

SHUTESBURY

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OUR TOWN

The search for enough in tough times

Becky Torres, *Town Administrator*

Financial woes are all around us. Politicians are predicting the lowest levels of state aid for towns in the last three years, caused by declining federal stimulus funds. A serious discussion to reinstate the graduated income tax has been raised, but if successful, will not impact budgets until 2014.

Shutesbury town finances for fiscal 2012 are slim but solid. Local tax collection stays strong. The town has not faced layoffs or slashed budgets.

For two years we have level funded department budgets and given 1.5% salary increases to school and municipal employees. Union contracts are in negotiation now. The cost of health insurance continues to be a concern for everyone, even though the Hampshire County Insurance Trust has reworked premium increases, dropping from a 3% increase to a 0% in premiums.

Our regional student population has declined over the five-year average in comparison to neighboring regional school towns, creating a decrease in our regional assessment, the second largest line item in our town budget. This trend is beyond our control and could change at any time. The other towns in the region face significant cost increases for the regional school assessments.

Our elementary school has requested more financing and faces uncertainty in grant funding.

The highway and police departments are bringing new vehicle requests to town meeting.

The library has moved up the “use

ladder” to fourth busiest in state for our size, and is requesting adding five hours per week to its schedule to respond to demand.

The fire department is growing in number of volunteer fire fighters while facing uncertainty about its facility. (See related article on page 3.)

Increased services means increased costs. These much-needed services are squeezed into the FY12 budget.

Spring and summer “250th” events are gearing up!

If you receive this newsletter before **Saturday, April 30**, there’s still time to attend a potentially lifesaving presentation!

Woodcutting has been an important part of Shutesbury’s history from even before its incorporation 250 years ago. Town Tree Warden **Tom Houston** wants 21st century Roadtown residents to remain in one piece as they prepare for next winter’s chilly days.

As we enter the season for dealing with storm-downed trees and splitting cord wood, he will give tips on the proper use of chain saws, other tools and personal protective equipment on Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Station on Leverett Road.

Houston will be joined by former Shutesbury Firefighter **Greg Steve**, who will assist in showing steps one can take to help people with injuries

before our first responders arrive.

Shutesbury residents present at the elementary school for our Annual Town Meeting on **Saturday, May 7**, will have a brief break early in the proceedings for an appearance by special guests from the State House bearing a surprise gift to the town.

Later in the meeting, all will enjoy birthday cake for the 200th anniversary of the founding of what is now the M. N. Spear Memorial Library.

Tickets for a **June 26 self-guided Farm and Garden Tour** (details on page 5) are expected to be available for Annual Town Meeting (look for them at the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee’s table, near the “Always Cooler” glasses, caps and tee-shirts).

Meanwhile, the **June 11 parade** is growing! It now includes an antique fire engine originally from Shutesbury, floats, alpacas, equestrians, musicians and dancers, to name just a few. See the insert in this newsletter to learn how to get in on the fun.

The Lake Wyola Association is also planning its annual **Road Race June 18** and an **Art Show and Boat Tours on July 16**. See page 5.

Bulky Waste Day is coming

Gary Bernhard, *Recycling Coordinator*

Bulky Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 at the Highway Department from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Bring items that are too large for the trash, such as construction waste, mattresses, electronics, etc.

We do charge enough to cover the cost of disposing of these items, so bring some cash or your check book. Hint: Unloading goes a lot faster if you



See **Bulky Waste**, page 3

Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*

townclerk@shutesbury.org

Office Hours: Monday through

Thursday 9:00am –1:00pm

Call 259-1204 for special appointments or to leave a message.

Shutesbury's Annual Town Meeting and Election will take place at the Shutesbury Elementary School, 23 West Pelham Road on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The polls will be open from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Annual Town Meeting starts at 9:00am.

Saturday, April 16 was the last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Meeting and Election. Once registered to vote in a Massachusetts town, as long as the voter remains at the same address and continues to fill out and return the January 1 annual street list form the voter's name remains on the voter registration list. Call the number above anytime if you would like to check your voter registration status in Shutesbury.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office for voters who will either be absent from Shutesbury, or who have a physical disability or a religious belief that prevents them from being present during polling hours.

Applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing and include: the voter's name, voting address and the address to which the ballot should be mailed, and the voter's signature. Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery of an application and the mailing of the ballot back and forth.

