



# The G A Z E T T E

The official newsletter produced by the Town of Starksboro

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**TOWN APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** It is time to start thinking about appropriation requests and write ups for the town report. The deadline for requesting appropriation for your organization is December 20<sup>th</sup>. Why not do it early so you don't forget about it. Please also remember to include a one-page write up for the town report, making sure that it fits on one page only.

**TOWN MEETING DEADLINES:** *Town Meeting will be on March 3, 2018, Robinson School multipurpose room, 9:00 a.m.*

**January 18, 2018** – Last day for voters to file a petition with the town clerk to have an article appear on the ballot. Petition must contain signatures from at least 5% (or 68) of the registered voters in town.

**January 29, 2018** – Nominating petitions and Consent of Candidate forms for town offices must be filed with the town clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. Petitions must be signed by at least 14 registered voters.

**January 30, 2017** – Last day that a candidate seeking office can register to vote, in order to have their name printed on the ballot. The candidate should register before submitting their petition.

The following positions will be coming up for election or re-election:

Moderator, Selectboard 3 yrs, Selectboard 2 yrs, Town Clerk 3 yrs, Town Treasurer 3 yrs, Lister 3 yrs, Auditor 3 yrs, Planning Commission 3 yrs, Planning Commission 3 yrs, Library Trustee 3 yrs, Del. Tax Collector 1 yr, First Constable 1 yr, Second Constable 1 yr, Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits 1 yr, First Grand Juror 1 yr, Robinson School Director 3 yrs, Mt. Abe School Director 2 yrs, Mt. Abe School Director 1 yr, Mt. Abe Unified School District 3 yrs. Petitions due no later than January 29<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. to the town clerk.

# 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., P.O. Box 12, Pastor Larry Detweiler – 802-989-2679 (cell) or [revdets@gmail.com](mailto:revdets@gmail.com). Church phone 453-5577, (pastor home) 802-434-6715.*

### **Sunday Morning Schedule:**

10:00 a.m. Chat, Chew and Renew adult small group bible study and fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship weekly with communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month  
2:30 p.m. Share On - New Community Project's food re-distribution

**STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL**, served at 11:30 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, January-October. Meal held in the Community Room of the Church, 2806 VT 116. Donations to defray costs are gladly accepted. Senior meal contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354 & [mtgazette@earthlink.net](mailto:mtgazette@earthlink.net).

**BONEBUILDERS EXERCISE CLASSES:** Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 am 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.

### **"FOOD FOR ALL - SHARE ON..."**

Greetings Starksboro friends and neighbors,

Please join New Community Project (NCP) each Sunday for our community food (re)-distribution program also known as Share On. The program is held at the Starksboro First Baptist Church – the doors open 2:30 PM.

Come "shop" for free fresh organic produce, dairy, meat, and bread. Trader Joe's and the gardens of NCP are our main contributors. The amount and variety of food items change weekly. Please join the many local families that benefit from this blessing. For more information contact Pete at 434-2333 or [pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org](mailto:pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org).

## **Notice of New Food Shelf Hours:**

The Food Shelf is now open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. The hours are extended – 9:30 am to 6:30 pm.

**Starksboro Public Library**  
**Monthly News for January 2018**

**Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2 (closed for New Year's Day 1/1)**

**\*\*Open SUNDAY this month - 1pm- 4pm\*\***

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

**Fiber Arts Saturday!**

**January 6th, at 10am**

Lynn, the new library assistant is a master-knitter. She hosts this social time with fellow knitters, weaver, and sewers. Coffee and tea always on tap.

**New – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Storytime for Kids**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am**

For ages 0-5, wigglers welcome for read-alouds and a simple craft. (sitting still is not required).

**WINTER FILM SERIES - “The Women “(1939)**

**Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Based on a stage play of the same name, this classic MGM comedy is famous for its all-female cast including Norma Shearer and Joan Crawford with deft direction by George Cukor. The plot centers on a group of high-society women who spend their days at the beauty salon discussing their lives and their men.

**Landscape painting in acrylics:**

**Saturday, January 20. 10 am-noon**

Cynthia Guild Kling leads these “make and take” art sessions using acrylic artist paints. Materials provided by the library. Suitable for ages 12 and up. No experience needed. Limited to 8 - Call to reserve your space.

