

TA Report 5.27.11

**250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler
SHUTESBURY PARADE, JUNE 11 at 3:00pm
TICKETS FOR THE FARM & GARDEN TOUR AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET**



PRESCHOOL VISITS TOWN HALL

Preschoolers continue to be most impressed by Fire Chief Walter Tibbetts fire engine. It is a tough act to beat but Police Chief Harding does pretty well. Last year he enlisted the children's assistance in discovering who was stealing birdseed from a bird feeder. This year he asked for help during the parade making sure everyone is safe and careful on the road. Tom gave out police deputy stick on badges for all the children. It also turns out that at 4 and 5 years children already know it is not good to drive fast. Walter told the children how his dept. responds when people need help and how to call them. The chiefs took questions about dungeons, accidents, fires, and the equipment they wear, radios, beepers, gun, and protective gear. If you have questions for either of our chiefs I am sure they would be happy to answer them as well.

SHUTESBURY FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET is open! Miraculously the sun came out for the first day of the market. Market field behind Town Hall beyond the solar panels was filled with plant starts, perennials, beautiful fresh greens, flowers, carrots, sprouts, olive oil, natural yarn and maple syrup. This week we are adding the LIBRARY book and bake sale, breakfast pastries and PONY RIDES. Bring the kids. See you in the morning.



Lots of Eggs are available at the market. Our farmers raised more chickens this year to keep up to your demand. Make the market part of your Saturday routine, swing by market field behind town hall and stop by the library.

Trash Bag Distribution BRING YOUR SHUTESBURY GROCERY TOTE BAGS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PERSONNEL BOARD in search of a new member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION in search of new members

RECREATION COMMITTEE in search of new members

COUNCIL ON AGING in search of a new member

VERIZON AT CAPACITY I was told yesterday that due to increased bandwidth usage by dsl account holders our 2 main boxes are at capacity. The first one by the school has been so for some time and recently was scheduled for an upgrade. The second box on West Pelham Rd. just recently hit capacity. What that means for us is that if you discontinue your account, if you sell your house or move you or the next resident will not be able to open a new account. I asked Verizon about this because I had heard this has happened to some people. If you are served by the box next to the school, this situation has an end in sight. The school box is scheduled to be upgraded July 27, 2011. The box on W. Pelham and Baker Rd. has not yet been scheduled. Please let me know if you have questions.

NEW SHUTESBURY PART TIME POLICE OFFICER HIRED Welcome to Officer Mark Schloser. Mark has a mix of small town experience and higher activity levels of Hadley that make him well versed yet appreciative of a know your neighbor community. He is a boatsman and lifeguard, skills that will benefit the lake area.

June 11, 2pm Parade preparation continues. Leverett, Cooleyville, Prescott Rd. will be closed to through traffic from 2pm to 4pm. Parking will be on side streets, W. Pelham Rd., Montague Rd., Pelham Hill Rd., and Wendell Rd..

NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE- If you are interested in working to help control the knotweed around town, starting at the town hall let me know, thanks. We hope to get teams together to meet one time a month to focus on specific sites to fight this invasive plant. The plants need to be pulled out, with roots and dried in the sun before disposal.

Saturday Andrew Fairfield got a jump on the weed pulling. The nice soft ground is ideal for rooting them out of the ground. I will be working with a few people during the market tomorrow around town hall. Join us.

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