

The GAZETTE



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GENERAL ELECTION 2018 INFORMATION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Robinson Elementary School. Early ballots are available now. Just stop by the office and pick one up, or vote at the office, or call to have one mailed to you. You may look at the ballot online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us. Early ballot requests may be made up until Monday, November 5th, 2018, no later than 5:00 pm. We would encourage you to request a ballot earlier, especially if you would like to have it mailed, in order to have plenty of time to return it by the end of the day on November 6th.

The Ballot will be double-sided this time, with the Justice of the Peace candidates on the back side. Please remember to flip the ballot over and continue voting on the back side.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF STARKSBORO:

Property taxes are due in full on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The office is open from 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Thursday for the collection of taxes. There are no additional hours for the collection of property taxes. There is a secure drop box at the entrance of the office. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of the receipt. Property taxes will become delinquent at 5 PM on November 1st, and will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector, with penalties and interest added. If you have not received a tax bill please notify the office immediately at 453-2639 or email starksboro@madriver.com. The bills were mailed on August 8th.

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 or snowshoe this local trail. It's a 1 1/2 mile loop with a great view at the stone cross. 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 or snowshoe 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.

Selectboard News - November

The following is a summary of recent meetings. You can find the complete, official minutes of each meeting on the Town website: www.starksborovt.org (submitted by: Rebecca Elder, Selectboard Assistant)

- **Road report:** Culverts have been replaced on Big Hollow Road and Brown Hill Road. The new truck is being outfitted at Viking and should arrive for use by mid-November. A Buffalo leaf blower was purchased to prep roads before scraping and clearing stone lined ditches. Three new driveway/accessibility permits were approved.

- **State's Prison Hollow Road:** Paving is done for this year and top coat will be applied in 2019. The board reviewed the speed study results and received comments from several residents. The board will pursue the next steps to lower the speed limit due to sharp curves, the location of the public ball field, and reduced visibility in the section between Route 116 and the Monkton town line.
- **Emergency Management planning:** Dan Baker discussed emergency planning in Starksboro and ways to provide more information to town residents. In the last year, the Town's emergency planning committee completed an extensive "All Hazards Mitigation Plan," which was written with Addison County Regional Planning Commission's assistance and has been submitted to FEMA for approval. The board will explore more ways to keep information readily available for town residents both online and on paper. An ongoing challenge is recruiting new volunteers for the fire and rescue departments. Please contact Tom Estey or Charlene Phelps if you are interested in training.
- **Jerusalem Schoolhouse Committee:** The group received quotes for 3 areas of work and brought information to the Selectboard for review. Plans are to proceed with a survey, an environmental inspection, and structural assessment. The committee also requested a name change to better reflect their purpose. The name is now: Jerusalem Community Center Committee (JCCC).

➤ **Meeting schedule:**

ELECTION DAY – Nov. 6

- Oct. 30 at 5:30 pm
- Nov. 13 at 5:30 pm
- Nov. 27 at 5:30 pm

ENERGY CORNER

Now that winter is upon us, it is a good time to consider potential improvements to your home to improve comfort and reduce your energy bills. The Starksboro Energy Committee (SEC) encourages all homeowners to implement cost-effective efficiency measures and wants to ensure they are aware of significant financial and other assistance that is available. Efficiency Vermont's "Button Up" program is designed to encourage towns to improve their energy efficiency and help contribute to Vermont's aggressive clean energy goals. Starksboro is a participating town and the SEC will consider sponsoring a Button Up workshop in the future. In the meantime, significant resources are available from Efficiency Vermont to get started. Residents can also attend other sponsored Button Up events in nearby towns. Go to (<https://buttonupvermont.org/events>) for a listing of upcoming events.

In addition, Efficiency Vermont's website provides lots of information on available services and financial rebates, including listings of qualified home performance contractors that have gone through home efficiency training and have been certified by Efficiency Vermont (<https://www.encyvermont.com/find-contractor-retailer>). Their website (<https://www.encyvermont.com>) also provides a range of do-it-yourself ("DIY") recommendations to get started on your own and lots of other helpful information, as well as a listing of rebates for qualifying efficiency products ranging from Smart Thermostats and LED lights to large investments such as heat pumps. You can also call Efficiency Vermont directly at (888)-921-5990. SEC member Pete Antos-Ketcham is also happy to provide more information and resources as well: 434-2333 or pantosketcham@newcommunityproject.org.

The Starksboro Historical Society and Meeting House Society presents:

Learning History through Living History

Come to the Starksboro Village Meeting House on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 7:00 pm for the program "Learning History through Living History," presented by Starksboro resident Michael Blakeslee. The program is sponsored by the Starksboro Historical Society and Meeting House Society.