A voter may also absentee vote in person at the Town Clerk's office until noon on Friday, May 6. For any questions about absentee voting including hours, please call or email the Town Clerk's office.

The only way to vote on the Town Meeting warrant articles is to be at the meeting. We hope you will be able to attend.

Key **results of both the election and town meetings** will be put on the Town Clerk's answering machine (259-1204) and posted on the front door of town hall at the end of the

day. As soon as first draft results are prepared, they will be posted at the town website (www.shutesbury.org) on the Town Clerk's page.

According to the US Census 2010, Shutesbury has 1771 citizens. For detailed breakdowns go to <http://2010.census.gov>. We appreciate your efforts in the previous year to be counted.

I always appreciate how responsive and helpful Shutesbury residents are with our local census as well. Thank you for your efforts.

With its basis in Massachusetts statute, all dogs residing in the Town of Shutesbury must be licensed annually. Besides providing valuable contact information in the event that a dog is lost, licensing insures that all dogs are vaccinated against rabies.

You can re-license your dog any time now for the July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 period. You can print out a re-license form from our [www.shutesbury.org website](http://www.shutesbury.org). If there is a town-wide mailing in June, I will include mail-in relicense forms in it.

Check now, to make sure that you have a current certificate of rabies vaccination for your dog. If the certificate has expired, call your veterinarian for an appointment to be ready for the July relicensing period.

Please feel welcome to call or email the Town Clerk's Office if you would like more information.

Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury taxpayers,

Happy spring! Now that the warmer weather is approaching, we are approaching the end of fiscal 2011 and the Town Meeting for fiscal 2012.

My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00am - Noon. Should you need to see me and these times are inconvenient, please call and we can arrange a better time to meet.

Your fourth quarter real estate taxes are due May 2. I urge you to

pay these bills promptly as the next bill you will be receiving on these bills is a demand that will cost you an additional \$ 5.00 plus interest.

If you need to set up a payment arrangement on your bill, please contact me as soon as possible.

Although interest will accrue on any overdue portion of the bill, you will avoid the demand fee and the additional interest that would accrue should you leave the entire bill unpaid.

Don't forget to contact the Board of Assessors **if you no longer have a vehicle on which you have received a motor vehicle excise tax bill.**

This should be done as soon as you receive the bill so the bill can be adjusted through abatement before the bill becomes due. Unless the bill is fully abated, any fees and interest that accrue prior to your payment must be paid.

You will need to supply the Assessors with a bill of sale and a copy of a plate return receipt from the Registry of Motor Vehicles or a copy of a new registration for the same license plate to obtain the abatement.

Have a good spring.

Thank you!

The Winter 2011 issue of *Our Town* was readied for mailing by Town Hall staff with the help of **Lorna Broucek, Merka Fletcher, Suzanne Hayden, Al Springer, Joanne Sunshower** and—as always!—**Marilyn Tibbetts.**

If you would like to join one of our convivial “stuffing and folding parties” in the future, please call the Town Clerk's office at 259-1204.

Our Town, published three times a year in January, April and August or September, is supported by tax dollars. We welcome news from Town of Shutesbury departments, boards, and committees, and from individuals and groups about local projects, activities, or special events of benefit to our community. Submissions promoting the sale of goods or services for private profit cannot be accepted.

Janis S. Gray, *Editor*
Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Hall Liaison*



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The latest on the fire station gas leak cleanup

Becky Torres, *Town Administrator*

The white elephant in Shutesbury continues to be the soil contaminated by gasoline at the fire station. At the end of the summer we began exploring the remediation methods available for cleaning up the area under the station's Rescue Bay.

Original estimates were \$30,000 to put in a soil vapor extraction system (SVE). As we began reviewing the estimate, we learned 3-phase electricity was needed. We received two National Grid estimates to bring this service up the hill from Montague Rd., the first \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 through our Licensed Site Professional (LSP), and the verbal informal estimate of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

A discussion of these costs led to our LSP saying we did not need 3-phase electricity. So what happens if you downsize the SVE system to single phase? You have to run it longer. How much longer? Nobody knows. We do know that the annual maintenance cost for running the SVE system is \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The PILOT test has been put in place to determine the specific effectiveness of the gas fume extraction. Whether or not this method will be effective is in question because the glacial till soil could make this method ineffective.

