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Town Office

297 Main Street • 897-5841
M, T, Th, F: 9^{AM}-12 & 1-4^{PM}
Closed Wednesday

Meetings:

Selectboard: 2nd, 4th Wednesdays; 7^{PM}
Planning: 3rd Thursday, 7^{PM}
Schoolboard: as posted
see website Calendar

Platt Memorial Library

www.plattlib.org
279 Main Street • 897-2647
Mon: 11^{AM}-7^{PM}
Wed, Thurs: 2-7^{PM}
Sat: 9^{AM}-1^{PM}

Website: www.shorehamvt.org

- Clerk/Town Office
shorehamvt.org/town/clerk/
- Document Downloads
shorehamvt.org/town/docs/
- Government
shorehamvt.org/town/gov/
Selectboard
Emergency Management
Newton Academy
- Community
shorehamvt.org/town/community/
Platt Library
Calendar/Events

Elementary School Website:

www.shorehamschool.org

State Legislators

In Mont: 800 322-5616
leave message w/Seargent-at-Arms

Rep. Will Stevens 897-7031
wstevens@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Claire Ayer 545-2142
cayer@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Harold Giard 758-2577
hgiard@leg.state.vt.us

Newsletter

News can be submitted to the Town Clerk, attention Editor. Letter is mailed at town expense to Shoreham residents.

Editor

Robin Conway

Loosely followed schedule:

- Winter/Spring
- Spring/Summer
- Summer/Fall
- Fall/Winter—maybe

SHOREHAM FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 4

This year's them: "Shoreham Cares."

There will be a food drive for HOPE, which serves local families via their food-shelf in Middlebury. Donate canned goods or other non-perishable food on the day of the Festival and help our community.

Lots of great food, fun, and various other festivities going on all day, so come to the Green and join in!

CRIME WATCH MEETING

On August 19, about 60 people crowded into the Firehouse for a meeting with Lt. Gary Genova, Commander of the Vermont State Police barracks in New Haven, States' Attorney David Fenster, and VSP Trooper Wagner. The meeting had been arranged by Rep. Will Stevens so that residents could confer directly with law enforcement about the recent spate of break-ins and burglaries in town. Irritation and frustration are running high and several folks have begun to patrol our roads, especially after dark, to keep an eye out for suspicious activities. Similar to a Neighborhood Watch, though less regulated, nonetheless this effort seeks to ensure that offenders are noted, reported, and activities followed up on with authorities.

Both Genova and Fenster applauded residents' willingness to go to this effort, although they also spoke to various cautionary issue that we need to be aware of and to keep in mind. The main point made was that **any** unusual or suspicious activity should be reported *as soon as possible* to the State Police (388-4191, or via 9-1-1). The key being that any little piece, any sighting of a strange vehicle or suspicious person, when reported, adds to the puzzle construction and may be the nail that closes the case. VSP logs all reports and, over time, can pull together a trail that gives

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A special town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at the school gym at 7^{PM}. Two articles will be discussed and voted on. *First*, reserve funds were set aside for repair of Newton Academy. Voters are asked whether to authorize transfer those funds to the New Town Office Reserve Fund. *Second*, voters are asked whether public questions regarding a new town office should be decided by Australian ballot.

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Morning

- 8-10:30 Pancake breakfast @ Congo Church
- 8:00 Town Wide Lawn Sales Start
- 8-12 Apple Pie Sale @ Congo Church
- 8^{AM}-9^{PM} School Road and School Street CLOSED
Canned Food Drop off Begins (all around the Green)
- 9-12 Coffee and Doughnuts @ Fire House
- 9-2^{PM} Library Book Sale @ the Library
- 9:00 Tennis Tournament
- 10:00 Burger Buggy Opens (Firehouse)
- 11:00 Garden Tractor Pulls on Common (to 4^{PM})
- 11:00 Snowcones and Popcorn by Preschool (@ Firehouse)
- 11:00 Midway Opens (to 4^{PM})

Afternoon

- 12:00 Classic Car Show on School Road (to 3^{PM})
- 12:00 Photo Contest (Silent Auction Begins)
- 12:00 Legos @ Firehouse (to 3^{PM})
- 12:00 Face Painting @ Library (to 2^{PM})
- 2:00 Book Sale Ends
- 2:00 Town Wide Lawn Sales End
- 3:30 Parade Line up @ Seedway Building
- 4:00 Parade
- 4:00 Midway done, picked up
- 4:00 Coin Drop on Rte 74 W Begins
- 4:30 Rock Band Competition (@ Firehouse)
- 5:00 Select Board Dinner @ Congo Church (to 7^{PM})
- 5:00 Last bids on Photos
- 6:00 Photo Contest Award @ Congo Church
- 6:00 Citizenship Award @ Congo Church

Evening

- 8:00 Coin Drop Ends
- 8:45 Fireworks

Fireworks Benefit Sale

Good used clothing and household items, at the Firehouse on Friday evening September 3, from 4 to 8^{PM}. Items can be dropped off during those hours. Please, no junky junk, no furniture, no electronics. Proceeds go toward the fireworks.

