



PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Public Hearing: Sale of Shoreham Telephone to Otelco

On July 27, at 7:00pm, the Vermont Public Service Board will be holding a public hearing regarding the Shoreham Telephone Co.'s sale to Alabama-based Otelco. More info on Otelco can be found on their website (www.otelco.net) and through the sites of other telephone companies they've bought, such as Mid-Maine, and Pine Tree Networks—www.mid-maine.com/.

The purpose of the Hearing is to allow residents in the Shoreham Telephone's service area to ask questions about services, costs, jobs, other sale-related issues and to express opinions regarding the sale. While issues/opinions presented at *this* meeting will not be used directly in the upcoming Evidentiary Hearing, they might bring issues to light that warrant further investigation. Any resultant findings *could* be used at the Evidentiary Hearing.

Representative from both companies are expected to be on-hand, as well as someone from the PSB, and Hearing Officer, Jay Dudley.

"Joint Petition of Otelco, Inc., Shoreham Telephone, LLC, and Shoreham Telephone, Inc. for approval of a transfer of control by merger, asset transfer, and associated transactions, including the issuance of a certificate of public good, and the designation of New Shoreham as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier..."

The Hearing will be held at the school gym.

RTE 74 BRIDGE CLOSING

Agency of Transportation officials have confirmed that the Rte. 74E bridge over the Lemon Fair is scheduled for a complete re-decking this fall. Work is likely to begin in September and is expected to last for 6 to 8 weeks. During this period, the bridge will be closed, traffic will be re-routed to Rte 125. Plans call for the bridge to be wider (24' vs current 20') and safer.

Other road notes:

For those who routinely use **West St. in Cornwall**: West Street will be *closed Monday & Tuesday (7/18 & 19)* for culvert installation at the section from the former Bolduc farm (1684 West St.) to the Foote's (1465 West St.). Expected to be passable after work hours (which could be late).

And any who might be considering **James Road in Weybridge**—Weybridge Selectboard met with officials from VTrans and they have decided to close James Road to thru traffic indefinitely. It was apparently too much of a hazard to remain open to thru traffic.

Next newsletter: August/September
Deadline: August 10
Normal 4-page mailed newsletter

TOWN-WIDE LAWN SALES

Sales are **FREE** to list on the map and will be advertised as usual. Scheduled for Labor Day weekend, a perfect opportunity to get rid of STUFF before winter gets here! Contact Heidi (blanpher@shoreham.net) to get your site on the map.

PLATT LIBRARY

Monday, 11-7; Wednesday, 2-7;
Thursday, 2-7; Saturday, 9-1
Phone: 897-2647

- **Summer at the Platt**
The Platt Memorial Library is well stocked with books and movies for your summertime entertainment. Stop in on your way through town and let library assistants Robin, Brie, and Ruth help you locate a current best seller or download audio books to your iPod or laptop. Families can go to the library website, plattlib.org to view the schedule of summer programming for children. Whatever your interest, all services are free to card-holders.
- **Goodbye to Dianne**
In June we said good-bye to librarian Dianne Lawson. Dianne has taken a position at the Bixby Library in Vergennes. She will be sorely missed in the Shoreham

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL GARDEN—A few more families are needed to ensure the garden survives the summer and produces foods that can be enjoyed by students and the community! Depending on the week that your family "adopts" the garden, you may need to do some watering, light weeding, and/or harvesting. Later in the summer we would also need some volunteers to help prepare any food that can be stored or frozen for use in our meals program at school.

SEAMSTRESS NEEDED—The beautiful blue curtain that hangs on the stage in our school is in need of repair. There are several places along the bottom of the curtain where the stitching has let go. A seamstress is needed to repair the curtain before the end of the summer!

CABINET ORGANIZER—Our PTF and Extended Day cabinets are in need of some organization. If you enjoy organizing or have an eye for making lots of stuff fit in small spaces, please volunteer to organize a cabinet or two in the school! If you can help with any of the above, contact Heather (hbest@acsu.k12.vt.us).

SELECTBOARD DINNER

Help is needed with the food prep. Please contact Marthe (mfisher@portermedical.org) and let her know what you can bring or help with. Don't let us go hungry, tummy's growling already!

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING
July 21ST, Shoreham Inn at 5pm
— drinks optional!

No More Deposit Bottles

Deposit bottles will no longer be accepted at the recycling center. Someone's just having too darn much fun reducing them to shards, so take 'em back to the store.

REMINDER:

PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE APPROACHES

Entries must be received no later than **Monday, August 17.** Mail to Leslie Goodrich, 351 Goodrich Rd, Whiting, VT 05778 or drop off at the library.