The town received reduced pricing for the PILOT test, now \$17,000. Three new monitoring wells have also been installed at the edge of the wetland. By installing them at the same time as the SVE PILOT test, the price was reduced \$2000.

As far as the fire station goes, we are in the process of evaluating our best options. The Selectboard has met with the LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tank) recovery folks from Boston who want their \$200,000 back..

The LUST program funded our major contaminated soil removal project this summer at the fire station. The Springfield DEP team assisted with all our work at no additional cost to Shutesbury, a tremendous benefit

for the town.

The Selectboard has met with the Finance Committee, Capital Planning, Fire Chief, and Police Department to discuss possibilities. On February 18, the Selectboard, Fire Chief and Town Administrator met with the DEP Springfield officials and the town's LSP consultant, Jim Okun.

The DEP professionals made it clear that we have done significant work to remediate the problem. They made it clear that they are not recommending tearing down the fire station.

The process is ongoing. The best possible solutions to address the unknown amount of contamination will be found.

Recycling News

Gary Bernhard, *Recycling Coordinator*

Looks like spring is actually going to come this year, though for awhile there I thought that we'd somehow popped through the wardrobe into Narnia and perpetual winter.

Trash bag distribution schedule

Every household in Shutesbury receives up to 50 trash bags each year. If you use fewer than 50 bags Shutesbury saves money. Please bring the tote bag (made from 100% recycled materials) you received from the Recycling Committee last year to tote your trash bags this year. See insert in this newsletter for most times.

* Saturday, May 7 8:30am - 2:00pm
(Elementary School)

* Wed, May 11 (Town Hall)

* Sat., May 14 (Town Hall)

* Wednesday, May 18 (Town Hall)

* Sat., May 21 (Town Hall)

* Wed., May 25 (Town Hall)

* Sat., May 28 (Town Hall)

* Wed., June 1 (Town Hall)

* Sat., June 4 (Highway Garage)

* Sat, June 11 (Lake Wyola Assoc.)

* Sat., June 18 (Town Hall)

After June 18, bags may be picked up at Town Hall.

Composting Workshop

On April 13 the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee celebrated the return of spring with a terrific com-

posting workshop held at Shutesbury Elementary School. Forty-six people turned out to hear Ann McGovern, from the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, give a great presentation on how to compost and what to do with the "black gold" that comes out of the bottom of the compost bin. Some very knowledgeable composters attended the workshop, and Ann suggested that in the future we might have annual workshops featuring our local composting sages.

The Recycling Committee used a Springfield Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) grant to purchase compost bins, and these will be on sale at Town Hall, on trash bag distribution days, and on Bulky Waste Day for the greatly reduced price of \$20.00.

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separate trash, metals, and electronics. Do NOT bring hazardous waste (including fluorescent bulbs) to Bulky Waste Day.

We Need Bulky Waste Day Volunteers! Please give us a hand that day if you can. If you would like to volunteer, e-mail Gary Bernhard at bernhard@www.umass.edu or call at 259-1235.

Wondering about your well and radioactive rain?

William Elliott, Chair, *Board of Health*

The Board of Health has been asked about the danger to private wells in Shutesbury from radioactive rain, which began falling this spring as a result of the problems with the nuclear power plant in Japan.

I have discussed this with staff at the Environmental Health Division of the state Department of Public Health. It is not necessary to test wells in Massachusetts at the present time. Surface water supplies that are directly affected by rainfall are being monitored.

On the Board of Health page on www.shutesbury.org are links to EPA and DPH websites with the most recent information. The DPH page has several references in the "News and Updates" column. DPH also has a phone line to answer questions at (617) 624-5757.

Wetlands protection bylaw on Town Meeting warrant

The Shutesbury Conservation Commission has revised the Town's Wetlands Protection Bylaw, chiefly to clarify its purpose and jurisdiction. The new Bylaw will be presented for a vote at our Annual Town Meeting.

An annotated copy of the new Wetlands Protection Bylaw has been filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the ConCom's website [www.shutesbury.org/concom].

The Commission will host a public forum on the new Bylaw from 7:30pm – 8:00pm during its meeting upstairs at Town Hall on Thursday, 28 April.

The warrant article will be presented at Town Meeting on Saturday, May 7, to ask that the current Bylaw be replaced with the new/revised Bylaw.

