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Newsletter

News can be submitted to the Town Clerk, attention Editors. Letter is mailed at town expense to Shoreham residents
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Loosely followed schedule:
Winter/Spring
Spring/Summer
Summer/Fall
Fall/Winter—maybe



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

See the Festival's website for details (www.shorehamfestival.com)

A full day, once again! Lots of games, food, entertainment and more. Most events around the Common or at the Firehouse. The Library has lots of things for the younger set—face painting is always a big hit! This year the Library celebrates “The Cat In The Hat” so that’s their parade theme and the theme for the cake judging. As always, lots of food, new games, the Selectboard Dinner, and fireworks!

IT MUST BE FALL

Jamaicans have returned!

And the harvest is on. By all reports, a good year, so stock up on apples and cider. We welcome the harvest workers back and note that the annual Hymn Sing, featuring workers from area orchards, is scheduled for September 30 at the Congregational Church. Check the online calendar for details as the time draws near.

AND SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

Principal Heather Best

As principal of Shoreham Elementary School I am very excited to welcome the students back to school on Wednesday, August 29th. The staff has been busy preparing for the arrival of our students. We are excited about some changes for the upcoming year. The majority of our teaching staff attended a Responsive Classroom
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00^{AM}
Set up
- 9:00^{AM}
PTF Rummage Sale
Library Book Sale
Coffee & Doughnuts
- 11:00^{AM}
Bake Sale: Cong. Church
Classic Cars Arrive
Tours of Newton Academy
- NOON
Garden Tractor Pulls
Games begin on Common
Face Painting & Tattoos
Clowns/Balloons
Classic Car Show
- 1:00^{PM}
RC Car Races
Pony Rides
Tennis Tournament
- 2:00^{PM}
Cake Eating Contest
- 2:30^{PM}
Flea Market, Book Sale End
- 3:00^{PM}
Cake Judging
Tours of Newton Academy
- 3:30^{PM}
Parade Line up
- 4:00^{PM}
Parade
- 4:30^{PM}
Arm Wrestling
- 5:00^{PM}
Selectboard Dinner
Fiddlers
- 6:00^{PM}
Citizenship Award
- 7:30^{PM}
Bingo
Photo Contest Awards
Dance Revolution Game
- 8:30^{PM}
Fireworks
Music
Karaoke

TAX RATE SET

Municipal:	\$0.44
School (set by State):	
Homestead	\$1.2727
Non-residential	\$1.1658
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Totals:	
Homestead	\$1.7127
Non-residential	\$1.6058

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training earlier this summer. We hope that you will notice some changes as we work to improve and increase positive interactions within our school.

We welcome new additions to our staff. **Pam Warren** will be our new custodian. **Tom McGrath** and **Pat Zeller** have been hired as paraprofessionals. **Krista Desabrais** is the new fifth grade teacher and **Angela Foley** has been hired as our new special educator.

Pris Bowen, our kindergarten teacher is welcoming kindergarten students and their parents for a visit on Tuesday, August 28th at 1:00^{PM}. This will be an opportunity for new kindergarten students to see their classroom, their school, and to meet their teacher, principal, other children, and parents.

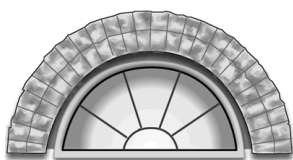
Please join us on Thursday, September 6th at 6:30^{PM} for a pot-luck dinner at the school. All families and community members are invited to attend.

The first PTF meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30^{PM}.

The September school board meeting is the following evening, Thursday, September 13th at 7:00^{PM}.

I look forward to the school year and working with the children in Shoreham. I welcome comments and suggestions and encourage you to stop by and visit the school and attend school functions. Later this fall we hope to have an updated Shoreham Elementary School website to keep you informed of school news and events.

Heather Best is Principal of the Elementary School; you can reach her at 897-7181.



LIBRARY BUILDING FUND MAKES STEADY PROGRESS

Since the last town Newsletter, the Building Fund Committee is pleased to report that we are well on our way to the summer goal because of a number of fund raising events and gifts. The shelf of books on the sign in front of the library is growing in length because we have raised nearly \$140,000 thus far in the campaign! Have a look! Keep that shelf of books increasing in length!

May 25 there was the highly successful Annual Baked Goods Sale at the Library, followed in June by the Annual Plant Sale. In July the Building Fund Committee co-sponsored a Block Dance with the Newton Academy Restoration Committee at the new town tennis courts. The "Sleeping Dogs" provided the great music. The Building Fund Committee sold refreshments. Every one had a great time and the event helped build community support for these projects.

At the Shoreham Day Festival, September 1, the Building Fund Committee will be selling root beer floats, chocolate-chip cookie

LOCAL ORCHARDS

A short commentary

This has been a great growing season! Shoreham's P-Y-O strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries have been fantastic—great flavor, size, and condition!

