

SHUTESBURY

MASSACHUSETTS



OUR TOWN

The latest on broadband *Shutesbury Broadband Committee*

All 42 miles of the distribution network (along all the roads) is complete in Shutesbury! Our network went live at the start of this summer.

Concurrently, installations to homes started in June in the Lake Wyola area. Residents who have been connected report they are very happy with their new broadband service.

Throughout town, all prep work for underground installations is on schedule to be done by the end of October before the ground freezes. The "prep work" includes the installation of new underground conduit where needed and running fiber through existing conduit where available. With the prep work completed, people with underground service will be ready for the in-home portion of the installation just like those with above-ground service.

The subscriber campaign in April and May was extremely successful, with over 87% of homes requesting to have service installed. We know every one of the 750 residents who signed up is anxious to get connected, and we're doing everything we can to install as many homes as we can before the end of the year.

When it's your turn you'll get a phone call from Sertex (the installation company) about two weeks ahead to schedule your installation date.

If you don't pick up the call, they will leave a message for you to call back and also email you. We even have a process for coming and knocking on your door if it's difficult to get ahold of you. Nobody who has signed up will be left out!

Don't worry if you see trucks working on your road and you still haven't gotten a call. Installations don't necessarily happen in geographic order.

Please resist the temptation to chat up the installers you see working throughout town unless they are working on your house. Not only does this slow down the work, but they won't be able to answer scheduling questions as that is controlled by their central office. Thanks for your cooperation with this to help keep the project moving!

Curious about the progress? Your best source for information is the Current News web page that can be found at: <https://www.shutesbury.org/broadband/news>

- Your Broadband Team

Conservation Commission supports land preservation along Roaring Brook

Shutesbury Conservation Commission

Located on either side of Roaring Brook, partway down the S-curves on Leverett Road, is a newly conserved property managed by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The Shutesbury Conservation Commission contributed toward the Division's purchase of a former building lot. A small adjacent parcel was donated to bring the property to a total of four acres.

Roaring Brook, which runs through the property, is listed as an important Coldwater Fishery. MassWildlife stocks the stream a little further to the north. The presence of freshwater streams provides valuable habitat for wildlife and the site provides access to the larger Paul C. Jones Working Forest Conservation Easement.

Contained within the site are the extensive remnants of an old sawmill, possibly the oldest in Shutesbury and built in the town's early days. The mill was located between valuable stands of pine timber which may still be seen today. The mill ruins, located not far from the road, are best accessed from the

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east side of Roaring Brook.

Celebrate Shutesbury!

Please join us on the Town Common on Saturday, September 21 for our annual town celebration from 10am-2pm! All are welcome!

Enjoy kids' activities, a barbeque, live music, baseball radar toss, the book and Shutesbury apparel sale from the library, free mini Bars energy sessions with **Ziporah Hildebrandt**, a *Tavern of Time* performance in honor of Shutesbury's rich history, information from Boards and Committees in town, and more!! Afterparty lobster clambake at the Shutesbury Athletic Club featuring Mark Snow band, Caylin Lee and Gynomite. Info at shutesburyac.com

If you are interested in helping to set up or clean up, vend, set up an activity, or create an information booth please email **Jessica Carlson-elanger** at carlsonbelanger@gmail.com. Looking forward to coming together as a town to celebrate



Messages from the Town Clerk

Susie Mosher—Town Clerk
Grace Bannasch — Assistant Town Clerk
1 Cooleyville Rd., 413-259-1204
townclerk@shutesbury.org
413-259-1204
Website @ www.shutesbury.org
New Town Clerk Office hours: Monday 3:00 – 7:00pm
Tuesday and Friday 8:30am – Noon
Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 – 10:30am
Thursday evening 5:00 –7:00pm
And other times by appointment

Welcome new residents, new volunteers and a new assistant town clerk! **Grace Bannasch** is Shutesbury's part-time Assistant Town Clerk. Grace grew up and continues to live in Shutesbury. She is delighted to be working in Town Hall and in the community.

The Town Clerk's seat will be open next May (I am not running again), and to make the transition as smooth as possible, Grace is working 10 hours a week, learning all the tasks for which town clerks are responsible. The 2020 election year will be very busy, so sharing the information now will be a big help next year.