From the Historical Commission

As in past years our Historical Commission will be represented in the annual **Quabbin Park Memorial Day Parade**: Sunday, May 29 at the Quabbin Park Cemetery on Route 9 in Belchertown.

In 1938, the Swift River Valley Communities of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott were dissolved to make room for the new Quabbin Reservoir. Their historical town memorials and cemeteries were transferred to the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

Refreshments and coffee at 10:00am, the parade will begin at 11:00am and end at the ceremony at 11:15am. All are welcome and there is no charge to witness this meaningful event in a tranquil historical cemetery. Call the Quabbin Visitors' Center at (413) 323-7221 if you need more information.

The Shutesbury Historical Commission has submitted a grant application for use of Community Preservation Funds to **repair the rotted sills of the West Schoolhouse**; a project that has been waiting for over 10 years. We appreciate your support of this effort at town meeting and welcome you to our annual open house on Columbus Day. We also open the schoolhouse by special

appointment. Call any member of the Historical Commission.

As a follow-up to Historical Commission efforts to restore the **Town Pound** for 2011 celebration events, we will be seeking formal oversight authority at Annual Town Meeting. By assigning responsibility of oversight of the pound, we hope to maintain its current picturesque entryway status to our historic town center in perpetuity.

If you have any questions about our local history, would like to participate in our walks, or donate time to help with document preservation, please contact Leslie Bracebridge, Town Clerk, 259-1204, townclerk@shutesbury.org.

Also, the Historical Commission would love to hear from you if you have a history story to tell, an old Shutesbury object that we could photograph, a historic site that we could see, or photos or documents about our past that we could copy for our files. Please contact any member of the Shutesbury Historical Commission: Chairman **Barbara Goodhind**, Secretary **Julie Taylor** or members **Leslie Bracebridge**, **Karen Czerwonka**, **Joanna Hayes**, **Steve Puffer** and **Marilyn Tibbetts**.

Screenings offered for pre-school, kindergarten

In Shutesbury, developmental screening for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds is available through the school as a first step in a process intended to find children in need of special services and to plan for meeting those needs.

The screening focuses on a child's growth in a number of areas, such as large and small muscle control, speech/language development and concept development. This activity takes about 20 minutes and consists of a number of games that children typically enjoy. It gives an indication of whether or not a child's skills are developing within the typical range.

The Shutesbury Elementary School Preschool is currently enrolling children for the 2011-2012 school year. If you or anyone you know has children under the age of 5, or you have questions or concerns about your child's development, please contact Grace Griecci, Pre-k teacher, at 259-1212 ext.140 or email her at grieccg@shutesburyschool.org

This screening is available to all families in town, including those with a child not already enrolled in the school's preschool program.

Union #28 Community Network for Children

The Community Network for Children (CNC) supports all families with children from birth through kindergarten and the early education and care providers that care for them in our school union.

Some programs for families include: weekly playgroups and story hours, parent/guardian workshops and events, opportunities to meet other families in our community, support in accessing child care, new baby gift

bags and home visits, and newsletters with current programs and events. Our local CNC community council assists in the oversight of the grant funds.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive monthly newsletters of events and workshops, please call or email Gillian Budine, Coordinator, (978) 544-5157. You can also access information at <http://sites.google.com/site/communitynetworkforchildren/>

Redeem coupon for a Welcome Baby Gift Bag!

We would like to extend a welcome to your new baby with a free Welcome Baby Gift Bag. Your bag will contain books, health and safety items and valuable information about local services for you and your new baby. Please call or email Gillian, CNC Coordinator, to arrange for a drop off at your home or to pick up your welcome baby gift bag at one of our local story hours or playgroups!



Shutesbury Resource Guide in the works!

Do you have a service, skill or business that you would like more neighbors to know about?

A group of local people is creating a Resource Guide for Shutesbury residents with the purpose of strengthening our local economy, encouraging the use of local resources, and increasing our sense of community.

While this Resource Guide is a work-in-progress, the vision is to create a vehicle to inform all of us about the rich and diverse talents and resources of our small town.

If you would like to be included in this resource guide, please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Shutesbury_Resource_Guide.

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESPONSES TO: emily@stayintouch.org or mail it to **Emily Bayard**, 233 West Pelham Road.

