

From the Assessors:
Shutesbury Revaluation

Fiscal year 2012 (FY12) is a revaluation year for Shutesbury. What that means is that the Assessors, with the assistance of a revaluation company and under the guidance of a Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) field representative, review and analyze recent property sales to determine if value adjustments are in order. The DOR requires that property be assessed at fair market value. A value adjustment would be required if sale prices town-wide were ten percent over or under assessed values. Adjustments are applied to all properties as indicated by the recent sales.

In order to assure equitable taxation of personal property, the DOR is requiring the Town to assess 2nd home personal property at 2% of the building value. This figure was arrived at by analyzing the Forms of List returned by owners of 2nd homes.

The sales review and analysis has been completed and we are now awaiting preliminary approval from the DOR of our proposed new assessments. As soon as it is received, the new assessments will be posted on the assessors page of the Shutesbury website, www.shutesbury.org, and hard copies will be available at the Town Hall, Library, and the Post Office. A notice will be placed in the Daily Hampshire Gazette informing property owners that the assessors will be accepting comments and answering questions on the new assessments for two weeks. Out of town property owners will be notified by letter of their new property assessments.

Regular office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10-3 and Wednesday from 1-3. The Board meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 4:30PM.

You may contact the assessors by phone at 413-259-3790, or by email at

assessor@shutesbury.org.

Kenneth Holmberg

Administrative Assessor

From the Town Clerk

Shutesbury's Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 7 P.M. Special Town Meeting will take place at the Shutesbury Elementary School, 23 West Pelham RD. See the enclosed warrant.

Shutesbury's November 8 Special Override Election will take place at the Shutesbury Town Hall, 1 Cooleyville Rd. Polls will be open from 7 AM through 8 PM. See the enclosed warrant. Initial results will be posted on the town's website: WWW.shutesbury.org, on the Town Clerk's telephone answering machine: 259-1204, and on the front door of Town Hall as soon as they are available.

Absentee ballots for the Special Election 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. Requests for absentee ballots must be made in writing, 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 ballot back and forth. A voter may also absentee vote in person at the Town Clerk's office until noon on Monday, November 7. For any questions about absentee voting including hours, please call the Town Clerk's office: 259-1204.

The only way to vote on the Special Town Meeting warrant articles is to be at the meeting. We hope you will be able to attend. Key results of the town meeting will be put on the website, Town Clerk's answering machine, and posted on the front door of town hall late on the night of the 25th.

If you have any procedural questions about voting, please feel welcome to call or email me. Thank you for voting.

Leslie Bracebridge, Shutesbury Town Clerk

250th Anniversary History Walk at Leverett Road Cemetery Sunday, October 23, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

On Sunday, October 23 (rain date October 30), 21st Century Shutesbury residents portraying “People of the Past” will be on hand at the cemetery between 3:00-5:00 p.m. to answer questions about themselves, their families, and how they went about their daily lives. There is no formal program; just come and find them waiting to greet you!

In addition to the People of the Past, you will find signs next a number of gravestones. The poignant inscriptions carved on many stones are now too weathered to read. But in the 1900s – when the inscriptions were more legible – professional genealogists Walter E. Corbin (b. 1885) and Lottie Corbin (b. 1884) visited all of Shutesbury’s cemeteries and recorded the words that they found. Many thanks to Town Clerk Leslie Bracebridge for offering to create signs for this event with transcriptions drawn from the Corbins’ research, as well her own.

(Note: The previously published time of 2:00 p.m. for the start of this event has been pushed back to 3:00 p.m. in an attempt to minimize the unintended conflict with the October 23 PTO Hike-a-thon – or, in case the rain date is used, the PTO’s October 30 Halloween Fair.)

From the Community Preservation Committee:

Shutesbury’s Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is pleased to announce the availability of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. Interested applicants complete the one-page Determination of Eligibility (DoE) form and forward one copy to Chair of CPC, Shutesbury Town Hall, P.O. Box 276, Shutesbury, MA 01072 no later than November 30 for the next annual Town Meeting. If the CPC agrees that a submitted proposal is eligible, then a complete Application for Funding is due no later than December 31. Shutesbury’s Community Preservation Plan (revised, October 2011), is available at Shutesbury.org or by emailing a request to donald.j.fletcher@gmail.com. The revised Community Preservation Plan includes more information about Shutesbury’s Community Preservation program; Chart 1 “CPA Allowable Uses” (page 4), which the CPC will rely on in determining a proposal’s eligibility; and new Evaluation Criteria (pages 10-12) which will guide the CPC review of full applications for funding. Thank you.