Her additional hours have increased the regular hours our office is open. We are available for appointments if you can't make it in during the posted hours.

Speaking of busy election years, there will be four elections in 2020 – Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 3, Annual Town Elections on Saturday, May 2, State Primary on Tuesday, September 15, and THE Election, Tuesday, November 3. If you want to join in counting paper ballots, please contact the Town Clerk's office. We will need many election workers — recruit a friend! There will be information about voter registration on the town website as we swing into 2020.

This summer approximately 70% of the dogs received their NEW GREEN dog tags from owners who got their applications into the Town Clerk office on time. If your dog's tag is expired (6/30/2019) and is sadly without a GREEN tag, you can come to the Town Clerk's office to register or go to the Town

Clerk webpage, print an application and complete the process by mail.

What else do Town Clerks do? Welcome new residents; provide notary services; issue annual dog licenses; handle birth, death, and marriage certificates; administer the annual census; register voters; set up elections; archive Town records; provide public record access; post meeting agendas and minutes; swear-in volunteers and track volunteer paperwork; implement some of our state statutes; provide record information to the state; help distribute trash bags and Leverett Transfer Station stickers; answer questions; and act as a resource reference whenever possible.

Visit our office and get a tour of Town Hall or stop by the information booths at Celebrate Shutesbury. You'll find more information on our official town website, www.shutesbury.org

Once again, we could not do it without you!

For those of you who are new to Shutesbury, this newsletter is edited by dedicated and experienced volunteer **Janis Gray** who figures out how to include news and information from various Town departments, committees, and staff and find space for a photo or two.

For each issue of the *Our Town* newsletter and town-wide mailings, a group of volunteers collates and folds materials. These are the folks who helped get the Spring *Our Town* ready for mailing: **Susan Gomberg, Joan Hanson, Al Hanson, Catherine Hilton, Dave Mosher, and Susie Mosher.**

Within days of preparing the Spring newsletter, we were charged with collating and folding the Annual Town Meeting mailing. The USPS limits the thickness of bulk mailings. Our thick, many-paged mailing squeezed by because of the creative brainstorming done by **Susie Mosher, Dave Mosher and Jeff Lacy.** The other intrepid helpers were **Sally Fairfield, Police Chief Dan Fernandes, Joan Hanson, Al Hanson, Catherine Hilton, Susan Millinger, Elaine Puleo, and Becky Torres.**

Here's how to join us: When an issue goes to print, there will be a

Town Announcement with the date/time the folding will begin. Any amount of time is welcome! The activity is easy and the conversation interesting and fun.

Best wishes for your Autumn,
Linda Avis Scott
Administrative Secretary

Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury residents:

With the fall approaching, so, too, is the mailing of the next installment of your real estate and personal property taxes. This will occur the end of September with a due date of November 1. If you have paid both the first and second quarter amount with your first quarter payment you will not receive a bill for November. If you do not receive a second quarter bill, please check the middle portion of your first quarter bill as your total bill may be too small to generate a second quarter bill.

If you pay bills with a banking program, please be aware that there is a paper check generated that can take the bank over a week to mail so please plan ahead. *It is imperative that you verify the bill number identifier you are using as a memo.* Your bill numbers change every year for all types of taxes and your failure to correct the bill number causes difficulty in recording your payment. Please change the mailing address of the check so generated from the Woburn address, which is that of the lockbox, to the Town Collector's address which is PO Box 175, Shutesbury, MA 01072. Because your checks are not accompanied by a bill, the lockbox company sends them to me for processing which results in a delay in crediting them to your account.

Please plan ahead when you mail your payments as it may take as much as a week for mail to arrive as the post office sorts mail in Connecticut.

Do NOT postdate your checks! I cannot accept such checks because they cannot be processed until the date on the check. They will be returned to you upon receipt.

"Why is the name of the previous owner still on my real estate tax bill?"

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Roaring Brook, from page 1

This lovely spot provides expanded recreational opportunities for the residents of Shutesbury. We encourage town residents to visit!