For those of you who would prefer to drop off the information, Emily has secured a cylinder to the underside of her newspaper box, next to the white mailbox.

Please contact **David C. Dann** at 259-1554 if you have any questions or if you would like a paper copy of the survey.

Upcoming activities at Sirius Community

HenaSusha Schiffman, *Sirius Community*

Sirius Community is an ecovillage, education/conference center and spiritual intentional community on Baker Road in Shutesbury.

We welcome our neighbors and friends to come visit us. Please check out our website for more information and latest events. Call Sirius at 413-259-1251 or visit us at www.sirius-community.org

Ongoing events

Open house - 1st & 3rd Sundays - 11:00am Q & A, potluck lunch, tour

Community Experience

Weekends - 1st Weekend of the month - fee

Hearthstone Kitchen Dinners - Wednesdays 6:00pm; reserve your

place with daniel@LivingRoutes.org - \$9/\$10

Healing Meditations - 12:30pm Saturdays & 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wood-Fired Saunas - Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 5 - 10pm - \$5

Latin Dance Lessons 8:00pm - \$5, **Dance** 9:00PM - \$5, May 6, (then on 1st Fridays)

Kirtan - Spiritual Chanting - Monthly - 7:30pm - Donation

Special events

Heart Forgiveness Workshop with Michael & Alexandra Barrett, May 6-8, June 3-5- fee

Vision & Relationship Workshop with Dr. Marc Grossman, May 14-15 - fee

Transformational Breathwork Workshop with Dr. Judith Kravitz - June 14- 19 - fee

Green Building & Sustainable Design Course - June 20 - July 10 - fee; contact LivingRoutes.org

Permaculture Design Certification - July 16 - August 5 - fee; Contact LivingRoutes.org

Programs

IMMERSION - Experience living at Sirius for a month or more - fee

INTERNSHIPS - contact us for more information.

Lake Wyola Road Race Saturday, June 18!

Please join this fantastic family event. Tee-shirts, free baked goods, raffle and refreshments for all participants. Prizes for all top finishers.

Start and Finish: Lake Wyola Association Hall, 6 Shore Drive
9:30am Walker Start
10:00 am Runner Start

Distance: 4.8 Miles

Entry Forms:
www.lakewyola.com/roadrace

Bring the family to swim or picnic at the Lake Wyola State Park beach while you run or walk.

To Volunteer on race day contact **Bruce Hartley:** 367-2068

For additional race information contact **Maura Keene:** 253-3421

First of two Farm & Garden Tours to be June 26

Self-guided tours on Sunday, June 26 will take place between 10:00am - 4:00pm. To offset the cost of identifying signs and brochures (with maps and descriptions), tickets will be available in advance at Town Hall and at the Saturday Market for \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families.

A second farm and garden tour highlighting autumn crops and colors will take place on September 11.

Any ticket income remaining after expenses will be deposited in a Shutesbury Beautification account that was established by the former Shutesbury Garden Club.

Several farms on the tour will offer light refreshments.

As of mid-April, the list of participating farmers and gardeners was still growing, and included:

Julian Janowitz, Sculpture Garden

Susan and Steve Rice, **Craigieburn Farm Alpacas**

Sarah and Kevin Shields, **Birch Moon Farm**

Sirius Community, Farms and Gardens

Meryl Mandell and **Steve Smulski**, Gardens

Penny Jacques and **Steve Bressler**, Gardens

Old Orchard Road Communal Vegetable Garden

Art Show, boat tours coming to Lake Wyola

On Saturday, July 16 (rain date: Sunday, July 17), there will be an art show to the Lake Wyola Association Hall at 6 Shore Drive. There is no charge to attend.

Afternoon boat tours will begin at a nearby dock for the tentative price of \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

Details on these events are still evolving, so keep an eye out for more information in the months to come!



The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road
259-1213; www.mnspear.org
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

Hours

Monday and Wednesday
11:00am to 1:00pm
3:00pm to 6:00pm.
Tuesday and Thursday
3:00pm to 7:30pm
Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm
Sunday 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

Weezie Houle maintains our website.
Thank you! Thank you!

Put it on hold

In March we marked two years of being members of C/W MARS, an automated resource network that provides many benefits to our community. Shutesbury library patrons can search our online catalog, as well as the catalogs of the 145 member libraries.

Patrons can create an account allowing them to manage their library use online.

