



The GAZETTE

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It's Maple Season!

TOWN MEETING NEWS

Town Meeting will be held on Sat, February 28th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Robinson Elementary School. This is when we vote on the Town and Robinson School budgets from the floor. **Australian Ballot voting** will be held on Tues, March 3, 2015 from 7 to 7 at the Robinson School. We vote on the Mt. Abe budget, Hannaford Career Center budget, and the town and school officers on this day.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be requested until March 2nd.

TOWN REPORTS: Town Reports are now available. You may pick one up at the Town Office, Robinson School, Starksboro Public Library, or the Jerusalem Store. Please call the office if you would like one mailed to you.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

The First Baptist Church of Starksboro, 2806 VT Route 116. Church phone 453.5577. Pastor Larry Detweiler, 802.434.6715 (home), revdets@gmail.com. In emergency situations, phone 802-989-2679.

<http://www.starksborobaptistchurch.org/>

Sunday's Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew & Renew, bible study and adult fellowship

11:00 – 1:00 Sunday's Cool youth bible study and fellowship (grades K-7)

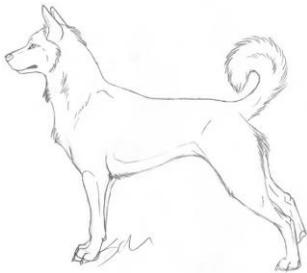
11:00 a.m. Worship service with communion every 1st Sunday

Roberta McKinney, Associate for Youth Ministries Kidsrme7316@gmail.com. Phone: 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

2015 DOG LICENSES: All dogs have to be licensed with the town by April 1st of each year. The new licenses are in, and licensing has begun for this year. A valid up-to-date rabies certificate is required. Puppies do not need to be licensed until they are 6 months old, or when they have their first rabies vaccination (usually around 3 months old). Fees are the same: \$8 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$12 if they are not.



RABIES CLINIC – To be held on Sat, March 21, 2015, at the Starksboro Town Office, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. \$15 per animal – dogs and cats. Randy Ross is the vet. Out-of-towners welcome. You have the option of licensing your dog at the same time.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:

It's been a pretty quiet winter at the schoolhouse...monthly meetings are on hold for right now. We thought it would be fun to offer a memory each month from someone that attended the Jerusalem Schoolhouse during their elementary school years. This month we are featuring a memory written by Robert Norris. Robert was a student at the JSH from 1947-1954. Hope you enjoy this memory of his...

"I recall making a snowball with an ice chunk in it and I threw it at Ted Stokes and hit him in the ear and he bled and when recess was over I hid behind the round stove and wouldn't come out until it was time to go home. I felt bad because Ted was my best friend. I finally got up the nerve (years later) to ask him about it and he didn't even remember it. My family moved to Hinesburg when I was in 6th grade."

Robert now lives in Bristol after farming for 47 ½ years in Shoreham, Vermont.

Stay tuned for another memory next month!

"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

TWEEN SCENE: While the weather outside is frightful, the fun and games inside are delightful! Tween Scene this month will have the kiddos dancing the hula, doing the limbo and trying their surfing skills as we hang ten Hawaiian style. So all you cabin fevered 5th (and up) graders, break out your flip flops, cool looking sunglasses, and favorite flowery Mu-mu and come on down to SFBC on Friday night for free fun for all! 6-9 pm March 13th.

"If you don't come you won't have any fun!" Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

Starksboro's Own "Stone Soup" Performance & Potluck: Sunday, March 15th @ 5 pm. Starksboro First Baptist Church.

Starksboro's own "Stone Soup" Performance & Potluck has gone to the Tropics! Come visit with three "totally...like, seriously!, California girls as they stumble into Quito, Ecuador. All they were looking for was a

place to rest (and perhaps a quick pedi & mani) and bite to eat. What *gracioso* things get stirred up when the locals from this South American village meet North American tourists’.

Huntington HIMS start the evening off with their inspiring, toe-tapping music, followed by our local folks performing in the light-hearted musical adaptation of Marcia Brown’s story Stone Soup. A Delicious potluck shared by all, downstairs wraps up the annual event. Bring your favorite dish or enjoy some of ours.

Donations accepted for: Starksboro Food Shelf and Neighbor Helping Neighbor. Contact Roberta: kidsrme7316@gmail.com.