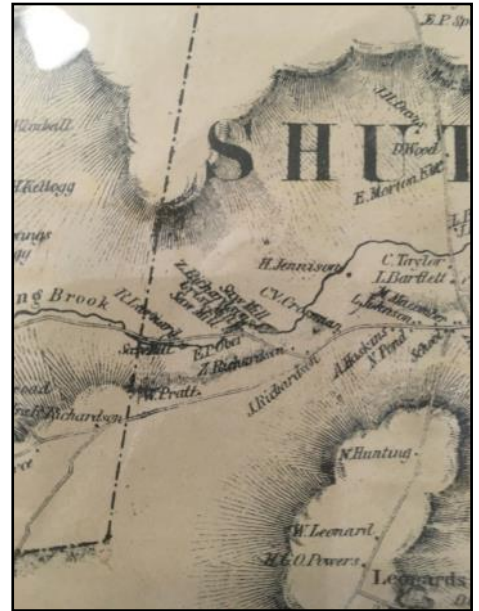
Parking is very limited. The conserved area is located between 321 and 379 Leverett Road.

Right: Maps from 1832 and 1855 show a series of mills along Roaring Brook ("Mill River" in 1832). The first map notes the sites of mills with black dots.

In Shutesbury, these appear just above the "U" and the "T" in the town's name. These maps also show that since those times, the locations of some roadways have changed!



1832



1855

Collector, from page 2

is a question we are frequently asked. Under Mass. General Laws, the name of the person who owned property on January 1 of the year in which the fiscal year begins must appear on the bill. In the case of this fiscal year (2020), that date is January 1, 2019. We highlight the "in care of" designation to make certain the bill is delivered to the new owner and not forwarded to the previous owner.

If you will be receiving your mail at a different address during the winter, please notify this office when you will be leaving so I can redirect your bills and ensure that they will be delivered promptly. Please make sure I have your alternate address.

This is also the time to verify all information on your auto registration, license, and insurance documents. Your insurance company furnishes information to the Registry of Motor Vehicles during the last quarter of the calendar year that provides the database from which your motor vehicle excise tax bills on vehicles registered on January 1 are generated. It is essential that the place of garaging and both the mailing and residential addresses are absolutely correct to insure proper and prompt delivery of your bills. If you have an Amherst mailing address, that address should appear as the "mailing address" on your registration so it appears on your excise bill. Failure to have the correct mailing address may cause the bill to be returned as undeliverable and delays delivery.

The Town of Amherst has notified

us that they will NOT be automatically sending bills whose owners reside in Shutesbury but have Amherst mailing addresses to Shutesbury for rebilling. Should you receive a bill incorrectly from Amherst, please make certain all information on your registration is correct. If it is not, contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles (which can be done online or in person) to correct the situation. Once everything is correct, contact the Board of Assessors in Amherst to ascertain what information they need to abate the bill and to send it to Shutesbury. Please start this bill as soon as you receive an incorrect bill as the bill will be due 30 days from the mailing date.

Let me remind you that any tax bill sent from this office should *not* be ignored even if it is on property you no longer own. The Town does not get notified if you dispose of an automobile, turn in your license plates, or dispose of an automobile, turn in your license plates, or dispose of personal property. You must notify the Board of Assessors by completing the appropriate abatement application.

If you move from Shutesbury, please leave a forwarding address and make certain you change your license and registration to indicate your new address and place of garaging. Any registration that lists Shutesbury as a place of garaging will result in an excise tax bill being sent from Shutesbury.

Remember, your unpaid excise bills from any municipality will follow you through the data base at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and its compact with other states. Unpaid bills can result in

your inability to register a vehicle or renew your driver's license and registration.

Have a good autumn.

Ellen McKay
Collector



Are you interested in the history of our town? If so, consider joining the Historical Commission. For more information, contact us at historical@shutesbury.org.

We would love to have you come to one of our meetings to find out more about us. To learn the next meeting date and time, visit the Town's home page, www.shutesbury.org, click on "Meetings" and then on "Calendars" in

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Our Town, published three times a year in January or February, 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*
Linda Avis Scott, *Town Hall Liaison*

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Shutesbury School Committee updates

The Shutesbury School Committee meets every third Thursday in the conference room at the school. Our role is to set the direction of the school by establishing policies and setting a budget to serve the needs of our students while being responsible to the taxpayers of the town.

