

SHUTESBURY

MASSACHUSETTS

# OUR TOWN



## Is your number up?

CJ Hasbrouck, *Shutesbury Fire Fighters Association*

It was a dark and stormy night . . .

With the lines faded from the center of the road, it was slow going. Cresting the last hill before my house, I saw the green glow!

I now know where my driveway is because of the reflective green house number sign I ordered from the fire department.

During the day, you only see these signs if you look for them.

But for deliveries, friends, police and emergency personnel, they stand out like a beacon on a dark and stormy night.

The Shutesbury Firefighters Association is taking orders for signs as part of a fundraising activity and safety campaign. The cost of \$35 includes the sign, post, stainless steel hardware, and installation by the Firefighters Association to ensure proper placement.

Please see the House Number Order Form inserted in this newsletter, and help us get your number up!

## Teleconference to public meetings!

Ziporah Hildebrandt, *Chair, ADA Committee*

We are delighted to offer a new option for those with a disability that prevents attendance at public meetings.

"Polycoms" are high-quality telecommunication technology that include microphones and speakers. They act like a super speakerphone with superior sound quality. With a polycom, individuals can participate in meetings from home or another room

in Town Hall.

Do you have trouble attending public meetings because of a disability? Would you like to take advantage of this new technology to find out what's doing at Town Hall? Check the website, [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org), or call **Leslie Bracebridge**, our Town Clerk, at 259-1204 for meeting schedules. Call **David Ames**, ADA Coordinator, at 259-1214 to arrange for remote participation by telephone and polycom.

Committee chairs and department heads, you can help welcome remote participants with a  
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## Learning Partners call for coordinators

Mary Jo Maffei and Liz Armstrong

For five years, the Learning Partners Program at the Shutesbury Elementary School has matched adult volunteers with children for a one-on-one relationship of academic and mentoring support.

We (**Mary Jo Maffei** and **Liz Armstrong**) developed the program and have coordinated it since its inception. Now it is time for us to move on, and we are looking for someone to take our place.

The program has truly made a big difference in some children's lives. For these children it is important for the program to continue.

The time commitment to be a program coordinator is not large. It requires time during the early part of the school year to recruit and in new volunteers, and to match and schedule partner times. Now that

the program is well established with many experienced volunteers, the time commitment during the rest of the year is quite manageable.

We receive funding through a federal organization called RSVP and there may be an opportunity for a coordinator to receive a stipend for his or her work. The program could be managed in a number of ways, but having two coordinators and others who could coordinate facets of the program such as parties seems ideal to us.

We would be willing to train and support new coordinators for the 2004-2005 school year. Liz does not have children at the school, so please also consider this opportunity if you do not have children at the school. Give us a call for more information:

Mary Jo 259-1263,  
[mjmaf@aol.com](mailto:mjmaf@aol.com) or  
Liz at 259-1021,  
[LizArmstr@aol.com](mailto:LizArmstr@aol.com).

## Nominate a neighbor to Celebrate Shutesbury

Rita Farrell, *Shutesbury Education Foundation*

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 18 for what we promise to be another memorable town celebration.

As part of Celebrate Shutesbury, the Shutesbury Education Foundation once again plans to recognize a local resident in what we are now calling "Shutesbury Recognizes."

We are looking for nominations for this award.

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## Messages from the Town Clerk

Leslie Bracebridge, *Town Clerk*  
Joan Hanson, *Assistant Town Clerk*  
**Office hours:** Monday through Thursday  
9:00 am -1:00 pm (413) 259-1204  
P.O. Box 264, Shutesbury MA 01072

At the May 1 Annual Town Election, 483 of our 1324 Registered Voters turned out to vote. We welcome **Christopher K. Buck**, elected for the first time in Shutesbury, to the Board of Library Trustees and **Michael A. Silverstone** to the School Committee. We are honored to have the remaining elected incumbents return to their posts: Board of Health – **Catherine Hilton**; Constable – **Gary L. Dihlmann**; Planning Board – **David B. Kittredge and Jeffrey R. Lacy**; Moderator – **Michael I. Bloomfield**; and returning to the Board of Selectmen – **Rebecca E. Torres**.

