/Fiber Arts meets this month on **Saturday, September 12th** at **10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others as you work on your projects: knitting, rug-hooking, cross-stitch, etc. If you can transport it – we'd love to see your project and visit with you.

Book Group WILL meet this month but details will have to come later after I speak with current members of the group! New members ALWAYS welcome and we read and discuss many types of books.

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. You will be glad you did!

FREE passes & discount cards:

- **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. The museum is now open year-round.
- **State Park Pass:** This pass is still available for day areas that are still open. The pass provides free entry into any Vermont State Park day areas for up to 8 people in one vehicle. Day use areas are generally open from 10 a.m. to sunset. See the back of the pass for a list of Vermont State Parks, or go to <http://www.vtstateparks.com> for more info.
- **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.

Any member of the Starksboro Public Library who is 18 or older and is in good standing can check out these passes. The State Park Pass requires a \$10 returnable deposit.

BENEFIT CRAFT FAIR / FLEA MARKET:

Life's Helpers Inc is having a benefit Craft Fair / Flea Market on Saturday, September 26th, at the Hinesburg Fire Dept from 9 am – 3 pm. The sale will benefit Life's Helpers Inc, as they are a non-profit and have a storage unit with items for upcoming events for other non-profits. There will be a bake sale, raffle and silent auction. Come check it out; we already have a lot of great vendors lined up.

There are still a few spaces available, so if you're interested in setting up, please call either Penny: 802-434-6053 or Phyllis: 802-434-2559.

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

Koran Cousino – 453-4352

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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