Steve Sullivan is our representative to the Amherst Regional Committee. He represents the interests of our Shutesbury students as well as bringing information about issues at the regional schools back to Shutesbury.

Shutesbury is also represented at the Union 28 level by **Dan Hayes, Jen Malcolm-Brown,** and **Lauren Thomas-Paquin.**

Katie Fiander and **Jen Malcolm-Brown** work with Superintendent Jennifer Haggerty and Principal **Jackie Mendonsa** to review and update policies for SES which they bring to the full committee.

At the Union 28 level, school committee members from all of the represented towns meet to determine the budget for the Central Office of the supervisory union as well as work with Superintendent Haggerty to establish the educational vision for our schools.

Superintendent Jennifer Haggerty offers the following update from Union 28:

This year, we welcome two new principals to Union #28: Lisa Candito at Erving Elementary School and Rhonda Cohen at Leverett Elementary School.

We will continue with our exploration and implementation of Universal Design for Learning in our schools. Universal Design for Learning is a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all people based on scientific insights into how humans learn. The Universal Design for Learning framework guides the design of instructional goals, assessments, methods, and materials that can be customized and adjusted to meet individual needs.

Our schools have been busy preparing for the new school year. Many staff members have been working diligently over the summer to get us ready! We begin with our Opening Day meeting for Union #28 staff on

August 26, 2019 at Erving Elementary School. Students begin on August 28, 2019. I look forward to another wonderful year filled with joy and filled with learning.

Dan Hayes serves as the Shutesbury representative to the Collaborative for Education Services, where he is also Chair of the Board of Directors.

The Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) is a non-profit educational service agency, committed to reaching and educating learners of all ages, and experienced in working with educators to help students learn and succeed. They work with districts and communities across the Commonwealth to enhance educational opportunities for children, youth, and adults with a focus on those at risk of failure.

CES directs major initiatives in Early Childhood, Special Education, After School Programs, Professional Development, Educator Licensure, Educational Technology, Social Justice in Education, and the education of vulnerable youth.

Dan has also been appointed to the state's School Transportation Commission, which is examining the demands transportation puts on schools, particularly in rural areas, and how best to address these demands and associated costs.

Like communities across the state, we continue to struggle with decreases in funding and increases in costs. The School Committee works diligently to maintain the exceptional quality of our school while recognizing the financial impacts on our town. The committee is grateful for the continuing support of the community as well as the tremendous efforts of the Shutesbury Elementary School staff to provide our students with an extraordinary education.

Programs from the Community Network for Children

SHUTESBURY – FREE WEEKLY TALES & TUNES

Come and enjoy stories, song and craft activities with your child(ren) and other families and caregivers from your community at the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

Tales & Tunes will continue, for the 2019-2020 school year, on Mondays,

from 9:30-11:00am. This program is facilitated by **Katie Tolles**, and is intended for children 0-5 years of age. Tales & Tunes is sponsored by the M.N. Spear Memorial Library and Union #28 Community Network for Children program. See CNC Website for program and event schedules, <https://sites.google.com/erving.com/cncprogram/home>

For more information please contact Gillian Budine, (978) 544-5157 or email budine@erving.com.

SHUTESBURY – FREE WEEKLY PLAYGROUP

Come and enjoy time with your child (ren) and other families and caregivers from your community at the Shutesbury Elementary School.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Shutesbury Playgroup will begin on September 13th from 8:45-10:15am. This Playgroup is facilitated by **Joie Ciepiela** and is intended for children 0-5 years of age. Playgroup is sponsored by the Shutesbury Elementary School and Union #28 Community Network for Children program. Program not held during school closures. See CNC Website for program and event schedules, <https://sites.google.com/erving.com/cncprogram/home>

For more information please contact Gillian Budine, (978) 544-5157 or email budine@erving.com.

WELCOME NEW BABY FREE GIFT BAG

This special offer from Union #28 Community Network for Children is for new babies (ages birth to 6 months) and their families in the communities of Erving, Leverett, New Salem, Shutesbury and Wendell.