Voting Day Food Drive:

On Tuesday, March 3rd, the Starksboro Food Shelf will be collecting food for town residents in need. Any non-perishables are welcome...pasta, peanut butter, mayo, tuna, soups, etc. We appreciate anything you can donate and thank you for your continued support.

STARSBORO SUGAR ON SNOW PARTY:

The annual sugar on snow party sponsored by the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Starksboro First Baptist on VT Route 116 in Starksboro village. This event has been held for at least 50 years, and is based on the maple sugar socials held by the Meeting House in the early 1900s! Enjoy delicious traditional maple sugar on snow, homemade doughnuts, sour pickles, and beverages. The syrup is locally produced.

Tickets for this yearly favorite, perfect for the whole family and all ages, are \$5.00 for a single serving, \$6.00 for a double serving for one, and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. The town history (Bertha’s Book), Starksboro t-shirts, and more will be available for sale. For more about the Meeting House, visit: www.starksboromeetinghouse.org. For event information, call 453-5227. The Meeting House hopes to rebuild the top of the belfry in the next few years. Your support is appreciated.

Starksboro Public Library

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

Lisa Daudon, Librarian - 453-3732-starksboropl@comcast.net - starksborolibrary.wordpress.com

AUTOMATION OPEN HOUSE!

Join us **Saturday, March 21st (10 till 1)**, for our open house at the library. Learn about the new automation system and sign up for a new library card. The new card will allow you not only to search our catalog, but reserve books from the other libraries in our system and keep track of your checkouts. Refreshments and comradery will abound. Find us at:

<http://starksboropl.bywatersolutions.com>

A big thank you to the Orton Foundation for their generous end-of-the-year donation of a thousand dollars to be used in updating our collection. While automating, many classics and other well-loved books were retired because of wear and tear and other aging issues, and need to be replaced. Please, feel free to suggest books for our collection.

Preschool Story Time: Monday, March 9 & 23 and Thursday, March 5 & 19 @ 11:00:

All children of preschool age are welcome to join us. We would welcome volunteers to read to the little ones. No experience necessary.

Story Time for Infants & Toddlers: Thursday, March 12 & 26 @ 10:30

This story time is geared toward the parents and children who are in the pre-preschool crowd. Read, sing and visit with other toddlers at the library.

Knit/Fiber Arts: We will meet on **Saturdays, March 14 and 28, @ 10:00 a.m.** Enjoy visiting with others, as you work on your portable projects. The skill of our group is considerable and help is available if you have questions.

Book Group: Join us at the library on **Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be reading *Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride. Readers of all kinds will enjoy this vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son.

Mother-Daughter Book Group: **Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m.** This month's book is *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnet. A classic to share with your daughter.

Art Display: Boomer Toys: Please stop in to see the display of toys from the 50's and 60's kindly lent to us by Cecilia Elwert. We have wonderful dog paintings by Lisa Painter as well.

Bone Builders: **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30.** Enjoy the company of others while you keep your bones strong and healthy at any age. We have all the equipment you need at the library and trained leaders. You will be glad you did!

REGISTRATION PLATE VISIBILITY ISSUES:

Is your license plate faded to the point that impairs identification? Is your Registration Validation Sticker not properly placed or missing? Is a license plate frame covering any part of the Registration Validation Sticker or the words “Vermont” and/or “Green Mountain State” on the plate?

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above:

YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION.

Any of these situations could result in a fine:

- Faded Vermont License Plates – A new set of license plates will be issued to you at no cost. Requests for replacement of the same number (other than low numbers and vanity plates) will require a \$20 payment by the customer.
- Registration Validation Sticker Placement – Request a free replacement sticker from the DMV and affix that sticker to the correct location on your rear plate.
- Obstructed Registration Plates – License plate frames obstruct the view of the registration validation sticker or the words “Vermont” or “Green Mountain State”. These must be removed from your vehicle.

Visit – dmv.vermont.gov for additional information, or call 802-828-2000.

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

1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm at Robinson Library.

Bonita Bedard – 453-4305

Louis duPont – 453-5538

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 – 4:30

Closed each day 11:30 – 2:30

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Wayne Marcelle – 233-9534

CONSTABLES:

Eric Cota – 453-5239

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: \$5.00/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 Wed of each month).

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