Blakeslee is a long-time local reenactor and a historical society member. He will discuss his experiences as a living historian and his perspectives on reliving the past—from 1609 and the arrival of French explorer Samuel de Champlain to 1865 and the end of the American Civil War. He has a wide range of interests and knowledge about the past. Hear what he has learned from the people of the past and how he presents this history today to engage students of all ages. He will bring a variety of show and tell items, which help bring this history to life.

Starksboro's Civil War soldiers came to the Meeting House to enlist, and this is a fitting location for the program. The historical society will be selling its new 28-page booklet on the history of Starksboro roads and the meaning of their names. Proceeds will help the project to conserve its 1857 Wallings wall map of Addison County.

This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome. Light refreshments. Parking is in the back of the Meeting House and in the town center lot.

FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOLHOUSE: A HUGE thank you goes out to Larry Jones for his wonderful presentation at the Schoolhouse on Oct 18th. All who attended were treated to an evening of good stories, beautiful pictures and amazing poetry about Larry's 500 mile hike through Spain on the Camino Trail.

HUNTER/EARLY BIRD BREAKFASTS are coming soon...Come to the Jerusalem Schoolhouse on November 10, 17 and 24 for an ALL YOU CARE TO EAT BUFFET of Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Bacon, Homefries, Local Maple Syrup, Bread pudding, Sausage, Home Baked Goods, Coffee, Tea, Juice and Hot Chocolate. Serving from 7:00-10:00am. Cost: \$9.00/ ages 12 and over; \$4.00/ ages 5-11; Free/ under 5. All proceeds will help boost the Schoolhouse Renovation Fund. Donations of maple syrup, eggs, potatoes, bacon and sausage always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Nancy at 453-4573 if you would like to help.

ANNUAL CAROLING PARTY ~~ December 9, 2018 ~~ 2:00-4:00pm ~~ Enjoy an afternoon with neighbors and friends ~~ caroling, conversation, cookies AND Santa! Bring the kids and grandkids to meet Santa ~~ He will arrive at 2:45 pm so come in time to greet him! Hope you will join us at the schoolhouse in South Starksboro to welcome the holiday season.

Starksboro Public Library

Monthly News for November 2018

Hours: Mon. 10-6, Thurs. 10-5, Sat. 9-2

Closed Veteran's Day (11/12) and Thanksgiving (11/22)

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

Starksboro Baby Brunch – A Project READ event

Saturday, November 3rd 11:00-12:30

Celebrate the newest Starksboro residents! Families of babies born in the last year are invited to choose the library book to be dedicated to each baby. Library book bag and board book for each new baby. All welcome.

2nd Saturday Todder Meet-Up at the library

November 10th at 9:30 am

Make a date with a friend and enjoy time together while the kids play with the library toys! Meet other Starksboro parents. Snack provided.

Fiber Arts / Crafts Saturday!

November 10th 10:30 am

Bring your portable project and visit with old friends and new. Coffee and tea available.

Preschool Story Time: "A book is a special friend"

The Starksboro Preschool takes a walk to visit the library every week at 11 am. This fall and winter, the kids comes on Thursdays, following the public school schedule. All are welcome to join in the story.

RSVP Bone Builders: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 at the library, year-round. Simple exercises improve balance, enhance energy and build strength. Start at any time with this friendly group
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New Books in the Library:

Youth: *The Selection* (YA series) – Kiera Cass, *The haunted library* – Dori Hillestad Butler, *The Grimm Legacy* – Polly Shulman, *The Lipstick Laws* (YA) – Amy Holder, *Genesis* (YA) – Brendan Reichs.

Picture Books: *Behold the bold umbrellaphant* – Jack Prelutsky, *Llama Llama trick or treat* – Anna Dewdney, *I Spy adventure* – Jean Marzollo/Walter Wick, *Funny Lunch* – David Catrow.

Adults: *Pieces of Her* – Karin Slaughter, *Varina* – Charles Frazier, *Outline and Kudos* – Rachel Cusk, *The Other Woman* – Daniel Silva, *Tell the machine goodnight* – Katie Williams, *Texas Ranger* – James Patterson, *The Silence of the Girls* – Pat Barker.

Adult Non-Fiction: *Hardwiring Happiness* – Rick Hanson, Phd, *What you are getting wrong about Appalachia* – Elizabeth Catte, *Drawdown; the most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming* – Paul Hawken, *Farms, Flatlanders, and Fords: A story of people and place in rural Vermont* – Cameron Clifford.

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@gmavt.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

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 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

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

SCHOOL BOARD

Mt. Abe Unified School District Board:

Caleb Elder – 434-4805

Steve Rooney – 453-4963

See the “School Board & Committees” tab at MAUSD.org for the meeting calendar and Minutes.

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.

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

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

STARKSBORO VILLAGE WATER COOPERATIVE: 453-4034

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

HUB TEEN CENTER & SKATEPARK:

www.bristolskatepark.com

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

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.