All departments and committees hold public meetings, which are posted at the Town Hall at least 48 hours in advance (postings may also be available at Shutesbury.org). Shutesbury residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and to share their views with the people elected to serve them.

### **Results of the June 8 Special Override Election:**

**Article 1:** Shall the Town of Shutesbury be allowed to assess an additional \$199,786 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of supporting school and general government expenses for fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and four?

Yes - 232, No -144, Blank - 1.

**Article 2:** 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 Amherst-Pelham Regional School District bond issued in order to cover the Town of Shutesbury's portion of cost for the High School roof replacement?

Yes - 248, No - 113, Blank - 16.

Voter turnout was 28%, fairly high

for a town election.

September 14 is the **State Primary Election** and November 2 is the **State Election**. We welcome all registered voters. Please call anytime if you need to make sure you are registered to vote. Twenty days before is the cut-off to register for an election. Once on the voter list, a person remains registered unless he/she moves or doesn't respond to the annual census mailings.

If you would like to **become a paid election worker**, please call before August to be considered for appointment for the coming year. We welcome anyone who might be interested in being an election worker.

Please remember to **re-license your dog for July 1**. You may use the mail-in license application form sent with this newsletter, call for a new mail-in form, or come to the Town Clerk's office in person to license your dog. You will need proof of a current rabies vaccination, which your veterinarian can print out for you. License fees are \$5 for spayed and neutered dogs, and \$10 for animals able to propagate. There is a late fine of \$5 to owners of dogs who have not re-licensed by July 30.

Regular **Town Clerk office hours** are Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. With summer vacations and other activities that take us all away, please call ahead to make sure someone will be in before making a special trip to the Town Hall.

## Make an impact on Conservation Commission

If you are interested in having a direct impact on the future of our town's environment, consider joining the Conservation Commission!

The Conservation Commission's official charge is to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its Regulations, but it also works to protect our town's natural resources, preserve open space and e town's environmental voice. It currently has a vacancy on the five-member board and seeks someone

who can participate in bi-monthly meetings on Thursdays (only once a month in the winter), and weekend site visits following Thursday meetings. The commission would especially welcome someone with expertise in wetland issues.

For more information, contact **Shawn Gunderson** (253-1478) or **Penny Jaques** (259-1928).

## Accolades for April's *Our Town* aides

Thank you to **Ted Cumberledge** and **Edith Hunsberger**, who volunteered to help Town Clerk **Leslie Bracebridge** and Assistant Town Clerk **Joan Hanson** prepare the April *Our Town* for the mail.

If you would like to join future "folding parties," please call 259-1204 to be put on our list of people to call. (You are under no obligation if you do.) Your hands will help make our work light, whether you use them at home, at Town Hall, in the evening or the day. Thank you in advance!

## West Nile Virus reminder

Catherine Hilton, *Board of Health*

Once again the Board of Health reminds you to beware of mosquitoes that may cause disease. West Nile Virus is headed our way. Take precautions against being bitten—long sleeves and pants, bug repellent—and clean up any stagnant water around the yard in which mosquitoes can breed. To report dead birds, call the Eastern Franklin County Health District, 549-3710.

*Our Town*, published four times a year, is supported by tax dollars. We welcome news from Town of Shutesbury departments, boards, and committees, and from individuals and groups about local projects, activities, or special events of benefit to our community. Submissions promoting the sale of goods or services for private profit cannot be accepted.

Janis S. Gray, Editor  
Gordon Kimball, Designer  
Leslie Bracebridge, Town Hall Liaison



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## Back when . . .

David B. Ames, *Town Administrator*

Starting with this issue, each edition of *Our Town* will address a different decade of Shutesbury history. Let's start with a few glimpses of life here 50 years ago.