The warning appears below.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARNING
OCTOBER 12, 2010

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The Legal Voters of the Town of Shoreham, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the School Auditorium in said Shoreham, Vermont on Tuesday October 12 at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business.

Article 1: Shall the Town of Shoreham authorize the Selectboard to transfer the balance of the Newton Academy Building Repair Reserve Fund, in the approximate amount of \$29,370 plus any interest accrued, into the New Town Office Reserve Fund?

Article 2: Shall the Town of Shoreham vote on all public questions regarding a new Town Office by Australian ballot?

GENERAL ELECTION 2010

Please mark your calendar for the General Election on November 2nd 2010. As always, the voting place in Shoreham is the Fire House. Hours will be 10:00^{AM} to 7:00^{PM}.

Offices to be elected in November include:

- Statewide—1 each: US Senator, Representative to Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General
- County—2 State Senators, 1 State Representative, 1 Probate Judge, 2 Assistant Judges, 1 State's Attorney, 1 County Sheriff, 1 High Bailiff
- Local—7 Justices of the Peace

AUGUST CEMETERY TOUR A HUGE SUCCESS

The Tour was a collaborative effort by the Festival Committee, Historical Society, and numerous townspeople to raise money for specific projects. It was a wonderful experience—tons of fun for all. Watch for



more bite to the State's Attorney's case when it's finally put before a judge. It's not necessarily the one huge thing that does it, but far more often all the little things, that seem like nothing on their own, but add up and lead to a conviction.

Prior to this meeting, the Selectboard had requested that a forum be added to the Town Website where people could log their reports so we are all able to see what's happening where, and when. The site can be accessed through the town website or on its own at <http://forums.shorehamvt.org/>. Registration is required in order to post. The forums are just barebones/right-out-of-the-box. They can be improved/tweaked/added to etc. over time according to what we want to have available.

In sum:

1. Report *anything* suspicious to the VSP

388-4191

911

2. Keep a notepad & pen with you. Note:

- License plate
- Make/Model/color/identifying marks, stickers of vehicle
- Physical description, as much as possible, of person(s) involved.
 - Height/weight
 - Gender
 - Clothing

3. Post on the Crime Watch forum

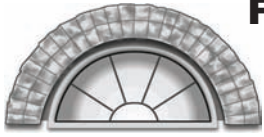
TENNIS COURTS TO BE NAMED FOR WILSON MACINTIRE

The Shoreham tennis courts will officially become the "Wilson MacIntire Courts" on Saturday, September 4 at 11^{AM}. The Selectboard voted to name the courts after the inspiration and driving force behind the tennis court project, Wilson MacIntire. The group of active tennis players inspired by Wilson had the sign made and will unveil it in a ceremony on Saturday. Wilson passed away in March of this year, but he will long be remembered for his love of tennis and his drive and resourcefulness in getting the courts built. Those of us who began playing because of Wilson will always be grateful for that inspiration. We, as well as generations of local tennis players to come, will enjoy the Wilson MacIntire Courts.

There will be tennis activities at the courts all morning during the Shoreham Festival, unveiling ceremony at 11^{AM} on Saturday, September 4.

TOWN PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The Shoreham Selectboard has warned a Public Hearing to receive residents' comments on the updated Proposed Town Plan. The Hearing is scheduled for October 12, at the school gym, following the Special Town Meeting.



FRIENDS OF THE PLATT

www.friendsoftheplatt.org/

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Friends of the Platt events:

- ♦ **Shoreham Festival** events, September 4
- ♦ **Apple Fest**, Sunday, September 19th
- ♦ **Homegrown Dinner and Art Raffle**—Saturday, October 23rd
A beautiful original painting by Shoreham artist Joe Bolger, has been donated to the Friends for our first Art Raffle. The tickets are available at the Library for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Homegrown Dinner. All proceeds will be going to our building fund. The raffle painting, along with more of Joe's paintings, will be on display at the bank—and possibly other venues around town over the summer.

Apple Fest

As you all probably know, the Friends of the Platt are holding the 2nd annual Apple Fest to raise funds for the library. Apple Fest will be on Sunday, September 19 and is held in conjunction with Tour de Farms bike ride. Both Tour de Farms and Apple Fest are a celebration of local food, farming and crafts. Last year Tour de Farms had approximately 500 riders, and this year they are expecting even more. This gives us an outstanding opportunity to raise funds by bringing in money from outside Shoreham. However, to do so, we are asking for your help.

The library will have a booth to sell local homemade and handmade items. We are hoping that by getting a few things from a broad section of people we will have a nice variety of items to sell. We know that there are many of you making small treasures that we could sell. Examples might be: canned jams, chutneys or pickles; maple sugar candy or other maple items; knitted scarves, booties or hats; quilted hot pads or coasters; Christmas ornaments, carved wooden toys or trivets. Well, you get the idea. If you have food or craft items to donate, please let Joyce or Dianne know. We'll be making a list, so we'll get an idea of what to expect. You can drop them off at the library by Wednesday, 9/15, or let us know and we'll arrange to pick them up. If you have a suggested retail price, let us know that also.