The apple crop is developing well—Paula Reds are ready at Champlain Orchards!

We are fortunate to have available a wide variety of Shoreham produce and fruits. The P-Y-O locations provide the opportunity for family outings that are fun and rewarding. The views from these locations take my breath away!

The only problems seem to be with the slowed movement of paperwork through the department of Labor and Homeland Security. Also the lack of bus service on this side of the state. Greyhound now services Vermont with stops in Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Montpelier, Burlington, and White River Jct.

Many thanks to Eleanor Brisson for this write-up!

TOOT SWEET!

For Those Who Deserve A Treat (and don't we all?)

Sue Spitzner is moving her bakery business to a new shop right in the center of the village! How sweet is *that*? Toot Sweet!

As this Newsletter goes to the printer, Sue and Mark are hard at work prepping their new space, located next to the Inn where the general store used to be, for the the shop's opening which is targeted for September 1. Initially, the shop will open on Thursday and Friday at 7:00^{AM} and Saturday/Sunday at 8:00^{AM}.

Sue's specialty items are a flourless chocolate cake, frangipane, a pumpkin-ginger cake, and coconut cupcakes. Baked goods offered will be cookies and cupcakes of all sorts, tarts, cakes, and muffins, biscotti, sticky buns, and scones. As much as possible, Sue uses ingredients that are locally produced—she uses and eats what she sells and has confidence in the quality.

Also available will be coffee, teas, various other drinks, plus local cheeses. Sue plans a selection of food-related crafts, and a wine section. In addition, Toot Sweet will offer special-order baked goods. Sweet!

ice cream sandwiches and bottled water. We are also working on planning the Homegrown Dinner scheduled for October 13.

The Platt Memorial Library Building Fund Committee wishes to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in these events and especially to those who have made pledges or given special gifts to the Building Fund. We couldn't do it without you!

Plan drawings can be seen and downloaded through the town's website at www.shorehamvt.org/town/gov/library.shtml

TENNIS COURTS

In Full Swing!

The Tennis courts were finished just in time for kids in the after-school tennis program to posed for a shot before the summer vacation began.

The coin-operated lights permit night playing and the courts were the scene of a joint block-party dance to benefit Newton Academy and the Platt Library in July.



As part of the Festival Day activities, there will be a Round-Robin Tournament. If interested, give Wilson MacIntire a call to sign up, 897-2600.

HOME GROWN DINNER

October 13

The 7th Annual Homegrown Dinner is scheduled for October 13th, 5^{PM}–8^{PM} at the Congregational Church. The Dinner is a community supper to benefit the Platt Memorial Library Building Fund

This year, the meal will feature: Roast pork with apple sauce, fall vegetables, and pumpkin and apple desserts. Additional details will be posted to the town website calendar as it the date gets closer.

In addition to the meal, organizers will hold a Harvest Basket Raffle. There will also be a pie sale, along with a pie sign-up for Thanksgiving. Sounds like a super evening—mark the calendar!

Art On A Limb

Art On A Limb is a unique collaboration among Vermont libraries in support of an institution which perpetually experiences funding challenges and which ought to be supported and protected by every aware citizen—our public libraries. Platt Memorial Library is proud to be one of the many participating libraries throughout the state. Several dozen Vermont artists who love libraries—and the freedom to read which libraries provide and defend for all of us—have generously shared their talents, decorating pine cutouts of Vermont maple leaves. The leaves will be sold at auction on Sunday, October 14 (venue to be determined). Purchase a ticket for \$25 in advance to attend the auction and bid on the beautiful leaves. These leaves are sure to be family treasures for many generations. Each participating library will receive a portion of all proceeds earned.

For more information visit <http://windsorlibrary.org/limb07/libraries.htm>

LOCALLY GROWN

“Buy Local” works here!

Shoreham is a lucky place! We have many small niche producers of fruits, vegetables, meats, and other tasty foods, making it easy to “Buy Local” and to keep our money circulating around our own town.

Many producers have retail outlets where you can stop in anytime, others need to be contacted and advised of when you expect to get there so someone can be on-hand (otherwise you’ll need to trek out into the fields to locate help!).

A more detailed list is planned for the town website within a few weeks as a new agriculture page is developed. In the meantime, you may need to ask around a bit, but you’ll be rewarded with stocks of great food—you’ll know who produced it, where and how it was grown, and what’s gone into its making.

Here is a sample of what you’ll find locally, in season:

- + Eggs, chicken
- + Drinkable yogurt
- + Organic vegetables & herbs
- + Buffalo, beef, and lamb
- + Pick-your-own or pre-picked: apples, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries
- + Maple syrup, Maple sugar
- + Flowers, garden plants
- + Baked goods

Meat/vegetables/fruit/dairy/dessert...a balanced meal!