### *Excerpts from the 1954 Town of Shutesbury Annual Report*

Librarian **Jennie Jantz** reported circulation of 729 books and magazines for the year.

The cost of elementary school transportation was \$4,223.40.

Land was acquired to expand West Cemetery.

Effort was underway to join the Amherst/Pelham regional school district for grades 7-12.

Total assessed property value for the town was \$482,375. There were 249 buildings assessed.

Window screens were added to the school to help keep flies out of the kitchen and bathrooms.

The Fire Department responded to two house fires and 10 brush/grass fires.

The Police Department received 57 complaints and made five arrests.

Chapter 90 funds were ear-marked to widen and resurface Leverett Road.

## Note from the Town Collector

Ellen McKay, *Town Collector*

Dear Shutesbury taxpayers,

Happy New (Fiscal) Year! With the beginning of the new fiscal year, you will be receiving the first quarter real estate tax bill for Fiscal 2005. The amount of the bill is approximately 25% of last year's total bill. Any exemption you were granted in FY04 will be reflected in the third and fourth quarter bills for FY05.

Please remember the following mailing and due dates for your FY05 real estate and personal property tax bills:

Mailing Date  
(on or before)

June 30, 2004  
Sept. 30, 2004  
Dec. 31, 2004  
March 31, 2005

Due Date

Aug. 2, 2004  
Nov. 1, 2004  
Feb. 1, 2005  
May 2, 2005

If the payment for your bill is received after the due date, the interest that accrued will be reflected on the next bill except for the bill due May 2, which will result in a letter followed by a demand notice with the extra fee and interest. Therefore, it is very important the you plan ahead and mail your payment in time to arrive by the due date.

Don't forget to contact the Board of Assessors **if you no longer have a vehicle** on which you have received a motor vehicle excise tax bill. This should be done as soon as you receive the bill so the bill can be adjusted promptly. However, you should always pay the bill and then apply for the abatement. Since all fees and interest become part of the bill when issued, an abatement of part of the bill will still require you to pay any fees or interest that have accrued prior to payment. You will need to supply the Assessors with a bill of sale and a copy of a plate return receipt from the Registry of Motor Vehicles or a copy of a new registration for the same license plate to obtain the abatement. The abatement application is available on the town's Web site.

Please remember to **make an appointment** if you wish to pay a bill or meet with me on Tuesday evenings by calling the office number at 413-259-1615 and leaving a message with your telephone number. I will return the call and acknowledge your appointment.

Have a safe summer.

## Assessors Alley

Ken Holmberg, *Administrative Assessor*

## Revaluation information

We are in the process of revaluing all

property for FY05. In our last triennial revaluation, property values increased an average of 16%, we can expect more than a 16% increase this year from our initial review.

We have posted a frequently asked questions document on the [www.shutesbury.org/assessors](http://www.shutesbury.org/assessors) Web page. For those without Internet access, it is available to read at the Town Hall and Library also.

## The inevitable comes a little sooner...

Prior to FY04, communities had a assessment date cut-off for assessing property. In 2003, the Legislature passed the Hopkinton Bill, Chapter 59, Section 2D, which requires towns, unless they reject the bill by vote of the Selectboard, to assess a supplemental pro-rated tax on new construction from the date of the occupancy permit to the end of the fiscal year. Previously, a new house completed after June 30 would not receive a tax bill for the completed house until the following year.

This new law assists communities by spreading the tax burden of town operating costs in a more timely manner. If you are planning to build, you should now build into your financial plan a pro-rated tax bill cost, which will be due in the same year as your occupancy.

## Personal property, building permits, cyclical re-inspections

Inspections of personal property (as part of our revaluation program), whether or not you may have submitted a form of list this year, and open building permits will continue throughout the next several months. **Amanda Alix** will be conducting a full field review (exterior inspections) of all property as part of the revaluation.

