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250 SHUTESBURY Always cooler

FARM & GARDEN TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 26, 2011 was a wonderful event! Thanks to all those who opened up your gardens, rice paddies, barns & cupolas, to inspire the quest for the extraordinary in this forest of glacial till, moss & weed lawns, filled with patches of dirt in between. Soil building seems to be key to Shutesbury's agricultural feats of nature.



Have you seen these boxes floating in trees? They are trap/collectors for the Emerald Ash Borer. UMass is putting them up to see if they can collect the Emerald Ash Borer in the upper stories of the trees. As stated in the March 30, 2011 Mass Dept. Agriculture and Resources, "The Emerald Ash Borer, while not found in Massachusetts, is currently less than 25 miles from the state's western border, in Saugerties, NY. EAB attacks ash trees, boring directly underneath the bark and cutting off nutrient flow, killing the tree within just a few years. Southeastern Michigan has lost over 30 million ash trees to this pest." New Jersey and New England are holdouts at the moment but the pro-active work UMass is doing is key to protecting the ash trees in New England



Saturday July 9, will be a special day at the market for children

- Pony rides!
- Breakfast bake sale & book sale to support the library!

Eggs, lettuce, kale, maple syrup, sprouts, basil, compost, bouquets of flowers! Plant starts, perennials, Insect repellent, shitake mushrooms, jewelry, clothes pin bags, bonnets, aprons, nature photos, wood work, baskets, and pot holders.

SHUTESBURY FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET

NEW KNOT WEED BRIGADE- The Lacy crew is returning to the Lake Wyola Dam area where Dam Keeper, Howard Kinder is also starting to pull out knotweed. Robin Furumoto will be attacking the knotweed on Pelham Hill Rd. south of the Pearson's farm. Please pitch in. It is a monumental outcropping there. Please make sure the pulled out shoots and roots are put directly into plastic bags so they do not have a chance to re-root. Then bag it up in black plastic and leave at the back of town hall. I will make sure it is disposed of properly. Thank you-

NOTICE

Town of Shutesbury
Tree Department

The following posted trees in the southwest corner of the Shutesbury Town Common shall be removed to increase site lines. The trees are by type Japanese yew, cherry, green ash, euonymus, spruce, red maple, arborvitae other shrubs.

There will be a tree hearing at the town hall July 19, 2011 at 7:00pm in order to discuss any objections to said tree removal. Any further questions should be directed to the Tree Warden at (413) 259-1508.

Per order of the Tree Warden
Thomas F. Houston

(I am repeating this because the maps were tricky to download.)
STATE FOREST LAND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND MAPS are available on the DCR website, www.mass.gov/dcr/ld/gismodel/zones_details and http://www.mass.gov/dcr/ld/gismodel/reserves_model.pdf. (When you click on these they download they don't just pop up. You have to look for them on your desktop).

The new designations are Parklands, Reserves and Woodlands. Cutting will continue to be allowed in the Woodlands but no longer allowed in the Reserves. I have print outs of the Shutesbury tiles, 5 & 6 available at town hall. Now is the time to ask questions about the maps and what the designations mean. DCR will close discussions in August. Shutesbury maps indicate Woodland and Park areas only, no Reserves. The designated areas do not include Quabbin Reservoir protected areas.