Donald Fletcher, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

Wanted: Community Reading Partners

- Do you enjoy working with children?
- Would you like to support struggling readers?
- Do you have 30 minutes per week to commit to a child?
- Want to make a difference in the life of a child?

The Shutesbury Elementary School is the recipient of a 2012 LSTA School Library Incentive Grant for its “Community of Readers” program. The grant targets struggling and reluctant readers and will work to build an appealing collection of books, a cozy reading area, and a network of community reading partners to support our readers.

We are currently seeking community Reading Partner volunteers. Parents, retirees, high school students—if you have 30 minutes per week (during school or afterschool hours) to commit to helping a struggling reader please consider this opportunity. Training will be provided. We will begin the program in December and run throughout the spring.

If you are interested in becoming a Reading Partner, or would like more information, please email me at bernardm@shutesburyschool.org or call 259-1212 x133.

Thank you!

Marcia Bernard, School Librarian

**Warrant
2011 Special Town Meeting
Town of Shutesbury
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Please bring this
to Town Meeting**

To one of the constables of the Town of Shutesbury in the County of Franklin, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday the 25th day of October**, in the year Two Thousand and Eleven, at the Shutesbury Elementary School, 23 West Pelham Rd., in said Shutesbury then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,400,000 for the designing, constructing, originally equipping, furnishing of the new Shutesbury library and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectboard, to borrow up to such sum under G.L Chapter 44, section 7 (3) or any other enabling authority, provided however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town votes at an election to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 21C(k), of the Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes therefore, or take any action thereon. *(Sponsor: Library Trustees) Finance Committee Recommends*

Requires 2/3 vote

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator. Regional school district planning committees from any one or more towns may join together to form a regional school district planning board or boards. Such regional school district planning board shall organize forthwith upon its formation by the election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer. *(Sponsor: School Committee) Finance Committee Recommends*

Requires majority vote

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to **transfer up to \$45,000** from Free Cash for a new 120/208V, 3 phase, 100kW, propane fired Generator for the elementary school, or take any other action relative thereto. *(Sponsor: Emergency Management Team)*

Finance Committee Recommends

Requires a majority vote

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as amended from time to time and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable as implemented from time to time, a municipal lighting plant and to acquire such property and /or such rights to use or share in the use of property owned by others as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient for such municipal lighting plant to provide energy-

related services utilizing power demand monitoring and related technologies which are available primarily in concert with advanced telecommunications systems (commonly described as "smart grid"), to operate facilities necessary for the distribution and/or operation of a telecommunications system and to operate a community television system or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsor: Select Board, Broadband Committee)

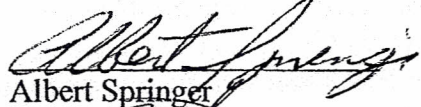
Finance Committee Recommends

Requires a 2/3 vote

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of the meeting.

Given under our hands 27th day of September Two Thousand and Eleven.


Elaine Puleo, Chairman


Albert Springer


April Stein



A true copy. Attest:



WARRANT

NOVEMBER 8, 2011
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF SHUTESBURY

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Shutesbury

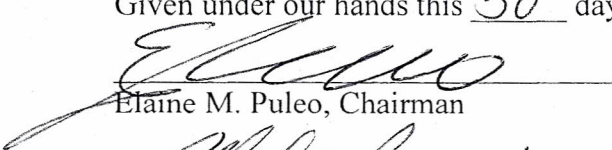
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town, who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at the **SHUTESBURY TOWN HALL at 1 COOLEYVILLE ROAD** in said **SHUTESBURY ON TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN** from seven o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to vote on the following:

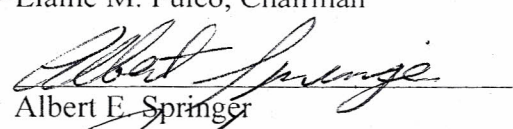
Shall the Town of Shutesbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design, construct, originally furnish and equip the new Shutesbury library?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under our hands this 30th day of September 2011.