A library account contains confidential information including materials checked out, due dates, and late fees owed. In addition to searching the catalogs, patrons can place requests, renew items, and pay late fees online.

Network membership has expanded the walls of our tiny library by providing easy access to a much greater variety of library materials. In Fiscal Year 2010 Shutesbury residents borrowed more than 3,600 items through interlibrary loan. Additionally, patrons at other libraries borrowed more than 6,400 of our items during the same time period. Delivery of the thousands of items that travel between libraries across the state (more than 250,000 per week), is provided by the Massachusetts Library System. We receive deliveries on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week.

While the types of materials borrowed through interlibrary loan spans a very broad spectrum, a large percentage of the materials traveling between libraries are new best-selling books and DVDs.

While we purchase many of these types of items for the library, it is no

longer common to come into the library and find new bestsellers on the shelves. If these items are not checked out to someone in Shutesbury, they are checked out to someone at another library in the network.

If you are looking forward to reading the latest novel by your favorite author or seeing the Academy Award winners as soon as they are released,

we recommend requesting the item through the online catalog or asking us to place a hold for you. We are very happy to show you how to create an account, search the catalog and request items. We are also happy to place holds for you at the circulation desk. It is very easy for us to do with just a few clicks of a mouse. Please do not hesitate to ask for help.

A few tips for searching our online catalog

Access to our online catalog is available through www.mnspear.org.

Choose **Card Catalog**, located near the top of the screen. A variety of search options are available, including keyword, title, author, and subject. If you do not find what you are looking for in our catalog, you can choose to search other area libraries by clicking

on the drop down arrow next to **Shutesbury**, or choose **All Western Mass Libraries** at the bottom of the list.

On the right side of the screen are some **other search** options, including **Advanced Keyword**. This function can be used to browse specific types of materials such as DVDs or Books



on CD. The search illustrated on page 6 allows you to browse our entire DVD collection.

- * Choose **Advanced Keyword**
- * Enter the letter **a** in the first **Any Field** space
- * For **Material Type** choose **Video(DVD)**
- * Choose **Shutesbury**
- * Click **Submit**

On Wednesday, May 18, **Marcia Bernard**, Shutesbury Elementary School Librarian, and I will be hosting a program called "Managing Your Reading Life." Topics will include searching the catalog, digital downloads, and lots of other online reading sources. Please join us.

The Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library

The Friends of the Library is a growing group of dedicated volunteers who work to enhance the quality of the service this little library offers. Funding from the Friends enhances our collections and makes possible our rich variety of library programming.

The Friends sent out their annual membership mailing in March. A copy of the membership form is included in this newsletter. Thanks for all you do to support the work of the library by supporting the Friends.

Anniversaries!

Thanks to the dedication of the members of the 250th Anniversary Steering Committee, we have all been enjoying a variety of events that celebrate our town's founding in 1761. 2011 is also an anniversary year for the library.

The first Public Library in Shutesbury, housed in a single bookcase, was established in 1811 by "Proprietors" or "Subscribers" -- more than forty of whom contributed at least one dollar (one share) each -- "desirous to encourage the establishment of a Library in this Town by the name of the Social Library."

These proprietors were the founding members of the Public Library in Shutesbury. Their vision and commitment began a rich tradition of quality public library service in our town.

At Town Meeting on May 7, the

Report from the New Shutesbury Library Capital Fundraising Committee

http://www.shutesbury.org/library_capital_fundraising_committee

History: Following last year's Annual Town Meeting approval to allow us to apply for the grant to build a new Shutesbury Library, the Selectboard formed our committee to study and work on fundraising for the new library project.

Committee Members:

Community Members: Chair-**Susie Mosher**, **George Arvanitis**
Library Trustee Reps: **Karen Traub** and **Jen Davies**
Friends of Library Reps: **Weezie Houle**, Secretary and **Jane Urban**

Charge: The sole responsibility of the committee is to raise funds for the New Shutesbury Library Capital Project. All funds raised will be used to offset the town's portion of the costs.

The current estimated amount of the town's portion is \$1,228,305. If fundraising exceeds the town's portion of the project, the excess funds will go into an endowment to be managed by the Trustees for future needs of the library.

What we've done so far: To get us started on the right foot, the Friends and Trustees hired Matt Blumenfeld, from Financial Development Agency,

Friends of the Library will be serving cake to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the library in Shutesbury.

