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Free Corn Stalks for Decorations

Sarah Kohler has a lot of dry cornstalks standing in the field beside the community garden behind the town hall. She would like people to know that they are welcome to come and cut them for decorations. Please bring a pair of loppers or hand shears to cut them, rather than pull them up!

Donna Eaton Open Studio

Donna Eaton from 837 Daniel Shays Highways will be opening her Art Studio on Saturday, November 7th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. She encourages friends and New Salem residents to come and see her work from this past year.

Cider Days at New Salem Orchards

The weekend of November 7th and 8th is the 21st Franklin County Cider Days. New Salem Preserves will be participating, along with numerous other farms from Ashfield, Deerfield, Charlemont, Colrain and all the towns in between. New Salem Orchards will host its annual cider and apple festival with child-friendly apple pressing. Farm products, along with exhibits from local artisans, will be displayed against the breathtaking backdrop of the Quabbin Reservoir. Info and schedule at www.ciderdays.org.

Bus Service for New Salem from Worcester to Northampton

There's a new bus service that stops in New Salem. The service which is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation goes from Worcester to Northampton twice daily. For more information pick up a schedule from the New Salem Store or go to www.maxpressbus.com.

New Salem Library News.

Lego Club: The Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 3:30 pm. Open to ages 5 and up.

Teens and Tweens: On Wednesday, November 4th, *Creepy Stories*, will be presented professional story teller. Sure to scare you! Just when you thought it was safe to go outside..... Also, November is National Novel Writing Month. Come to the library on

Wednesdays and work on your novel. Have a snack. Talk about what you're writing. Maybe you'll be our next published author! Anyone who is interested in learning to sew following a pattern should come to the library on a Wednesday and pick out what they'd like to make or call 978-544-6334 and let us know!

Lego Club: The Lego Club will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd from 3:30-5:00 pm.

Teens and Tweens Club: Creepy Stories on Wednesday, November 4th from 1:30-5:00 pm.

Pizza and Pages: On Tuesday, November 3rd, Pizza and Pages will be discussing *Septimus Heap, MAGYC* by Angie Sage from 4:00-5:00 pm. Pizza will be provided "by the New Salem General Store.

Reading Aloud for Grownups: Reading Aloud for Grownups dates will be posted soon so keep your eyes out!

Friends of the New Salem Public Library

The Friends of the New Salem Public Library would like to thank our past supporters and hope you will all take the opportunity to look over our forthcoming Annual Appeal brochure. We have included a "suggestions," section as well.

Council on Aging News

Luncheon: The New Salem Council on Aging luncheon for November will be held Friday the 13th at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Gill. Please let Hendra Reidy know if you are coming (978-544-2178) and meet us there at noon. Lunch will be paid for by each individual attending. In the winter, we move to the Stowell Building and will only have one luncheon each month The Council will not meet in November.

Busy Bs: Every Wednesday, from 1-3, several of us meet at the Stowell Building Senior Center to work on projects and visit, keeping up on local news!! Please join us.

New Salem Community Garden News

Crabapple Tree Donation: Thank you Sugarloaf Nursery of Sunderland for the Golden Raindrops Crabapple tree that has been planted near the bench to eventually shade anyone taking a seat. It will provide white flowers, yellow fruit and ever changing leaf color!

Post and Steel Fence: We recently had a visit from Whitney Fence of Northfield who took measurements for a post and steel fence to enclose the entire growing space.

Time to get busy writing grants!

Pollinator Garden Planned: The Franklin Tech School Landscaping department have been contacted for a spring project to develop a pollinator garden. If anyone has design ideas, you may email Sandy at sspiwak20@yahoo.com. The Agricultural Commission continues to plan gardening workshops for the winter months, so stay tuned for details.

Thank you to all who have and continue to support our ideas and endeavors! We appreciate all comments, concerns and criticisms from you.

TOWN NOTICES

FY16 Preliminary Real Estate & Personal Property 2nd Quarter Tax Bills Due

This is to remind you that FY2016 2nd Quarter Preliminary Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are due and payable. The due date for this quarter's bills is November 2, 2015. Payments received after that date will be charged interest.

Payment stubs for this bill were included with the 1st quarter bill. If you have trouble locating the stub and wish to find out the amount due you may call (978) 544-5775 and leave a message stating your name, phone number and the address of your property. The Tax Collector will call you with the amount of your bill. You may also email your request for this information to newsalemtax@aol.com.

Non-cash payments may be deposited in the tax payment drop box located in front of the town hall or mailed to the Tax Collector's office at 24 S. Main St., New Salem, MA 01355. Bills may also be paid online at www.unitaxonline.com (be sure to enter 2014 for Tax Year). Cash payments may be made during the Tax Collector's office hours at 24 S. Main Street on Tuesdays 5-7pm and Thursdays 10am-Noon. If necessary, arrangements can be made to meet at another time by calling (978) 544-5775.

Board of Assessors Seeks Two Replacements

The Board of Assessors is seeking two replacements. One for the pending retirement of chair Phyllis Stever, who has served for ten years, and the other for the open slot previously existing. It is required that the board have three members, however a board of two members meets the minimum requirement for a quorum. The pending departure of Phyllis will leave the board (and the town) in a predicament where, **with only one assessor, we cannot legally function, sign paperwork required by the state, and allow the town to operate.** The board meets twice monthly (2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.) through most of the year and meetings are normally under two hours in length. There is a stipend for board members. Please call our office at 978-544-5814, if you are a town resident and are interested in joining the board.

Planning Board Seeking New Member

The Planning Board is looking for a new member to replace one who retired. If you might be interested, please email hughtfield@gmail.com, or phone Hugh at 978-544-1856.

Selectboard News

Selectboard Meetings: The Selectboard normally meets at 7:00 pm. on every other Monday at the Stowell Building. If the Monday is a holiday, the Selectboard meet on the Tuesday of that week. To verify a meeting date, contact the Town Coordinator at 544-6437.

UPCOMING

January 16

New Salem General Store 20th Anniversary!

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