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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler

250th MARGE BRUCHAC EVENT ON MARCH 4, FRIDAY at 7:00pm, Town Hall

Native American Story Teller

FIRE STATION CLEAN UP The Selectboard, Town Administrator and Fire Chief met with DEP officials on Friday, February 18, 2011. A PILOT test for SVE, Soil Venting extraction, was quoted to cost \$30,000. There was discussion about how in depth the test had to be to determine if it would work or not. DEP staff said that they are not advocating for the removal of the fire station. They did state that the science is clear that removal of contaminated soil is a good thing. They will not require us to tear down a building to remove contaminated soil. The full costs of remediation and the results of various methods are unknown. We can only compare estimates. The Selectboard is looking at surgical removal and Soil Venting extraction, SVE as alternatives.

MARIA GYREK, REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT CAME TO SHUTESBURY WEDNESDAY

Superintendent Gyrek, asked for resident input on educational concerns and priorities. The program was held in the Shutesbury Elementary School gym. On Saturday, March 5, at 9am at the Leverett town hall town officials from the 4 towns will meet to discuss the regional school budget.

FARM & FORESTRY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Thanks to the people who have already replied. If you haven't - Please take a few minutes to email answers to these questions:

1. Did you know Shutesbury has a farmers market between May and October?
2. What produce and products would bring you to the Shutesbury market on a regular basis?
3. What plant starts do you need for your own garden and yard and want to buy at the market?
4. If you currently shop at the market what items do you want to see added?
5. Are you interested in participating in a pie-baking contest?
6. Are you interested in workshops? Such as soil or mushroom growing workshop?

WATER RESOURCE COMMITTEE has begun meeting with a full roster of volunteers. They are reviewing the resources available and a Water Resource report done for Leverett in 2009 with the leadership of David Boute. This committee is undertaking an ambitious charge from the Selectboard. They are also strategizing how best to approach and prioritize the work that needs to be done for a full town review of water resources. The Committee is meeting every second and fourth Wednesdays at town hall at 7pm. The members are Hugh Harwell, Chair, Bill Elliott, Alan Warner, David Green, April Stein, Secretary, and Paul Lyons. Thanks to all of you for stepping forward. This work is very important for Shutesbury's future.

LFNAC Library Feasibility Needs Assessment Committee had there last meeting on Wednesday night. They have fulfilled their charge and now await positive word from the MBLC on their grant application for a new library. They made a recommendation that when the new library building committee begins their work that they continue with Oudens Ello Architects and Operation Project Manager, Mark Sullivan. Both firms have been attentive, resourceful, creative, cost-sensitive, understand what the library needs are, and have gone beyond what is required to achieve a better product. The floor plan of the building achieves objective while less time has been spent on the exterior of the building and will be reworked.



The Shutesbury Elementary School Snow Removal Team at work, winter 2011.

Thanks to the crew that pitched in when the elementary school started leaking a couple weeks ago, Dale Houle, Leslie Bracebridge, Walter Tibbetts, Matt Foster and Mark Burnett.

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