Three divisions: children ages 6-13 yrs., youth ages 14-21 yrs., adult 22 up

Categories:

- 1) Shoreham Landmarks; 2) Shoreham Landscapes; 3) Shoreham Residents (portrait); 4) Life in Shoreham; 5) Shoreham Gatherings & Celebrations

Contest Rules:

- Photos will not be returned, they will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Friends of the Platt Memorial Library.
- Photos should be no smaller than 5" x7".
- Submit photos matted, NO frames.
- Photographer's name, address, age, & entry's category on back of photo on a separate piece of paper.
- Limited to 1 photo/category/photog
- Photos must feature an aspect of Shoreham and be the original work of the entrant.

Questions? Contact Leslie Goodrich (802) 897-5885 /leslieg@shoreham.net

FRIENDS OF THE PLATT

Save the Date: *Apple Fest, Sunday September 18th.* Volunteer, contribute or just come and enjoy the day with a Farmers Market, good food, and lots of music. A fundraiser for the Library.

Free Passes to State Parks & Historic Sites

Once again this summer we are participating in the free pass program with the Vermont Department of Libraries, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. Any Platt Library card holder can borrow either the free Park Pass or the free Historic Site pass as often as they want this summer. Both are good at many popular vacation spots state-wide. Use them spontaneously or reserve a pass in advance, but PLEASE be prompt in returning it so the next user's plans can proceed on schedule.

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community. A search is under way for a new librarian. Meanwhile, operating hours have remained the same (see above).

• Construction

Phase one of the building project began in June. The library is being retrofitted with all new electrical wiring, new lighting and a new furnace. The basement is being completely gutted, insulated and refinished. Storm windows and attic insulation are being installed. As work on phase one continues, plans are being finalized for phase two of the project, which will be the building of a completely accessible, modern and energy efficient new addition. Fundraising is ongoing as we near the end of our capital campaign. Your financial contributions are gratefully accepted.

• Book Sale

The annual Labor Day weekend book sale will be held on the lawn of the library during the Shoreham Festival on Saturday, **September 3, 9am—1pm.** The library is currently accepting donations of used books for the sale. Please drop them off in a sturdy cardboard box. We recycled all of our extra boxes when we emptied out the basement!

“Wilson Macintire Memorial Tennis Scramble”

Starts at 9:00am, September 3. Potluck drinks and snacks. Very informal tennis, suitable for all ages and abilities. Contact Phil Kivlin (redsled@shoreham.net) for more information.

ICE CREAM & BOOKS! CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THAT!

The Shoreham Congregational Church will hold an *Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale* on **Sunday, July 17, from 2 to 5 PM** at the Pavilion on the green near the church. This will be in conjunction with the Business Expo that will showcase the number and variety of businesses in Shoreham. The Business Expo will be on the green surrounding the Pavilion. In case of rain, both events will be held in the Shoreham Elementary School Gym.

Town Forums

Shut down due to residents' lack of interest.

CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST

- July 17** **Ice Cream Social;** 2–5pm, at the Pavilion
- July 17** **Business Expo & Market,** 2–5pm, on the Green
- July 21** **Women's Fellowship,** 1:30; Jeri 897-8591
- July 21** **Festival Meeting,** Shoreham Inn, 5PM
- July 21** **Planning Commission**
- July 27** **PSB Telco Sale Hearing** 7PM, School gym
- July 28** **Selectboard** rescheduled
- Aug 2** **Emergency Management** rescheduled
- Aug 7** **MS Bike Tour—**Watch out for bikes!
- Aug 10** **Full-blown News deadline**
- Aug 17** **Photo Contest Deadline** Leslie 897-5885
- Aug 18** **Women's Fellowship,** [tentative] 1:30; Jeri 897-8591
- Aug 18** **Planning Commission**
- Aug 22** **School In-Service**
- Aug 30** **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social!**
- Aug 31** **First Day of School**
- September** **RTE 74 Bridge work,** heads up!
- Sep 3** **Shoreham Festival**
- Sep 3** **Town-wide Yard Sales**
- Sep 18** **Apple Fest & Tour de Farms—**Watch out for bikes!

Also see online Calendar <http://shorehamvt.org/town/community/calevents.shtml>

Denise's Clothes Drop

Please hold off for a bit on new drop-offs. Denise is smothering under piles of great clothes and needs to dig out from under!

Your generosity is much appreciated, everything's finding new homes, and she'll be ready for more in a few weeks.