

# Important Announcements

## From the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee

- **Bulky Waste Day is Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Highway Department Garage.** Bring items that are too large for the trash such as construction waste, mattresses, electronics, etc. etc. We do charge enough to cover the cost of disposing of these items, so bring some cash or your check book with you. Hint: Unloading goes a lot faster if you separate trash, metals, and electronics. Do **NOT** bring hazardous waste 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, contact Gary Bernhard at 259-1235.
- **Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Amherst Transfer Station on Rt. 9.** For more information and to sign up for Hazardous Waste Disposal Day see the enclosed information and form. **Note that “no paint or paint products will be accepted.”**
- **Recycling Schedule January – April 2011.** Many of you may have received schedules that go only through the end of December. Here’s the 2011 schedule from January through April. Bag distribution begins again at Town Meeting, the first Saturday in May. The full schedule is on the Town website at [http://www.shutesbury.org/recycling\\_schedule](http://www.shutesbury.org/recycling_schedule)

2011	Paper	Containers	Paper	Containers	Paper	Containers
January	5	12	19	26		
February	2	9	16	23		
March	2	9	16	23	30	
April		6	13	20	27	

## NEW LIBRARY CAPITAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Looking for 3 hardworking library enthusiasts for our New Library Capital Fundraising Committee to join with 2 Trustees and 2 Library Friends to raise serious money.

This is a multi-year commitment. If you have experience, or are passionate about the project, have the time and truly want to work to make this project succeed, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard **by 5:00pm Tuesday, September 28.**

# Solar Celebration behind Town Hall

Becky Torres, *Town Administrator*

On Saturday, September 4, Selectboard members **April Stein**, **Elaine Puleo** and **Al Springer** (left to right) cut orange and yellow ribbons strung between the poles supporting four solar panels, amidst cheers of "solar power, solar power, solar power."

The celebration, which included displays, refreshments and sing-alongs to ("You are my sunshine" and other solar-themed tunes played by **John Hayman** and **Alan Kurtz**, marked the completion of a project inspired with seed funding from CETA in 2004. One hundred residents of Shutesbury generously paid a premium on their electric bills for years. The Town became the beneficiary of that support for Green Energy. \$20,190 was received in Clean Energy Choice Grant funds last fall.

.. A second grant, EECBG funds for \$32,000, was pursued when the solar rebate program abruptly ended and left the town short on funds. Thanks to **Laura Sylvester** for her help with the grant. The grant was awarded. I asked the Energy Committee, "What to do now?" Their answer was, "Buy more panels!" The Selectboard agreed. With the addition of \$11,000 from the town's newly created Alternative Energy line, the town was able to double its original project from a 5 kWt system to a 10 kWt system.

Thanks to everyone in town for supporting alternative energy in Shutesbury!

