



The GAZETTE

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

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Thanksgiving on Nov 26th**

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FOOD SHELF NOTICE

Again this year, the Food Shelf will have turkeys and other food items for Thanksgiving dinners. The supply is limited so it is only available to Food Shelf clients that sign up for them. Those clients that have signed up may start picking up their Thanksgiving dinners on Wednesday, November 18 from 10:30 AM until 6:00 PM. The special pick up day will be Monday, November 23 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The last day will be Wednesday, November 25th from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM.

The Food Shelf will close at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25th for the holiday.

Please come at the times above for your dinner. Happy Thanksgiving.

PROPERTY TAXES: Monday, November 2nd is the due date for Property Taxes. There will be no additional office hours for tax collection. The office is open 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Thursday. Post marks are not accepted as on time payments. Call Celine at 453-2639 if you have any questions.

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: It is nearly time for the annual HUNTER/EARLY BIRD BREAKFASTS at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse in South Starksboro. They are scheduled for three Saturdays...the 14th, 21st and 28th. We will be serving an all you can eat breakfast. Menu includes: Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes (with locally made pure maple syrup), Sausage Gravy, Bread Pudding, Homemade Muffins, Toast, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Juice. Cost is: Kids under 5 FREE, kids age 5-12: \$4.00, and anyone over 12: \$9.00. Breakfast will be served from 6:00am until 10:00am. Come for some good food and conversation! Proceeds will benefit the renovation fund.

If anyone would like to donate a food item for the breakfasts, please contact Nancy at 453-4573. We would be delighted with donations of eggs, maple syrup, bacon, home baked goods and/or a couple pounds of bacon! Thank you!

HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU AT THE BREAKFASTS!!

MORE SCHOOLHOUSE MEMORIES...by Victor A. Atkins

"Memories of the old Jerusalem School...The long walk, about a mile. It was fun when the day was nice but not so much in the rain and snow. There was little traffic, but sometimes we were lucky and got a ride with friends or relatives.

The school had one room, one teacher (Lucy Wyman), two woodstoves, and an attached woodshed with two outhouses.

There was no running water; the drinking water was got from the brook with a 10 quart tin pail.

There were 8 grades. Lucy Wyman had no aides.

One or two of the boys would get to school early and tend to the fires so it wasn't so cold when school started in the winter.

The first day of fishing all the boys would bring their fishing poles and bait and we would fish the brook all day long. I am not sure what the girls did; us boys were busy "fishing"!

We would all play baseball on "the diamond" on the east side of the school, or Cowboys and Indians. The swing set was always full, everyone liked to swing.

These were good times, sometimes tough, but we all got through it and had a good education by the time we were finished."

Victor attended the Jerusalem Schoolhouse for a couple of years and then attended school in Lincoln before going on to Bristol High School. He has lived on the family farm pretty near all his life. He and his wife, Pat, raised their children just over the Starksboro line on Downingsville Road in Lincoln. They continue to enjoy living there with most of their kids and grandkids close by. Thank you Victor for sharing some great memories with us.

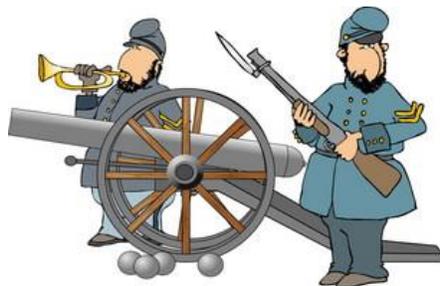
More memories next month...stay tuned!

CIVIL WAR PROGRAM

Please join the Starksboro Historical Society at the Village Meeting House in Starksboro for a program on the Civil War on November 5th. This year marks the end of the war 150 years ago. Many Starksboro men took part and a number actually enlisted in the same building in which we will meet! Beginning at 7 PM on November 5th, we will have an evening filled with Starksboro and area residents sharing their knowledge and artifacts surrounding Civil War-era weaponry, music, and clothing for men and women. Starksboro Historical Society members will provide an overview on Starksboro's role in the Civil War. The event is free and the public is very welcome.

Mike Blakeslee, Pat Hendee and other members of their Civil War re-enactors group (Champlain Valley Reenactors) will model clothing, weaponry, and other related items. Susan Peden will model women's clothing that would have been worn in Starksboro during this time period. Jim Peden will show a progression of rifles pre-Civil War to the Civil War with a series of 3 guns. Lausanne Allen will entertain us with music from this time period. Attendees are invited to bring their family's Civil War stories, photographs and artifacts to share.

Please join us at 7 PM on Thursday, November 5 at the Starksboro Village Meeting House. Located on VT Route 116 in the center of Starksboro, the Meeting House was built 1838-40 in the Gothic Revival and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The ground floor was the original town hall, and the upstairs sanctuary was shared by three congregations. For questions, call 453-2079. Light refreshments provided.



Starksboro Public Library
Monthly News for November

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

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

The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2015

Special Evening Program: A movie, “84, Charing Cross Road”, will be shown on the big screen in the library on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00pm. The film features Anne Bancroft, Anthony Hopkins and Judi Dench and tells the story of a book-loving author who develops a relationship with a bookseller in post-WWII London. If you like “Call the Midwife”, you’ll enjoy this film.

Watch for news on FPF and Facebook about a special program celebrating Agricultural Literacy Week – November 14.

Preschool Story Time: alternates between Monday and Thursday, depending on the week. Parents and children who do not attend the Starksboro preschool are very welcome to join in our singing, dancing and reading fun time. This month, join us on Mondays: November 9 and 23 and Thursdays November 5, and 19 at 11am.

Story Time and songs for babies and toddlers: **Thursdays, November 12th and 27th 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, November 7th and November 21st at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

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.

The Mother-Daughter Book Group will read “Counting on Grace” in November. This book by Elizabeth Winthrop was chosen as the Vermont Reads book in 2007. The lead character is a 12 year old girl who must go to work in a Vermont textile mill. Real life photographer and reformer Lewis Hine makes an appearance in the story and changes Grace’s life. Watch Front Porch Forum for meeting date.

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.

- “New Baby Book Brunch Saturday, November 21, 11:30 – 12:30 at the Public Library.”

ADVERTISEMENTS

Dennis Casey

Firewood for Sale – 373-4403 or 453-4054

Snowplowing available – 373-4403 or 355-0085

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.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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