**New Books in the Library:**

**Picture Books:** *Trains don't sleep*-Andria Rosenbaum; *Click Clack Moo: I Love You*-Doreen Cronin; *Elephant and Piggie like reading*-Mo Willems; *Lego City: Fire in the Forest*. **Chapter Books:** *Ares and the Spear of Fear*-Joan Holub (Heroes in Training); *Ship of the Dead*-Rick Riordan; *Thea Stilton and the Venice Masquerade*-Geronimo Stilton.

**Adults:** *Girl in the Tower*-Katherine Arden (2<sup>nd</sup> in the series!); *Before we were yours*-Lisa Wingate; *My American Duchess* – Eloisa James; *To be where you are*- Jan Karon; *Wolves of Winter*-Jonathan Tyrell. *Girl in the Spider's Web*-David Lagercrantz.

**Non-fiction:** *Boys in the Trees*-Carly Simon; *Pigeon Tunnel*- John Le Carre; *Born to Run*-Bruce Springsteen; *Gifts of Imperfection*-Brene Brown (AUDIOBOOK)

**RSVP Bone Builders:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the library. Friendly group. All ages. Prevents and Reverses Osteoporosis • Improves Balance • Enhances Energy and Well-Being!

**NEW ART in the library gallery**

**“Struggling Baristas”**

Kelly Gearwar - acrylics and watercolor ; Dani La Perle - sketches & ink drawings ; Lucy Parker - photography  
Abigail Wentz - pen & ink. All work for sale; prices start at 25.00.

## **FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:**

We have been busy at the schoolhouse since mid November ~ First we had our Annual Hunter/Early Bird Breakfasts. We served up lots and lots of food all 3 Saturday mornings to some hungry folks! Not only did they enjoy a wonderful breakfast buffet, they also enjoyed visiting with the friends and neighbors that were either there to eat or to work. We THANK all that came to support our renovation project by purchasing their breakfast. This was our one big fundraiser of this year and we were delighted with the profit! It all helps to boost our fund for the day we can begin the long awaited renovations. There are many people to thank for helping in various ways...HUGE thanks to all that volunteered their time: Erin Bent, Eliza Bent, Marge Porter, Blair Hall, Lizzie Porter, Megan Porter, Eleanor Ragsdale, Cecilia Elwert, Barbara Weightman, Suzanne Orvis, Asher Bent, Pat Atkins, Lisa Trayah, Greg Orvis, and Nancy Orvis. Another BIG thank you to all who baked yummy treats: Cyndi LaBelle, Blair Hall, Barbara Weightman, Jane Cooper, Diane Orvis, Erin Bent, Suzanne Orvis, Marge Porter, Pat Atkins and Nancy Orvis. HUGE thanks go out to the following for monetary donations to help defray the cost of the breakfasts: Alan & Joan Quittner, Suzie Way, Barbara Weightman and Catherine Helyer. And last, but not certainly not least, HUGE THANKS go out to the following for their homegrown "edible donations": Larry & Sue Shepard (potatoes), Nancy Carroll (eggs), Bear Cobble Sugarworks (maple syrup), Julia Doucet (eggs) and Mike Shepard (maple syrup). We so appreciate the community support we continue to receive for the good of the schoolhouse.

Our Annual Caroling Party on December 10th was such fun...we had a good group of local folks stop by to enjoy caroling, treats AND a visit from Santa! THANKS go out to Faye Leavitt for her wonderful piano accompaniment as we sang lots of favorite carols. The biggest and best was when everyone got into "The Twelve Days of Christmas"! It was an enjoyable afternoon for all!

As January begins, the schoolhouse will be quieter so the mice can scurry around as they wish...only to be disrupted by the weekly activities of Bone Builders (on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:15ish) and Tai Chi (on Thursdays at 9:30am)! If you would like to use the building for an upcoming event, please contact Edie Sears at 453-3183. Please keep in mind that the water has been drained for the winter months, so while the building can be heated, there are no bathroom facilities until spring.

More South Starksboro stories for you to enjoy....this month we have the pleasure of hearing from Carin Hoffman who lives on Dan Sargent Road with her husband, Dale and Sarah Adams who also lives on Dan Sargent Road with her husband, Mark. Thank you ladies for sharing with us why you moved to South Starksboro, what makes you stay here and what you love most about this community.

CARIN HOFFMAN: "27 years ago, on a fall family drive, we came upon Robert Young Road.

