

The GAZETTE



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AUGUST 2018

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AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

A primary election shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday in August in each even numbered year for the nomination of candidates of major political parties for all offices to be voted for at the succeeding general election, except candidates for president and vice president of the United States, their electors, and justices of the peace. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 at the Robinson Elementary School. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We will be using the tabulator for this vote. Primary ballots will be available by June 29th for those who would like to vote early. You may request an early ballot by: 1) picking one up at the town office, 2) calling the office to have one mailed to you (453-2639), or, 3) voting at the town office during regular office hours. If you are physically unable to get out of your house, you can have two Justices of the Peace bring the ballot to you. You can also vote from your car on the day of the Election if it is difficult for you to get out of the car and go into the school. Just drive up to the curb near the entrance of the school in the rear of the building, send someone in to request help with voting, and we will send a couple of people out to help you.

Early ballots may be requested up until 5:00 pm on Mon, August 13th, the day before the election.

TAX BILLS

You can expect tax bills during the first or second week of August. We are still waiting for the State of Vermont to send out their information in setting the education rate.

WORSHIP SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STARKSBORO:

www.Starksborobaptistchurch.org

2806 VT Route 116 and P.O. Box 12, Starksboro, VT 05487

Pastor Larry Detweiler – 802-989-2679 or revdets@gmail.com. Church phone 453-5577

Sunday 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 1st Sunday of every month
2:30 p.m. Food For All – Share - On a New Community Project food re-distribution program
NCP information contact Pete 434-2333

STARKSBORO SENIOR MEAL, served at 11:30 on the 4th 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. Starksboro Senior Meal program information contact Brenda Boutin, 453-6354, or mtgazette@earthlink.net.

CROSS TRAIL – All are welcome to hike this local trail. It's a 1 1/2 mile loop with a great view. The trail is at 590 Conway Rd and maps are at the trail head. Please park on right side of driveway. Look for orange blazes. Come hike and enjoy God's awesome creation.

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.

Energy Corner

A Forum on Starksboro's Energy Future

The Starksboro Energy Committee is hosting a public forum on **Friday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.** at the Starksboro Library to explore state and local policies around energy. We'll have presentations from three residents.

We'll start at the state level, with an overview of recent recommendations by the Governor's Climate Action Commission by Commission member Robert Turner. He'll highlight the five focus areas of the report, and comment on what opportunities the recommendations may offer to Starksboro.

Megan Nedzinski will summarize energy-related initiatives and recommendations included in the recently-finalized Town Energy Plan and what it is going to take for Starksboro to meet the State's goal of achieving 90% renewable energy by 2050.

Lastly, Richard Faesy will share some of the initiatives that the newly formed Starksboro Energy Committee is undertaking, including helping Robinson School reduce energy use and incorporate energy conservation into the curriculum, negotiating a solar-powered, emergency battery backup system for the town buildings, upcoming Button-Up events, efforts to install an electric vehicle charging station in town, an initiative to help improve mobile home energy efficiency, and how we can help make the transition to more renewable and local energy.

Additionally, we want to hear what energy issues are of interest to you. Bring your energy questions and suggestions so that we can engage in the conversation. Refreshments will be served.

E-mail any questions or suggestions to rfaesy@energyfuturesgroup.com or call 802-355-9153.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE:

We are excited to be able to invite you to the Jerusalem Schoolhouse on Thursday, September 13th at 7:00 pm for a wonderful presentation by Nate Shepard and his lovely wife, Chris, of their adventures traveling from Nate's hometown in Vermont to Chris' hometown in Brazil. Please join us for this fun presentation and Q & A time...making us all long to embark on a year-long journey to see our amazing world. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for:

FROM HOME PARA CASA
THROUGH THE AMERICAS
SOUTH STARKSBORO TO SAO PAULO
30,000 MILES
18 COUNTRIES
11 MONTHS
1 SUZUKI S X 4
NO FLAT TIRES
NO ACCIDENTS
UNCOUNTABLE UNEXPECTED BONUSES

THE GAZETTE is published monthly and mailed to all Starksboro residents. Articles and advertisements must be submitted by the **20th of each month** to the Town Clerk. If the 20th falls on Fri, Sat, or Sun, than it is due the following Monday by **NOON**. **Anything not received by the 20th will not be included in the Gazette.**

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 453-2639

Treasurer: Celine Coon starksborotowntreasurer@qmavt.net

Zoning Administrator: Rebecca Elder rebecca@starksborovt.org

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings 453-2768

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

starksborotaxes@gmail.com

Listers – 453-2778 Tues/Thurs 9 – 3pm starksborolisters@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.

Peter Marsh – pmarsh@starksborovt.org 453-3478

Tony Porter – tporter@starksborovt.org 989-5096

Keegan Tierney – ktierney@starksborovt.org 777-9431

Koran Cousino – kcousino@starksborovt.org 453-4352

Eric Cota – ecota@starksborovt.org 373-9763

SCHOOL BOARD

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

Louis DuPont – 453-5538

Nancy Cornell – 453-2681

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

ENERGY COMMITTEE: Digger Faesy – 434-4254

Pete Antos-Ketcham, Jeff Dunham, Richard Faesy, Phil Mosenthal, Megan Nedzinski

Meetings on the 1st Monday of each month, 5:30, Starksboro Town Office

Mt. Abe: Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 at Mt. Abe Library

Supervisory Board – Nancy Cornell, Louis Dupont, Caleb Elder

STARSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-4034

Meetings: 3rd Wed of March, June, Sept and Dec at 7:30 pm

at the Starksboro Public Library

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

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Town Office

Development Review Board meetings 2nd & 4th Thursdays

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Meetings: 4th Monday @7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library

Chair, Jan McCleery – 453.3755 or mccleery@norwich.edu

HEALTH OFFICER: Peter Ryersbach – 453-3597

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Charlene Phelps

363-4276

RECYCLING: 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 8-11 at the new Town Garage-

3904 Vt Route 116. Trash fees: \$5/bag. Recycling – by donation.

LIBRARY: 453-3732 or starksboropl@comcast.net

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

Library Board Meetings 2nd Monday @ 4:30 pm at the Library

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

www.bristolskatepark.com

Ryan Krushenick – 453-3678 / thehub@qmavt.net

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

Notice of New Food Shelf Hours:

The Food Shelf is now open on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The hours are 9:30 - 6:30.