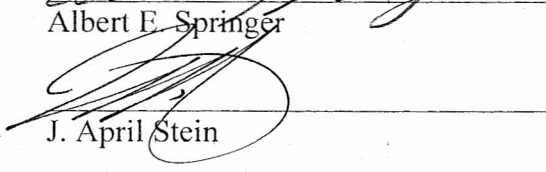

Elaine M. Puleo, Chairman

Selectmen


Albert E. Springer

of

Town Seal


J. April Stein

Shutesbury

A true copy. Attest: _____, Town Clerk

I, the undersigned Constable for the Town of Shutesbury, certify that I posted attested copies of the warrant for the Annual Town Election at the Locks Pond Rd. Bulletin Board, the Shutesbury Town Hall, and the Shutesbury Post Office in said Town 14 (fourteen) days at least before the time of holding said election.


Marilyn E. Tibbetts, Constable

Date: 10/2/11

Let's work for community immunity!

Saturday

October 22

10 am – 1 pm



Shutesbury Board of Health presents its annual classic

“Flu vaccination clinic”

Shutesbury Elementary School

One performance only: Saturday, October 22, 10 am – 1 pm

Starring: anyone over 6 months who lives or works in Shutesbury—especially those under 19, who are the focus of the Department of Public Health’s efforts this year. No one will be denied vaccination because of lack of insurance, but if you have a Medicare or insurance card, PLEASE bring it with you and save our community money. No fees are charged at the clinic.

Save time on the day of the clinic by doing your paperwork in advance – available online or in hard copy at Town Hall.

www.Shutesbury.org/health

PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET

FLU (Seasonal Flu)

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 305 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

What is flu?

Flu is a disease of the body's breathing system, including the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is short for "influenza." Flu is caused by a virus. In New England, the yearly flu season usually begins in December and lasts through March. Flu that occurs every winter season is called "seasonal flu." New and very different flu viruses that appear every 30-40 years, like the H1N1 flu virus in 2009, are called "pandemic flu." Seasonal flu and pandemic flu have similar symptoms, are spread the same way, and are prevented the same way.

What are the symptoms of flu?

The most common symptoms of flu are fever, cough, and sore throat. Symptoms can also include body aches, headache, chills, runny nose and feeling very tired. Some people, especially young children, also have diarrhea and vomiting. Symptoms last from a few days to up to a week or more.

Is flu serious?

Yes, flu can be very serious. Every year in the U.S. seasonal flu causes thousands of hospital admissions and deaths. Some people are at higher risk of serious health problems when they get the flu. This includes pregnant women, infants, the elderly and people with medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.

How does flu spread?

The flu virus is in the wet spray (droplets of saliva and mucus) that comes out of the nose and mouth of someone who coughs or sneezes. If you are close enough to a person with the flu (3 - 6 feet) when they cough or sneeze, you can breathe in the virus and get sick. Flu symptoms start 1 - 4 days (usually 2 days) after a person breathes in the virus.

Flu is spread easily from person to person. The virus can also live for a short time on things you touch like doorknobs, phones and toys. After you touch these objects, you can catch the virus when you touch your mouth, nose, or eyes. Adults with flu can spread it from about one day before symptoms appear to about one week after. Children can spread the flu even longer after they get sick.

How is flu treated?

There are drugs available that your doctor may prescribe to treat flu. The drugs work best if started soon after symptoms begin. Your doctor can determine if you need treatment.

People sick with flu should make sure to drink plenty of fluids, get plenty of rest, eat healthy foods, wash their hands often and stay home to avoid spreading the flu to other people. Over the counter pain relievers may help people with the flu feel more comfortable. Children and teens with the flu should never take aspirin, because a rare but serious disease called Reye syndrome can occur. Do not give cough or cold medicines to children younger than 4 years of age.

Is there a vaccine for flu?