Agriculture plays a big role in Shoreham, whether retail

NOTICE

The Ferry makes its last run of the season at 5:45^{PM} on October 21, then closes for the winter.

producers for local consumption or a larger “wholesale” beef or dairy operation. This year appears to be a good one, so far—crops are good, the milk price is finally up; hail remains a worry for orchards.

Our town is a beautiful place due in large part to its ag roots. Take some time to find outlets right here for the best foods around!

ROAD UPDATE

Road Upgrades—We have completed 2.5 miles on Buttolph Road with approximately 1 mile left to complete by fall.

Culverts—We are planning on replacing culverts on Watch Point Road and on Lake Street over the next few weeks. These roads will be closed at times, but every effort will be made to be sure they’re accessible at night.

Maintenance—We will be putting down more gravel in a number of places, and also grading roads as they need it, pending weather conditions.

Jason Paquette, Road Foreman; 897-5451

Help fill the shelf!
Donate to the
Building Fund!

LIBRARY NOTES

Hours: Monday, 11–7; Wednesday, 2–7; Thursday, 2–7; Saturday, 9–1 • 897-2647

New Programming!

New programming this fall at Platt! Join your fellow knitters at Platt Memorial Library two Thursdays a month to share your projects, tasty treats, and knowledge! Bring your knitting with you and enjoy the company of friends—each *Knit Night* will have a local person sharing a great tip or skill with the group.

Toddler Story Time returns! Bring your toddler or pre-schooler to Platt Memorial Library on Mondays at 11^{AM} or Thursdays at 6^{PM} for 30 minutes of stories, songs, games and fun! Story Time is a great way to introduce your child to the library and other children.

This July 21st saw the release of the final book in the Harry Potter series, *The Deathly Hallows*. Platt Memorial Library celebrated the event with a Harry Potter Sleep Over. Held in the gym at Shoreham Elementary, 19 Harry Potter fans came to be sorted into houses; to create hexes, curses and potions; and to compete for the title of Trivia Master, who won a copy of the newly released book.

Read-A-Thon planned for November. Platt Memorial Library plans to hold a read-a-thon to raise funds for children's books this fall. Participants will gather sponsors for 6 hours of reading. The event will be a combination of silent reading and group read aloud. Interested participants can get more information at the Library.

Join the *Kids Read Book Discussion* group this fall. Each month readers at a 5th grade level or above will read books and gather to discuss them at Platt Memorial Library. Each discussion will include snacks and fun for all. See calendar (at www.plattlib.org) for dates and titles. Copies of books will be available at the Library 4 weeks prior to discussion date.

Check out www.plattlib.org for the newest arrivals at the Platt!

Also, on the links page of the website you can use the *Amazon.com* link for all your purchases. By using this link, the Platt Memorial Library gets money for every book you buy!



www.plattlib.org

BUILDING FUND GOALS:

\$200,000 by summer's end

\$400,000 by year's end

Can we do it?

YES!

With *your* help!

CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER

8th, Sat., 10^{AM}—Valley Quest—
Join Platt Memorial and Steve Glazer to learn how to make treasure quests in our town. Questing is a place-based education model of creating and exchanging treasure hunts in order to collect and share your community's distinct natural and cultural heritage—your special places and stories.
www.valleyquest.org

13th, Thurs., 6^{PM}—Adults
Only Harry Potter Series Discussion—here's your chance to discuss all the nitty gritty details about Harry Potter without those interfering children (who the book was written for!)

19th, Wed., 6^{PM}—Book Group
—Reading *Lolita in Tehran*, Azar Nafisi

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27th, Thurs., 5:30^{PM} —Kids Read Book Discussion: *Last Dragon*, Silvana De Mari.

OCTOBER

4th, Thurs., 6^{PM}—Knit Night

13th, Sat., 6^{PM} —Annual Home Grown Dinner

15th, Monday, 2:30^{PM}—Story Time & Crafts—Dinosaur stories and create your own dino feet!

18th, Thurs., 6^{PM}—Knit Night

25th, Thurs., 5:30^{PM}—Kids Read Book Discussion: *Notes From a Liar and Her Dog*, Gennifer Choldenko.

29th, Mon., 2:30^{PM}—After-School Activity: 3rd grade & up. Design and make your own pillow case for a decorative 12" pillow.

NOVEMBER

1st, Thurs., 6^{PM}—Knit Night

12th, Monday, 2:30^{PM}—After School Activity : Thankful Wreath

15th, Thurs., 6^{PM}—Knit Night

26th, Mon., 2:30^{PM}—After School Activity

21st, Wed., 6^{PM}—Book Discussion Group: *Year of Wonders*, Geraldine Brooks

28th, Thurs., 5:30^{PM} —Kids Read Book Discussion: *Stepping On the Cracks*, Mary Downing Hahn.