The first days and weeks at home with a new baby are among the most joyful — and overwhelming — you'll experience as a parent.

Welcome Baby visits are a comfortable and comforting way for parents to connect with an early childhood expert and get information that you can use with your new baby and their siblings.

Welcome New Baby Gift Bags are free and made possible by funding from the Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grant serving our five communities. For more information and to schedule a visit for you and your baby, please contact us. Budine@erving.com or call 978-544-5157.

Reports from our wider community

Nextdoor Shutesbury

Join "Nextdoor Shutesbury," the non-municipal website and email communication system for Shutesbury residents.

This is a virtual bulletin board, where people in town exchange timely info. It offers two-way communication between members of the public.

Residents give away or sell their used belongings; seek or recommend service providers; and discuss and share local news and information 24/7.

Google "shutesburyma nextdoor" and choose "sign up" to start receiving and sharing info with more than 970 Shutesbury residents, representing 60% of our 957 households, and optionally, to reach out to an additional 1,700 Nextdoor neighbors in adjoining areas in Amherst, Pelham, Leverett and Wendell. You must be a town resident or property owner to join.

If you have problems signing up, email **Paul Vlach**, a Nextdoor "Lead," at vlach@admin.umass.edu for help.

Upcoming special events at the church on the Common

Mark Ellis, *Pastor, Shutesbury Community Church*

The parishioners of Shutesbury Community Church are hard at work preparing for a busy fall and holiday season, including a number of community events and service opportunities. It is our hope and intention to share our programs, facilities and friendship with Shutesbury residents of all ages, as well as to help meet the needs of our neighbors whenever possible.

I have been pastor for just over a year, and my wife Anne and I, along with the leadership and congregation members, have made a commitment for the church to be a good and valuable community "citizen" and to be welcoming to all.

Our missions efforts include monthly food collections for the Orange Food Pantry, a winter hat and coat drive for the Shutesbury Elementary School, delivery of holiday treat baskets to Shutesbury's senior citizens, and collections for Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry, which provides gifts to underprivileged children around the world.

We are always happy to get help from the public with any of these ef-

forts, including monetary contributions, donations of items and assistance with the work.

Here is a calendar of our upcoming special events. All area residents are invited to participate.

September 21: Celebrate Shutesbury, 10:00am - 2:00pm. We will have our annual Tea Party inside the church with a large variety of scrumptious mini-desserts. This year's theme is "A Butterfly Garden."

Outside we will have a bake sale with hot coffee as a fund-raiser for our annual delivery of holiday baskets to the town's senior citizens, a free game area for kids including a pool noodle obstacle course, and a basket raffle to raise funds to support our other community activities.

October 4: Church Yard Sale (pending Town permission), 8:30am - 1:30pm. We had a successful yard sale in May to raise funds for supplies and prizes for the children's game area at this year's Celebrate Shutesbury. Proceeds from the October sale will be used for future children's activities at the annual town festival.

October 31: "A Night at the (Church) Museum." Come take a guided tour of our scary, live Bible exhibits and then enjoy some creepy, crawly snacks. We'll also be exhibiting some of our historic items from the Baptist and Congregational churches of Shutesbury, dating back nearly 200 years. (This event will be held in con-

junction with the town's Halloween celebration, so the date may change.)

November 2: Packing and wrapping day for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry, 10am - noon. The public is invited to donate small gifts for boys and girls during October and then come help pack and wrap the shoe boxes at this special service event.

November 24: Community Thanksgiving dinner, 11:30am. Join us for turkey and the fixings in observance of that day when we express gratitude for all of our blessings.

December 8: Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 4:30 - 6:30pm. The evening will begin with a carol sing, followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. Children will have the opportunity to share their secret Christmas wishes with Santa. There will be hot mulled cider, cocoa and other refreshments.

December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary.

Our services are at 9:30am Sundays and include contemporary and traditional music, prayer and Bible-based sermons. The public is always invited.