Yes. A vaccine helps your body to protect itself against a disease. There are two types of vaccines for flu: the shot (given with a needle injection, usually in the arm) and the nasal spray. Both the shot and the nasal spray will protect you from the flu. Getting flu vaccine will **not** give you the flu or any other type of illness. **Getting vaccine is the best way to protect yourself against flu.**

M.N. Spear Library Fall 2011 Program Calendar

Mondays at 10am , At the Library, Ongoing Program	Story Hour Julie Stepanek offers story hour. <i>Sponsored by the Community Network for Children and the Friends of the M.N. Spear Library</i>
Saturdays, October 22nd - November 12 , 11am, SES	African Dance (and Drumming) Class Taught by Marilyn Sylla of Bamidele Drummers and Dancers. Dance class \$10 or bring your own drum and drum with Sekou Sylla for \$5 per class. A comfortable and fun environment. So easy even Mary Anne can do it! Ages 12 and up. Pre-register at 259-1213 or just drop in.
Wednesdays, October 26' November 2 & 16 , 7 pm, SES Learning Commons	Workshop Series: Finding relevant and reliable health and medical information: October 26: Probiotics, November 2: Omega 3's, November 16: Vitamins & Supplements , Margot Malachowski, Baystate Medical Center librarian makes it easy in these hands-on computer workshops.
Friday, October 28th , 11 am – 1 pm, at Town Hall	Community Pumpkin Carving, Halloween Puppet show, Halloween Snacks. <i>Brought to you by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Library</i>
Saturday, October 29th 7-10 pm, Morse Hill	Haunted Woods Walk , suggested for ages 10 and up \$8 per person, \$25 for a family
Saturday, November 5th 6:30pm Business Meeting 7pm Concert	Friends Annual Meeting and Concert Beatles for Sale , New England's premier Beatles Tribute Band. Refreshments <i>Brought to you by the Friends of the M.N. Spear Library</i>
Monday, November 7 , 7:30pm, Town Hall,	Local Author Visit: Bruce Watson <i>Stop by the Library and borrow a copy of Freedom Summer, Bruce Watson's latest book, about the summer of 1964, when hundreds of college students and civil rights workers descended on Mississippi in efforts to help Black people register to vote.</i> Sponsored by Shutesbury's book club, RoadTown Reads. Everyone welcome. <i>This program is supported in part by a grant from the (name of local cultural council), a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.</i>
Saturday, November 12th 7:30 Opening Band, 8pm	Wendell Full Moon Coffee House , musician Brian Bender & Friends Featuring playing original compositions (Jazz, Reggae, Latin, Calypso, Klezmer, etc.) along with some Jazz standards. Dessert too! Volunteers are needed to bake. Benefit for Friends of the Library
Wednesday, November 30th and Wednesday, December 7th 7 pm, Town Hall	Beginning Knitting with Laura Walton Learn the basics: cast-on, knit, purl, cast-off, increase and decrease, how to pick-up dropped stitches, and how to read knitting patterns. Please bring # 8 needles and a skein of yarn.
Saturday, December 3rd 11 am – 1 pm, Town Hall	Children's Craft Workshop with Rory Valentine Children ages 6- 14 are invited to come make a variety of crafts. \$5 per participant. Register at the Library, 259-1213
Saturday, December 3rd 6:30 pm, Town Hall	The Polar Express Monthly Movie Night Suggested donation \$1 per person, popcorn, soda and snacks for sale. A benefit for the Friends of the Library
Friends of the Library Bake Sales: Saturday, October 22 at the Flu clinic and Tuesday, November 8, Election Day. Volunteers are needed to bake.	

"A Splendid Time is Guaranteed for All"