DECEMBER

3rd, Mon., 2:30^{PM} After-School Activity

17th, Mon., 2:30^{PM} After-School Activity

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT:

Environmental Organization Conducts Student Exchange Program

For three hot and challenging weeks high school students from Vermont and other states, joined peers from Guangdong Province, China to study the complexity of environmental issues confronting South China. They explored mountains, tunnels, factories mangrove swamps, research facilities, the Guangzhou Zoo, nature preserves, and city streets in Hong Kong, and two South China Provinces. They contributed to esoteric scientific research about genetic distance among populations of geckos and explored the legitimacy of a green factory producing cinder blocks from coal ash. But most of all, American students were immersed in Chinese culture, confused by the approach of the Chinese designed program at times, and enjoying life with host families.

Green Across the Pacific (GATP), a Shoreham-based non-profit, conducts exchange programs that function to establish an international community of learners. GATP organized this summer's program in conjunction with the Affiliated High School of South China Normal University. "For American students, the Vermont program helps to make sense of the complexity that constitutes environmental studies," said Peter Lynch, Executive Director, GATP. The South China program, on the other hand, confronts them with a different cultural perspective. "While good science must underlie all efforts to develop environmental policy, we expect the cultural experience to play a pivotal role in an increasingly connected world." Local businesses, including International Paper Ticonderoga Mill, *Carillon Cruises*, and *Millborne Farms*, have joined other regional businesses, foundations, and individual contributors to make this experience possible for students.

NEW SCHOOL PHONE SYSTEM INSTALLED

Communication and security are top priorities at the Elementary School. To that end, following an affirmative vote to proceed with plans, the new school phone system has been installed, along with the security system. Costs were funded from the '06-'07 budget. The school is now better prepared to ensure the safety of the children under its care.

PHOTOGRAPH AUCTION

After the Festival's Selectboard Dinner this year there will be a special opportunity to support the Library Building Campaign. The photographic artwork of your neighbors and area photographers, which had been entered into the Photo Contest, will be offered up to the highest bidders after the entries are judged and prizes awarded. Celebrate our beautiful, vibrant town, and support our library. You just may win yourself a beautiful piece of original artwork! Nothing to lose so come prepared to be a winning bidder!

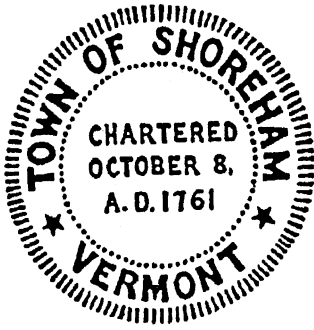
VT'S ADVANCE DIRECTIVE REGISTRY

An important presentation October 4th at 4^{PM}

The Advance Directive is a comprehensive form that expresses your wishes for end-of-life care. It speaks for you if you are unable to speak for yourself.

John Campbell, Executive Directory of the Vermont Ethics Network, will be at the Platt Memorial Library to explain Vermont's new Advance Directive Registry. What it is... how it can help you... how to use it. Find out how to deposit your most up-to-date Advance Directive into a computer based registry so that it will be immediately available to the health-care providers and family members who may need to know your health-care wishes. Contact the Library for details.

Interested parties can contact Peter for more info, 897-5232, or visit www.gatp.org.



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Coming Up...

- **September 1**—Festival!
- **Sept. 6**—Potluck, Elem School; 6:30^{PM}
- **Sept. 12**—1st PTF meeting of the year; 5:30^{PM}
- **Sept. 13**—Schoolboard; 7^{PM}
- **Sept. 22**—Rummage Sale, 9^{AM}–2^{PM}
Congregational Church
- **Sept. 30**—Jamaican Hymn Sing; 7:30^{PM}
Congregational Church
- **October 13**—Home-Grown Dinner;
5–8^{PM} Congregational Church
- **November 10**—Taxes Due!
- **Nov. 10**—Lazyman's Lobster Dinner; 5–7^{PM}
Congregational Church

*Check the online calendar for details, changes, additions
(www.shorehamvt.org/town/)
or check with the Town Clerk (897-5841).*



Rummage Sale

The Congregational Church
will hold a Rummage Sale
on **September 22,**
from 9^{AM}–2^{PM}.

For more info,
contact Jerry Canfield
(897-8591).

HOME GROWN DINNER
ROAST PORK • FALL VEGGIES • DESSERTS
Home-grown, home-baked, home-made—what could be better?

PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS

The Planning Commission has presented the revised zoning regulations to the Selectboard for consideration.

You can download a copy from the town website (www.shorehamvt.org/town/docs/), or pick one up at the Town Office.