In addition, we will concurrently resume the cyclical re-inspection program which we started in 2002; this involves inspecting interior and exterior all properties in town. Our goal is to have viewed all property in town by June 2006. We will continue our inspections in the Lake area this summer and proceed south.

## Word from the Roads Committee

The Shutesbury Roads Committee is looking for more members. Our regularly scheduled meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Shutesbury Town Hall. Occasionally we meet more frequently or go on field trips.

Our mission statement appears below. If you're interested in our work or in joining us, please attend a future Roads Committee meeting.

### Mission of the Shutesbury Roads Committee

Approved by Selectboard at 12-30-03 meeting.

The Shutesbury Roads Committee is a recommending body charged with the following responsibilities:

Address safety concerns pertaining to Town roadways

Assist the Highway Superintendent to review and prioritize roadway maintenance and major projects

Receive comments, complaints, and suggestions regarding Town roadways from Shutesbury citizens and follow up with the Highway Superintendent and the Board of Selectmen as necessary

Work with other Town committees (e.g. Planning, Conservation, Town Center) to integrate Town roadway needs and concerns with the work of these committees

Work with the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Superintendent to assure that the highway budget is appropriate to the needs and resources of the Town.

Review and coordinate signage on all Town roads.

The Roads Committee, in consultation with the Highway Superintendent, the Town Administrator, and other Town Committees, makes recommendations regarding Town roadways to the Shutesbury Board of Selectmen.

## Composting bins a bargain

Just in time for summer, composting bins are now available at Town Hall for \$20. While supplies last, you can get a kitchen scrap bucket free with purchase. See the flyer in this newsletter to learn about the many benefits of composting.

Be an environmental alchemist.  
Make black gold!

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The primary criterion for this recognition is that the person has made a significant contribution to learning and understanding in our community or beyond.

Last year we recognized author and playwright **Jack Perry** of Wendell Road, and we welcome your suggestions for this year's awardee.

Please forward all nominations in writing to Nominations Committee, SEF, P.O. Box 672, Shutesbury, MA 01072 no later than **July 15**.

Meanwhile, plans are well under way for activities on September 18 for all age groups, including the much-enjoyed bouncing castle and inflated slide, a huge tag sale, belly and flamenco dancers, our very own antiques road-show, a bike parade . . . and much more!

Of course there will also be delicious snacks offered by the Leverett Co-op and music by some of our very favorite local bands. Stay tuned for more details that will be forthcoming later this summer – you will be able to find the latest updates on Shutesbury's very own web site, [www.shutesbury.org](http://www.shutesbury.org), as well as posters in the library and post office.

If you have any questions about the celebration or the nominations please contact **Rita Farrell** at [mibroad@aol.com](mailto:mibroad@aol.com) or send us a note at the above post office box.

Please remember that we do have scholarships available for students needing assistance with paying for summer or school year sports activities. If you want more information



please contact **Ellen Kalt**, c/o SEF at P.O. Box 672, Shutesbury.

We are always looking for new recruits to our board and/or volunteers to help us with Celebrate Shutesbury. Contributions to help offset the costs of Celebrate Shutesbury and to help support our grants to local groups are also most welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the Town Common in September!

## About 'Accommodation for Disability'

Ziporah Hildebrandt, *Chair, ADA Committee*

Both residents and officials in Shutesbury are mostly a wonderfully accommodating bunch. When they know and understand what they need to do to include someone with a disability, most sincerely try to do so

Accommodation is a learning process for everyone. People with disabilities typically deal with stresses and limitations unimaginable to others, which can seem incomprehensible or even bizarre. It's easy to unthinkingly put a disabled person on the spot with your questions. Try to remember that people may feel uncomfortable talking about their health problems and personal limitations. Be respectful. Listen. Don't impose your need to understand on them; simply try to provide what they need.

Those with disabilities are learning, too. Many are not familiar with their civil rights, and feel reluctant or uncomfortable asking for what might look like "special treatment." It is the responsibility of the Town to include everyone who asks in every program, service, public meeting, event and election.