Farewell to a Library Trustee

Longtime Trustee **Amy Beth** resigned from the Board of Trustees in March. Join me in thanking her for her service to the library and the community.

Library Trustees serve the Library and our community by establishing a mission for the library, reviewing and maintaining policies for best library practices to meet the needs of Shutesbury residents, advocating for financial support of the library, fundraising and more.

Currently the Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Members of the board serve on

to help us talk to townspeople and figure out a realistic fundraising goal.

We have developed some campaign materials that detail the reasons and scope of the new Library project

We have established communication links with the Library Trustees, Friends of the Library, Finance Committee and Town Administrator.

We brainstormed a list of ideas we have heard and collected so far such as a barn dance, neighborhood house parties, a motorcycle ride, Spelling Bee, and many, many more.

We formed five working groups:

- ** Events **
- **Communication/Media/PR**
- ** Donor Cultivation **
- ** Fall TM Presentation**
- ** Grants**

We need volunteers -- this is easily a five-year project. We are planning lots of fun events, so stay tuned.

Timeline: Following notification of state funding decision in July, there will be a Special Town Meeting in late fall. We'll be back with a presentation on our fundraising progress and the library will make a request for financial support.

Feel free to contact us, and thank you for your support.

other committees including the New Shutesbury Library Capital Fundraising Committee (see article on this page) and the Library Facility Needs Assessment Committee (LFNAC, which completed its charge of submitting the Library Construction Grant Application to the Mass Board of Library Commissioners).

Planning a 250th anniversary happening?

To arrange for publicity on the town's 250th Anniversary web page, please contact the Anniversary Steering Committee with details at least four weeks prior to your event at 250th@shutesbury.org or by phoning Co-chairs **Janis S. Gray** (259-1584) or **Maryélise Lamet** (259-1551).

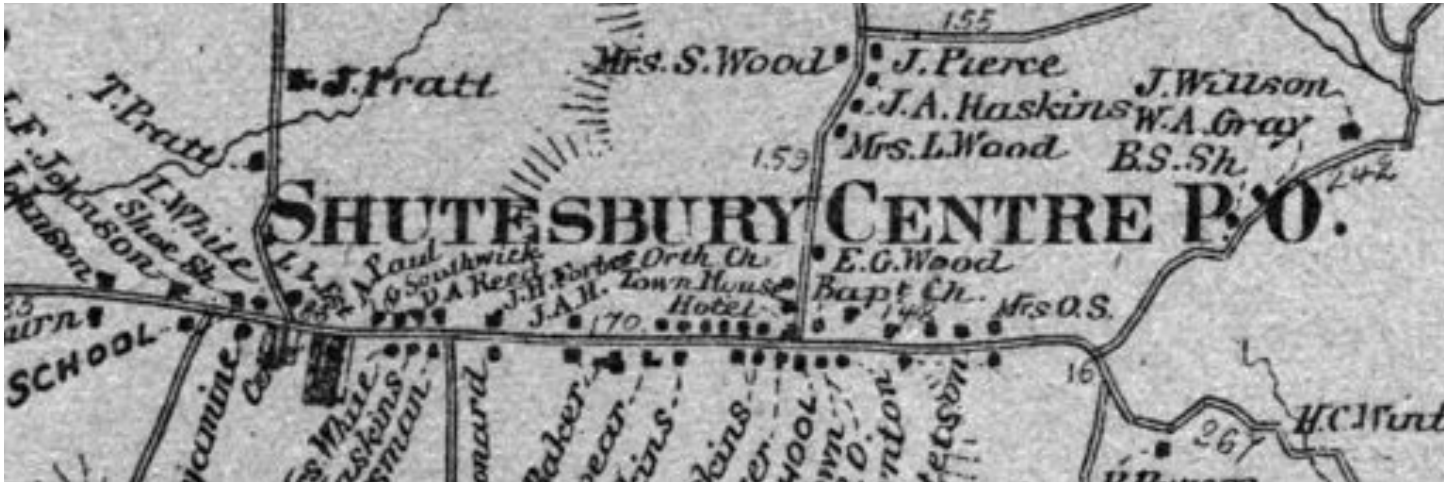


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Go to www.shutesbury.org for email addresses, or call the phone numbers below.

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