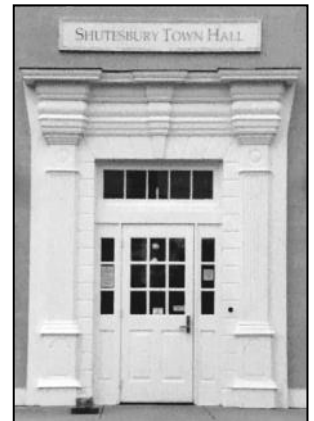
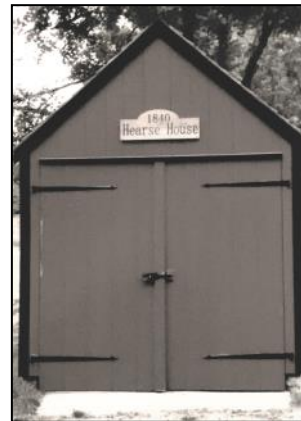
Also on Tuesdays, I visit people in their homes and nursing homes and then hold office hours in the church from 4:00 - 6:00pm. I am happy to meet with anyone who would like to chat. Anyone may call me at 978-660-5262.

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the drop-down menu that will appear.

We were happy to learn photos by

member **Mary Lou Conca** of doors on three of our town's older buildings were published (in color) in *Uniquely Quabbin* magazine!



Mary Lou Conca's photos of the doors of Old Town Hall (built 1819), the Hearshe House at West Cemetery (built 1840), and Shutesbury Town Hall (built 1950 as Shutesbury Center School), appeared in Uniquely Quabbin's September-December 2018 issue. (Photos used with permission.)

The M. N. Spear Memorial Library

10 Cooleyville Road
413-259-1213; www.mnspear.org
Mary Anne Antonellis, *Director*

Open Every Day

The M.N. Spear Memorial Library is open every day. Our hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 11:00am - 1:00pm and 3:00 - 6:00pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 3:00 - 7:30pm
Friday: 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 3:00 - 6:00pm

The M.N. Spear Memorial Library and the Wendell Free Library were recently awarded a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for \$15,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). "We are proud to deliver grant funding to libraries for projects that fill unique needs of libraries across Massachusetts," said Rob Favini, Head of Library Advisory and Development at the MBLC. "Libraries continue to be a vital resource to the communities they serve. Programs funded through LSTA grants illustrate the diverse range of topics and audiences served by Massachusetts libraries."

The libraries have planned health- and fitness-related programming over a two-year period, beginning in October 2019.

The MBLC developed this direct grant program using federal funding to help libraries meet local community needs, including programs that help new Americans learn English and become citizens, STEM and STEAM projects, programs that serve teen needs, and projects that preserve valuable historical documents. The MBLC also offers grants to increase access to library services for people with disabilities.

In addition to the direct library grant program, the MBLC uses LSTA funds to support statewide programs and services including summer reading programs, research databases, the statewide eBook program, the Commonwealth Catalog and mass.gov/libraries, which has information and resources for residents. LSTA is administered on the federal level by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](http://www.imls.gov) and in the Commonwealth by the MBLC. More information about LSTA can be found on Board's



website at www.mass.gov/mblc.

About IMLS

[The Institute of Museum and Library Services](http://www.imls.gov) (IMLS) is the [primary source of federal support](http://www.imls.gov) for the nation's approximately 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

To learn more, visit www.imls.gov and follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/imls), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/imls) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/imls).

Fitness programs this fall Strength Foundations with Jay McWilliams

Tuesdays, 9:00am, at Town Hall, registration required (see below) October 1 through December 17 (12 classes)

This class will create a solid foundation of safe and effective strength training, appropriate for beginners but tailored to each participant's ability.

We will focus on the basic function-

al movement patterns of life: such as the squat, hip-hinge, vertical and horizontal push and pull, and core stability. Strengthening these movement patterns will help reduce injury and risk of falling, and improve the ability to carry out our physical tasks throughout the day with more ease and comfort.

There will be one-on-one attention to exercise form and proper progressions. Individual modifications will always be available, making this class a great fit for all participants, especially those with no past experience with strength training.

Enjoy the camaraderie of a fun, supportive, and encouraging small group while you strengthen your body and reduce your risk of injury. This class will provide the foundations to make a solid and safe strength training routine part of your life.