Note the key word: "asks."

Shutesbury can't make an accommodation for you if no one knows you need one. There are exceptions. Federal law requires all public buildings to be accessible to those with mobility impairments. If you use a wheelchair, walker or other mobility-related assistive device, you shouldn't

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## ADA Committee seeks computer whiz and volunteers

Ziporah Hildebrandt, *Chair, ADA Committee*

In only two action-packed years, Shutesbury's ADA Committee has accomplished a great deal. There's still plenty to do, though, and we need your help. We have empty seats on the committee itself. We also have projects that need more hands and expertise to move them forward.

If you have computer, Internet, or computer graphic skills, and have an interest in creating inclusive and healthy public spaces in town, please contact me, **Ziporah Hildebrandt**, 259-1874, zhildebrandt@hampshire.edu. We need help with research, and especially would love help from someone with expertise in Web broadcasting.

We also need a handy volunteer to craft a sandwich-board sign.

You don't have to have a disability or know anything about disabilities to join the committee or lend a hand. So please—commit a random act of community service and give us a call.

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### *Teleconference, continued from page 1*

few simple steps. Get any hand-outs to them before the meeting. Start by checking the polycom volume with the person at home. Meeting attendees, please introduce yourselves before speaking, and remember to speak distinctly to help those at home hear you. Instructions on polycom use will be available with the units.

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### *About Accommodation, continued from page 4*

have to "ask." Most buildings in town are fairly accessible to those with mobility impairments. If you have a hankering to borrow from the library's fabulous book, video or audio collection, but can't handle those darn stairs, **Judith Seelig**, library director, is happy to accommodate you in other ways to get you the materials you desire.

If you do need to ask, how do you

go about it?

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifies use of the phrase "request for reasonable accommodation." You can do this verbally in person or by telephone, or in writing by letter or email. The Shutesbury ADA Committee prefers getting a request in writing so there is a record of your request. You must specify the nature of your disability and what you need access to. You may be asked for documentation. Include your suggestions about how the town can best provide access.

You can direct your request to:  
**David Ames**, ADA Coordinator, 259-1214, townadmin@shutesbury.org;  
**Ziporah Hildebrandt**, Chairperson, ADA Committee, 259-1874, zhildebrandt@hampshire.edu;  
Shutesbury Town Hall PO Box 276  
—or to the person in charge of the facility or program you need access to. In this case, the ADA Committee would appreciate receiving a copy of your request.

## Our summer school work!

Anne Lundberg, *Chair, School Committee*

I saw a guy wearing a T-shirt recently, which said on the back, "Democracy is not a spectator sport."

Coming on the heels of Town Meeting in May, it seemed to hit home. So much work went into the preparation and facilitation for one day; yet what an important day for our town! Each of us on the School Committee would like to thank all involved for the support of funding our schools' budgets: Shutesbury Elementary and our portion of Union #28 and Amherst Regional costs also. Changes in the funding of education (from both the federal and state governments) have had a huge negative impact on our local budget. This isn't going away, unless we "locals" can impact the thinking and actions of those in political power. So do remember, "Democracy is not a spectator sport!"

In July and August our committee will spend time reviewing school policies and a general housekeeping review to give us a sense of areas

that need updating. As you know, setting school policy and overseeing budgets are our main areas of responsibility. We will also be refining a "Perpetual Annual SC Work" Calendar to support our inter-committee work with the Finance Committee, Select Board, School Council, and our two superintendents: **Linda Driscoll** and **Jere Hochman**. This calendar should also be a support in community communication about the cycle of our on-going committee work.

On July 1 we will officially say welcome to **Michael Silverstone** as a committee member. He is replacing **Jeff Fishman**, who has served our community and schools for the past six years.