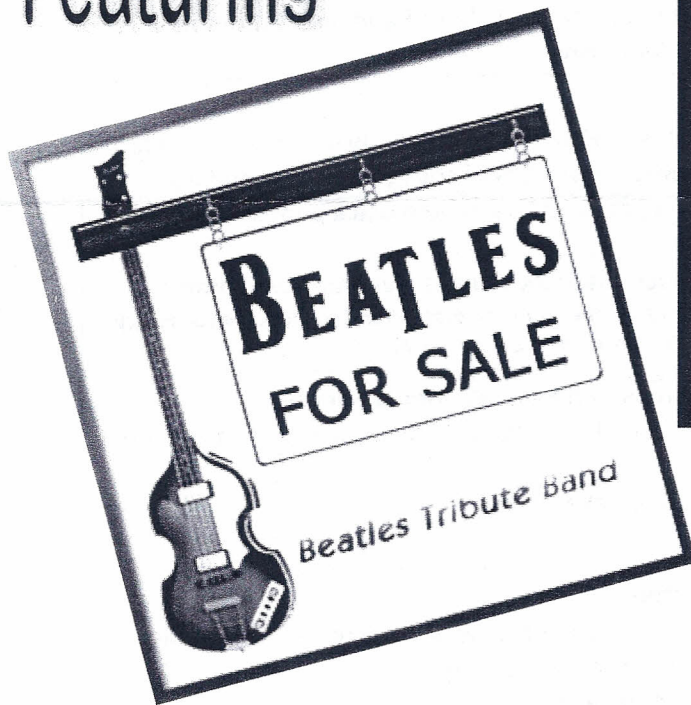
M.N. Spear
Memorial Library



A Special Invitation
for all Library Patrons,
Supporters, Volunteers
and Friends

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Featuring



Light Refreshments!



**Saturday
November 5th**
Meeting at 6:30, concert at 7pm
**Shutesbury
Elementary School**

Voted
"BEST LIVE ACT"
at the 2010
Worcester Music
Awards
sponsored by
Pulse Magazine!



Door Prizes!

Shutesbury Holiday Marketplace

A Handmade Holiday Craft Fair

Brought to you by the Shutesbury Elementary School PTO

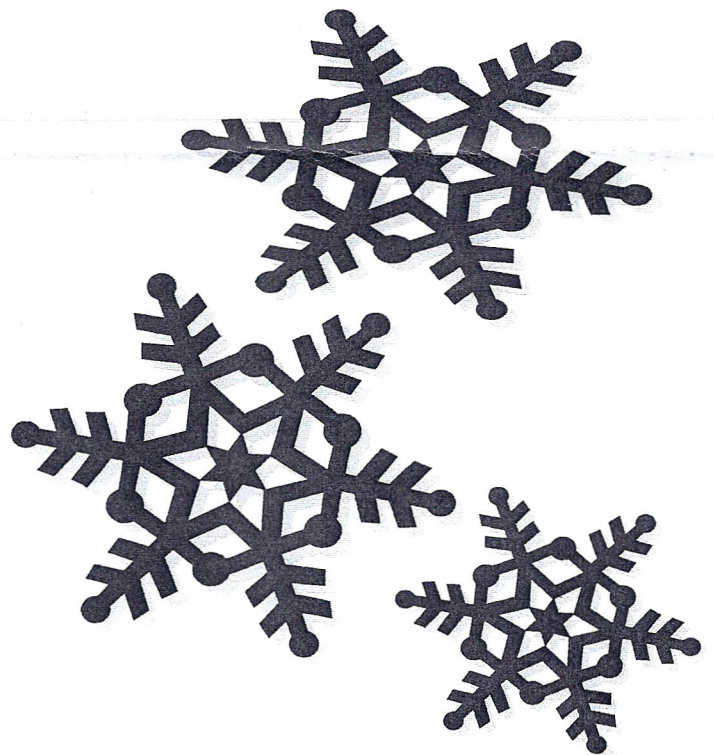
• **BUY LOCAL!** •

November 19, 2011

10 am to 3 pm

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Shutesbury
Elementary School
23 West Pelham Road



Glass and sterling beaded jewelry • quilts and quilted items • fabric bowls • up-cycled chalk boards & magnetic boards • fleece dog jackets • cat toys • tie-dyes • holiday ornaments • wooden puzzles • handcrafted natural and organic body care • therapeutic pillows • tote bags & purses • hand-blown glass • felted animals • crocheted & knitted hats & scarves • photography and much more!

