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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler
COME DANCE WITH the Shutesbury Selectboard at the
Shutesbury 250th Anniversary Moonlight Ball on the DCR Lake Wyola State Beach
Saturday, September 10, 2011
7pm to midnight
Dancing • Live Music • Food
Formal Attire • Cash Bar - Beer and wine only
Tickets - \$12.50 per person in advance
available at Town Hall, Library, and Shutesbury Market
Or call 413-259-1214



Shutesbury Selectboard, Elaine Puleo, Chair, Albert Springer and April Stein,
photo by Rus Wilson

The 250th Anniversary is a special time to celebrate the Shutesbury's beauty, history, culture, and spirited population. As the summer ends we hope you will join your neighbors and friends to dance on the beach under the full moon. There will be tables and chairs beyond the dance floor to snack and chat with folks that share your streets, woods and lake. There is ample parking at the DCR parking area.

Come out for this historic occasion, a time to put on fancy clothes and enjoy the evening. We are celebrating the past and embracing the challenges of the future.

FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATIONAL MEETING COMING UP

The Planning Board is holding a public informational session to review Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance Guidelines, answer questions and get feedback from the public. Some properties around Lake Wyola and Browns Pond are marked A zone for high hazard and would be subject to the mandatory purchase of flood insurance.

Eric Carlson, from the MA DCR Flood Hazard Management Program will be speaking at the Saturday meeting, and will have materials to hand out as well as flood maps with plot plan overlays to help us understand what properties are potentially impacted by this decision. The informational session is **at the Lake Association Town Hall, 9am, September 3, 2011.**

SHUTESBURY MARKET SATURDAY

250th COMMITTEE WITH MEMORABILIA

EGGS, EGGS, EGGS-fabulous eggs- and flowers



Farm fresh vegetables and organic eggs, baskets, jewelry, maple syrup, salad greens, raspberries, kale and more... Village Tai chi for Health, Meditation and Community: Instruction and open practice led by Henry Geddes at the market at 8:30am-

TOWN COMMITTEE AND BOARD OPENINGS:

- Lots of room on the Recreation Committee
- 1 on Personnel Board
- **2 on Conservation Commission.**
- Lots of room on New Shutesbury Library Fundraising Sub Committees!

Wired West Co-operative is born in Cummington, Sept. 13, 2011, with the signature of 22 delegates representing 22 towns.

NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE

Robin did it again! Each week another pile of black bags shows up. Don't hesitate to join if you see her working away on Pelham Hill Rd. I have black bags available at town hall if you need them. The Lacy crew returning from vacation will be back at it this week. I am still bogged down at town hall so don't hesitate to get me inspired!

HIGHWAY PROJECTS Supt. Tim Hunting is working on finish work for the newly paved sections of West Pelham and Locks Pond Rd. On Locks Pond Rd. the crew has put down large amounts of rocks in the ditch banks for the water to flow through and lessen the drop off . On West Pelham Rd. there are driveways that no longer match up with the road that they are working on to smooth out.

An issue that keeps coming up in town is in regards to driveway culverts. If you live on a road that has water flowing through ditches along the edge of the road you may have a culvert at the end of your driveway. When a house is built that requires a new curb cut and driveway sometimes a culvert is built at the end of the driveway to allow the water coming down the road to pass under it. The culvert becomes a responsibility of the homeowner, not the town. Culverts need to be maintained to function properly. They get stuffed up with silt, leaves and sticks and need to be cleaned out. The town already has hundreds of larger culverts that run across and under the roads all over town. If you have questions about a pipe, i.e. culvert, on your property our highway superintendent can help answer them. Or call the town hall and I can get answers, clarifications from Tim. As every thing else, if the culverts are properly maintained they are less likely to become a bigger problem.

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