Jeff, we will miss your insights, humor and honesty at our meetings! You have an ability to ask questions—for information or clarity—in a manner that is direct, yet non-threatening to the recipient. We have all learned from your modeling. And we know you'll still be active with our community through your work in town with CSR—Community for Social Responsibility—and your work in the region with BAMSS—Becoming A Multi-Cultural School System. Good luck with all your new work and many, many thanks for all you have given to us.

## Family Network reaches out to little ones

The Erving School Union #28 Family Network provides outreach, education and support services for families with children under four years of age living in the towns of Shutesbury, Leverett, Erving, New Salem and Wendell.

It offers weekly/biweekly story hours and play groups in the local libraries and churches; Parent Council meetings; workshops based on assessed families' needs; field trips and frequent fun events for the entire family. It also makes Home Visits with our Baby Gift Bags to families with newborns to welcome them into our program.

If you have a child under four years or are pregnant, please call Naz Mohamed-Ahamed in September at 413-423-3337 or email mohamed@erving.com to get on the mailing list.

# From the 102-year-old M. N. Spear Memorial Library

Judith Seelig, *Library Director*

Hours Memorial Day through Labor Day:

Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Sunday 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Summer fragrance-free hour is

Thursday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (see below)

259-1213



Summer reading for kids:  
Explore other worlds @  
your library . . .

Our 2004 Summer Reading Program schedule:

**June 15-24:** Sign up at the library (you can still sign up even if you read this after the 24th).

**June 21:** Begin reading for seven weeks.

**August 5:** Program ends, stop reading! (Ha ha!)

**August 18:** Celebration! Ice cream social and awards for children who reach their goals, and entertainment on Town Common. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Mass. Cultural Council.

This year our Summer Reading Party performers are the acclaimed Caribbean for Kids duo performing salsa and reggae rhythms.

## Summer reading for grown-ups

In between bugging the kids to finish their reading and packing for another camp, you might get to read a book this summer. Which book? Here are some recommendations from members of the library book group.

### Fiction:

*The Perfect Elizabeth: A Tale of Two Sisters* by Libby Schmais Breezy. Romantic comedy/family drama; semi trash. Fun.

*Song of the Seals* by Christie Yorke.

*The Last Boy* by Robert H. Lieberman.

Profound, mystical mystery about a five year old who disappears from day care.

*Picture Perfect* by Jodi Picoult. Suspenseful, addictive, emotional escape involving domestic abuse.

*Joe Jones* by Anne Lamott. Characters gathered around "a restaurant from another era, the sort of broken-down waterfront dive. . ."

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## Farewell, Judith . . . hello, Jane

Dave Cormier, *Chair, M. N. Spear Memorial Library Board of Trustees*

After five years at the M.N. Spear Memorial Library, Library Director **Judith Seelig** is leaving that position on July 29. Please join us on Monday, August 2, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Town Hall to honor Judith and to meet her successor, **Jane Buchanan**.

The Library Trustees would like to thank Judith on behalf of the town and all library users for keeping the library running smoothly through thick and thin, and for the efforts she made in successfully expanding services.

During her time in the library, Judith expanded the children's book section, added story hour for toddlers, expanded the video and DVD areas, and made full use of volunteers to keep patron services at a high level. She's dealt cheerfully with the logistical issues related to computers and space in running a library and made the library a very hospitable place to visit. We wish her the best in the future!

A native of Boston, Jane Buchanan grew up in Western Massachusetts and recently returned to this area after many years in Northwest Pennsylvania. Trained as a journalist, she worked as a newspaper reporter, photographer and editor before turning her pen to children's books. She found many ideas for her stories while working part-time at her local public library.

She is the author of *Gratefully Yours*, *Hank's Story*, *Three Kinds of Touches* and *Berry-Picking Man*. Two more books, *Goodbye Charley* and *Grandfather's Trumpet*, are scheduled for publication this fall.

**Non-fiction:**

*Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman.

Inspiring, true story of a divorced 48 year-old mother of two who sells everything and leaves the suburbs to live her dream and see the world. 17 years later she's still roaming.