Registration required, please call 4131-259-1213 or email library.director@shutesbury.org to register.

Priority registration for new participants. Participants are expected to attend all (or most) classes.

Please bring a yoga mat and dumbbells. Limited equipment is available on a first come/first served basis.

Drop-in Strength Foundations with Jay McWilliams

Most Saturdays, 10:00am, at Town Hall, through November

This class is funded by the Friends of the Spear Library and the Shutesbury Council on Aging.

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:00am, at Town Hall, through November 27

Free, weekly, drop-in class. Please bring a yoga mat.

The fall Gentle Yoga classes are supported in part by a grant from the Shutesbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency. Additional support is provided by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Memorial Library.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, 10:15am, at Town Hall, October 2 through November 27

Free, weekly, drop-in class.

This beginner yoga class is designed for people with physical challenges. In this small group class we will focus on seated and standing poses. There will be lots of individual attention. This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Zumba Gold with Lauralee Jones

Fridays, 9:00am, at Town Hall October 18 through November 22 (Six classes)

Wear sneakers and clothes that allow you to move freely. Bring a water bottle.

Zumba Gold is an invigorating, Latin-inspired, dance-fitness program that is fun and easy to follow, and takes into consideration different ages and ability levels while creating a party-like atmosphere for the older, active adult. Latin and international dance rhythms such as merengue, salsa, cumbia, belly dance, and tango are used. The music is a mixture of Latin, International and National music—such as pop, swing, oldies.

More fall programs!

Is this Mushroom Edible?

Thursday, September 12, 7:00pm, at Town Hall

Join Shutesbury resident and amateur mycologist **Jessica Evans** as

she helps us answer the question, “Is this mushroom edible?” The not-so-simple answer is “maybe, but...”

Before we eat any “edible” fungi, it is important to know which lookalikes and other poisonous species we may encounter.

This introductory presentation will discuss basic mushroom identification skills and detail common edibles and regionally occurring fungi that look similar.

Mushroom Walk

Sunday, September 15, 10:00am, location TBA

Jessica will guide us for a “mushroom treasure hunt” in our Shutesbury woods.

Tech Support with Hank

Saturday, September 28, 10:00am
Thursday, October 17, 12:30pm
Saturday, November 16, 10:00am



All classes at Town Hall, registration required. Please call 413-259-1213 or email library.director@shutesbury.org to register.

One-on-one or very small group sessions designed to answer your tech questions.

These sessions are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Council on Aging.

Origami 101

Friday, October 18, 10:30am -12:30pm and Tuesday, October 22, 7:00pm, at Town Hall

Join local artist **Jeannette Stockton** for an introduction to origami. In these beginning classes, we will focus on creating functional objects using basic folds.

Two classes, for adults. Register for one or both. Call 413-259-1213 or email [li-brary.director@shutesbury.org](mailto:library.director@shutesbury.org)

Needle Felted Ornaments

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, at Town Hall

Join local fiber artist **Rory Valentine** for a fun and relaxing afternoon of make and take needle felted orna-



ments.

Experiment with color blending, surface design, and sculptural elements. All supplies will be provided.

This workshop is for adults, teens ages 16 and up are welcome.

Registration required, please call 413-259-1213 or email library.director@shutesbury.org

Ongoing programs

Tales and Tunes Storytime

Mondays, 9:30 – 11:00am, at the Library

Knitting group

Tuesdays, 1:00pm, September 10 and 24, at the Library

Science Fiction Book Club

Meets monthly, next meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 7:30pm, at the Library

At the September meeting we will discuss *Exhalation* by Ted Chiang.

Ukulele Strum-along

Usually the last Monday of the month, 7:00pm, at the Library September 30, October 28, November 25, December 30

We add new programs regularly. To learn about additional offerings, visit our website, <https://sites.google.com/site/mnspearmemoriallibrary/> and LIKE us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/ShutesburyLibrary/>

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are creating a 2020 Shutesbury Calendar.

We need your photos!

Submit photos of flora, fauna, our place in time, places, landmarks, or buildings to library.director@shutesbury.org by October 15, 2019.

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- Limit three entries per person.
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