

250th Anniversary Kickoff Bonfire, January 8, 2011



Shutesbury
Always cooler

Let's Light Up
2011

Come help Shutesbury kick off its 250th Anniversary year of celebrations on **Saturday, January 8** with a **CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE!**

Drop off your Christmas tree at the Fire Station on Leverett Road in the designated area of the parking lot earlier in the day.

Then return after 4:00 p.m. for:

- A sing-a-long with Happy Dan the Music Man
- Hot cocoa, hot cider and munchies
- Snow sculptures (Mother Nature permitting)

At 5:00 p.m., members of our Firefighters Association will set the bonfire ablaze.

Shutesbury is "always cooler" ... but we can still bring warmth to a winter day!

In the event of severe weather, this event will be rescheduled for Saturday, January 15.

On December 30, 2010, invitations were mailed by Town Hall to all households in Shutesbury along with the annual local street list/census form.



250th Anniversary Steering Committee Co-chairs Janis Gray (left) and Maryélise Lamet recycled road signs left over from a political campaign to advertise the bonfire. They protected the message from the elements by placing it inside a zippered plastic bag taped to the sign!



Holiday trees dropped off by residents were both driven and dragged by firefighters to the site of the celebration.

Inside the fire station (in photo at left), Fire Department Secretary Marilyn Tibbetts prepared hot cocoa. Outside, 250th Anniversary Steering Committee members Janis Gray, Linda Avis Scott, Rose Dawson, Karen Traub and Maryélise Lamet (left to right) pondered how they'd serve hot cider, pretzel sticks and candy canes, as well as pass out lyrics for the world premiere of the anniversary song.



Before the tower of planks behind them was set ablaze, State Rep. Stephen Kulik, far left, and Elaine Puleo, chair of the Board of Selectmen, surprised Fire Chief Walter Tibbetts (right, wearing jacket with reflective strips!) with a framed certificate from the Massachusetts House of Representatives. It commended the Fire Department, established in 1951, for 60 years of service to the community.



Firefighters added holiday trees to the fire once it was established. As townspeople marveled at how well the flames lit up the night, Dagen Julty kept them warm in his own way with a variety of tunes on his accordion.