**The library book group** (which still has no name) will begin its ninth season this fall. It's open to anyone, and meets monthly at members' homes.

**This summer's fragrance-free hour**

Fragrance-free hour this summer will be Thursday from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. This special time is ONLY for those who have chemical sensitivities. Anyone else who wishes to use the library at this time must be absolutely certain that he or she does not exude any scent or chemical, whether from laundry detergent, deodorant, sunscreen, shampoo or any other product.

Fragrance-free hour in the fall will change to Wednesday from 10:39 am - noon. (Story Hour will move to Monday.)

**Toddler time!**

Come to the wonderful Story and Craft (and Music!) hour, every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Professional storyteller **Ellen Trousdale** tells or reads a story, then does a simple craft with the kids. Parents get time to browse the library and kids bring home a masterpiece suitable for the 'fridge door. Funded by the Franklin Family Network, Mass. Cultural Council, and the Friends of the Library.

*"The first public library in Shutesbury was based in a single bookcase, established in 1811 by the "Proprietors" of Subscribers, more than forty of whom contributed at least one dollar (one share)."*  
-- Clifton Read, in *Celebrate Shutesbury; A History of Shutesbury, Massachusetts 1735-2000*  
(Shutesbury Education Foundation)

**From the Friends of the Spear Memorial Library  
Yes! There will be a Book Sale (again)**

The Friends of the Library, a nonprofit support group, will have a book sale on Town Common on Celebrate Shutesbury day (Saturday, September 18). To volunteer to help sort and arrange books on the Friday before or to sell on the Saturday, call the Library at 259-1213.

Save up your books in good condition, packed in boxes, no textbooks, no mildew. Do not bring books to the library until after Labor day, and call first.

**Lunches for seniors served up at Town Hall**

If you're new in town, you may not know that the Council on Aging receives funds to provide weekly luncheons to seniors (age 60 and older) at noon on Tuesdays downstairs at Town Hall.

Sometimes these luncheons include informational programs.

Other times, they provide an opportunity to get together, have a good meal and get caught up with others. Other than age, there are no restrictions to participate; however, you must call Council on Aging Chair **Muriel Gross** (259-1371 or 259-1246) for a reservation.

**Summer happenings at Lake Wyola**

All are welcome to these upcoming events at the Lake Wyola Association Hall on Shore Road.

Saturday, July 17: Tag and Bake Sale, 9:00 am.-3:00 pm. To reserve a table, call Donna at 367-0388 or 413-785-1496.

Saturday, August 7: Chicken and Pasta Barbeque Dinner, 5:50-7:30 pm, \$10. Dancing, Live Band, 8:00 pm-midnight, \$2, Cash Bar. Tickets barbeque can be purchased from any LWA Director or by calling Carol at 367-0189. Please order your tickets early to assure a spot.



*Amy Beth reads animal stories to an attentive audience. Ziggy says "goodbye" to all the kids who played with him.*



# HOW TO CONTACT TOWN OFFICIALS

ACCOUNTANT <i>David Kielson</i>	259-1108	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR <i>Maurice Gregoire</i>	367-9988	POLICE DEPARTMENT <i>Charles Bray, Office</i>	259-1279
ADA COMMITTEE <i>Ziporah Hildebrandt</i>	259-1874	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <i>Tari Thomas</i>	259-1212	<i>Dispatch</i>	625-8200
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ANIMAL INSPECTOR <i>Denise Chiminiello</i>	259-1020	FINANCE COMMITTEE <i>Eric Stocker</i>	259-1478	RECYCLING COORDINATOR <i>Paul Vlach</i>	259-1543
ASSESSORS <i>Kenneth Holmberg</i>	259-3790	FIRE DEPARTMENT <i>Walter Tibbetts</i>	259-1211 or 259-1286	REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE <i>Marianne Jorgensen</i>	259-1842
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