As we descended the hill our mouths dropped at the view of the old farm, the Quaker meeting house, and the purple mountain majesty which opened up before us. Dale who was in restoration at the time said, "If this ever comes up for sale..."

We bought Mahlon Norris's home with the intent to divide the property and sell it. Here we stay so many years later. Why? The community is why we stay. Our world is now so fast paced, electronically driven, and outwardly intended. Our little Starksboro hamlet slows us down.

We give a moment to look one another in the eye, share a walk, a wood stack, a snow plow, a swim, a recipe, or a moment chatting over the fence line. Our children are better people for the community they have been raised in, and we give thanks to you all."

SARAH ADAMS:

Skiing at Mad River Glen was my introduction to S. Starksboro. Most every winter weekend in the 60's involved driving through the area Friday evenings to tackle the Gap, and again late Sunday afternoon heading back down to NYC. During those years I became acquainted with many skiers who lived, lodged and partied (we were young!) on this side of the mountain. Among them were Bob and Blair Hall and Connie Waller. By 1968 I had relocated to VT and lived and taught school in Burlington. But a few years later the call of the mountains, friends, and the rural landscape brought me back to S. Starksboro. I moved in with Connie in her new home (built by Bob Hall), right across from the beaver pond. During this time the "back to the land" movement was in full swing and I longed for my own spot to grow food and flowers and have a place to call home. Schoolhouse #4, West School, on the edge of an empty field with a southern exposure seemed just right. And for sale. Plenty of space to dig and plant. Dr Messer and his family had used the place as a rustic ski lodge and summer get away. There was water, plumbing and a wood stove and kitchen. Perfect. Thus began my gardening career and education as a home owner and community member. I loved my neighborhood here on Dan Sargent Rd... the Dorothy Orvis family, the Norris/Stokes family, Eddie Orvis and his grand nieces; the runaway cows, Appaloosa horses, the special spots on Baldwin Creek, the wildlife, the Quaker Church. And Mad River was just 15 minutes away. Fast forward to the 1980's. I began teaching at Robinson School and met Mark. Here's how. It was winter and the water pipes froze (again). I called Adams of Bristol (again) and Mark arrived to make the fix permanent. It was not an easy fix; the crawl space lived up to its name. Dirt floor, cobwebs, pointy nails and very little headroom. I was down there, too. That was it. We were bonded. Due to his many amazing skills, the schoolhouse began its transformation into what it is today. We are still here for many reasons. Much of Mark's family is nearby, for one. Secondly, my years of working at Robinson allowed me to get to know many, many children in town, and their families. I am so grateful for that. Good friendships developed and I frequently have the pleasure of running into former students. Knowing the families fueled my interest in the history of this mountain community. Learning bits of that history has made Starksboro feel even more like our home place. And then, of course, there are the gardens, the land, the pet burial grounds, and Mark's tractors, splitter, mechanized wagons, et alia. We love our rural life and the beauty that surrounds us as well as the critters and people who live here. Oh, and I plan to ski at least one more time at Mad River Glen.

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

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Open Mon – Thu, 8:30 – 4:30

**Town Clerk:** Cheryl Estey [starksboro@madriver.com](mailto:starksboro@madriver.com), 453-2762

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

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

(Hours - Mon & Wed 9-4; Thu 1:30 – 4:30) – 453-2768

**Del. Tax Collector:** Amy McCormick-Tues & Thurs @ 453-2639

[starksborotaxes@gmail.com](mailto:starksborotaxes@gmail.com)

**Listers** – 453-2778

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:**

Heather Ragsdale – 453-6485

**ROAD FOREMAN:** Tom Estey – 453-2319

**FIRE WARDENS:** Please call ahead for burn permits.

Tom Estey-453-4511, 453-2319, or Tony Porter-989-5096

#### 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

Tony Porter – 989-5096

Keegan Tierney – 777-9431

Koran Cousino – 453-4352

#### SCHOOL BOARD

Every other month at 5:30 pm at Mt. Abe

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

**Mt. Abe:** Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library

**Supervisory Board** – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

**LIBRARY:** 453-3732 or [starksboropl@comcast.net](mailto:starksboropl@comcast.net)

Open Mon 10-6; Thurs 10-5, Sat 9-2

Library Board Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 4:30 pm at 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

Saturday – 7:30 – 11:00

Closed each day 11:30 – 12:30

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at the new Town Garage-  
3904 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$5/bag. Recycling – by donation.

#### HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

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

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

**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

#### 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)

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