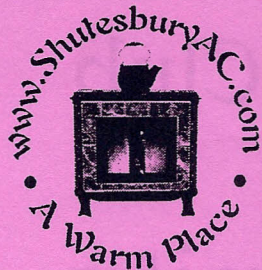
Plus, Shutesbury's 250th Anniversary Committee's "Always Cooler" merchandise

Franklin County Home Care

Medicare Open Enrollment has changed! This year it is Oct 15 to Dec 7. Get free advice on your plan or help with changes from SHINE counselors. Call 978-544-2259 or 413-773-5555. SHINE is a program of Franklin County Home Care. Anna Viadero, Publicity & Marketing, Franklin County Home Care Corporation, 330 Montague City Road, Suite 1, Turners Falls, MA 01376 413.773.5555 Ext 2296, Cell 413.522.2231, aviadero@fchcc.org

TAI CHI CLASS beginning Saturday October 15th.

Tai chi class for beginners will develop the short form by Cheng Man-ching. The emphasis will be on the health benefits and Taoist philosophical/spiritual aspects of a regular practice, integrating low impact movement, weight bearing, balance, breathing and meditation. The instructor, Henry Geddes of Shutesbury, has 17 years experience in the basic form, push hands and sword form/fencing. Classes to meet every Saturday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Shutesbury Elementary School, followed by open practice for experienced players (push hands, sword). Fee: \$5 sliding scale per class (May be paid in advance for the entire month; no one will be turned away due to financial reasons.) For more information or questions contact David C. Dann at daviddann@verizon.net



Shutesbury Athletic Club

282 Wendell Rd. 259-1474

www.shutesburyac.com

Friday Night Community Dinners

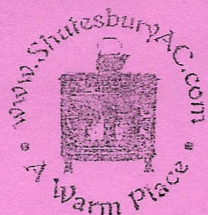
(Served 6-8 pm in the function room, Family Friendly, usually \$5 pp)

- 10/21/2011 Mike and Jen's Freshly Fried Chicken.
- 10/22/2011 Special Saturday Pasta Meal, Salad, Apple Crisp w\Vanilla Ice Cream (benefits the Adams Family) \$10 pp.
- 10/28/2011 Stuffed Chicken Breast by Paul Danielovich.
- 11/04/2011 Melinda's Marvelous Lasagna Rolls with Salad & Dessert.
- 11/11/2011 Jim Henry's Rising Star Café. Menu TBD.
- 11/18/2011 Awesome Meatloaf by Laurie D.
- 11/25/2011 To be determined. Check www.shutesburyac.com.
- 12/02/2011 Chili Jamboree. To benefit the Shutesbury PTO.
- 12/09/2011 Shrimp Scampi, Clam Chowder, and salad by Mark O.
- 12/16/2011 Chicken and Dumplings by Sherrie and Emid.
- 12/23/2011 To be determined. Check www.shutesburyac.com.
- 12/30/2011 Gourmet Kobe Burger on Torta Ciabatta Roll,
Bacon, Grilled Onions, Truly fried French Fries by Mike.
\$8 pp min. Benefit for the Shutesbury Athletic Club Roof.
- 01/06/2012 Asian Pork Dinner by Laurie D.
- 01/13/2012 Dinner by the Longriders. Menu TBD.
- 03/02/2012 Italian Night. To benefit the Shutesbury PTO.
- 06/01/2012 BBQ with Brian Bender and the Shutesbury Elementary
School band. To Benefit the Shutesbury PTO.

Live Music accompanies most Friday Nights

-members serving members and guests-

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Friday Night Community Dinners

All meals are \$5 pp (unless noted differently)
and served in the S.A.C's function room.

10/21/2011.

Mike and Jen's Freshly Fried Chicken

This
Friday!

10/22/2011

Pasta Night Benefit for Diane and Greg Adams with
Spaghetti, Laurie's Homemade Meatballs, Salad, Apple Crisp
with Vanilla Ice Cream. Greg had a serious accident and can
no longer work. Please help this wonderful family.

Raffle Prizes. Music by "Emid and the Hangmen".

\$10 pp. All proceeds go to the family

Special
Saturday

Next
Friday

10/28/2011

Stuffed Chicken Breast and sides by Paul Danielovich

Join us at the A.C.!

- ♦ not a school sponsored event -
- ♦ members serving members and their guests



Shutesbury Select Board
PO Box 276
Shutesbury, MA 01072

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Details enclosed:
October 25 Special Town Meeting
November 8 Special Override Election

Resident
Shutesbury, MA 01072



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