If you have spouses, friends, neighbors or anyone else you know who makes great homemade or handmade food or crafts, please pass this along to them—or let Joyce or Dianne know and we will contact them.

We will also be selling breakfast items (baked goods), lunch (soup) and desserts to the bike riders (and anyone else who comes to Apple Fest). So, Carol will be looking for volunteers to bake and make soup. Dianne is lining up volunteers to serve.

We will also be having a silent auction of larger donated items, gift baskets with an assortment of items, etc.

So, there are lots of ways to help. Please contact one of us if you have items to donate, are willing to make soup or bake, or are willing to volunteer several hours on Sunday, 9/19. (This is probably a repeat request for some of you who have already volunteered for something, but wanted to spell out the various needs to everyone and encourage them to pass along this email or suggest others.)

AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Shoreham has a number of ad-hoc groups formed around a specific task or interest. These groups have no local-government standing, but all work toward the betterment of our community and would appreciate any help you can extend.

Economic Development Task Force

The first key effort of this group has been the production of a full-color Town of Shoreham "welcome brochure" which features the town's beautiful landscape, recreational opportunities, lodging and dining options, purveyors of local handcrafted items, orchards and farms, special events, and services of interest to visitors and guests. The brochure was funded by generous donations of individuals/organizations and made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers.

Everyone involved with this brochure project hopes that it will help to attract visitors to linger within our town to savor the sights, tastes, creativity, and hospitality we offer. To date, over 600 copies have been distributed! To pick up a copy, or send one to a friend you've been trying to entice to visit, please stop by one of the following locations:

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| Fort-Ti Ferry | Shoreham Inn |
| Golden Russet Farm | Platt Library |
| Shoreham Service Center | Champlain Orchard |
| Vermont Tradewinds | Town Clerk's Office |
| Middlebury Farmer's Market (booths of Shoreham producers) | |

The brochure community would like to thank the many people who supported this effort to promote our town, including Abby Goodrich, Balfour Studios, and George Gross who provided stunningly beautiful photos that showcase Shoreham throughout the seasons. Special thanks are also due to Maizie Hescocock who designed and produced an eye catching logo that graces the front panel of the brochure.

Several individuals (Barb Wilson, Sue Spitzner, Rustan Swenson, Maizie Hescocock, Diane Lawson, Bay Hammond, and Valerie Szymkowicz) conducted research, wrote content, solicited organizations, gathered donations, designed the layout, and coordinated with the printer to produce the final brochure.

What's next for the Shoreham Economic Development Committee? In the coming winter, the committee is planning a "business to business" meeting to brainstorm ideas for additional activities for next year, featuring Shoreham and the many businesses within its borders. Another brochure highlighting local service providers, targeted at those looking to relocate either their home or business to Shoreham, is also in the planning stages. Please feel free to contact Barb Wilson (barb@solar-haven.com or 897-5339) to discuss having information about your business included in the new brochures, or to be certain your information or special event is included in the 2011 edition of the "welcome brochure."

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please call or email any of the following.

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| Joyce Morgan 897-2330 | jsmorgan@shoreham.net |
| Carol Causton 897-2747 | ccaust@aol.com |
| Dianne Lawson 897-2647 | platt@shoreham.net |

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

What a wonderful summer!

We were blessed with the very best team of volunteers ever. Cathy Clarke, Ajah Tier, Jade Blodget, and Michaela Hotte helped us offer children's programs. Beverly Little and Doris Brisson helped customers at the desk while staff was at the programs. Thank you to all for helping Summer Reading Club go so well.

In addition to our book discussions for adults, stories and activity programs for elementary-age youth, and preschool storytimes, we offered two types of family programming this summer: a Friday night family film series and a multi-age book group. And all the while books, books on CD, and movies were flying in and out of the library. It was a lovely summer.

www.plattlib.org

Shoreham Festival

The library will have a float in the parade, thanks to Steve Small. Riding the float will be Summer Reading Club Member Bailey Farrell. Riding on the fire truck will be Summer Reading Club Member Skylar Martell. The book sale will run 9 am to 2 pm. Lots of good books as well as VHS tapes for sale. Look for our talented teens on the Green. For a donation, they will do face painting. Proceeds benefit the young adult book fund. Another place you can find our kids doing good things is in the Firehouse. Running the Lego area is Jasper Christensen. Build the best Lego creation you can. Enter it by Noon on Saturday. You can vote for the People's Choice Award until 3pm. Please plan to remove your creation as soon after 3pm as possible. Love to build with Lego's? Participate in quick builds from noon to 2 pm. The action is fast and furious; fun to watch, too.

Other News

Thanks to *Neat Repeats*, we will soon be adding to our books on CD collection. They have given us a generous grant to buy gently used audios over the internet. Are you a talented E-Bay or Half.com shopper? I would like one more shopping partner for a short-term project.

Are you one of our many happy *WiFi* users? We are glad that so many people are using our good, strong signal outdoors. Did you know you could do us a return favor? If we are open, just stick your head in the door and say you are using the internet. If we are closed, please drop a note in the drop box, "used the internet Friday night". Why? We have to fill out forms for the state saying how many people are using our services. We can't get a good count on the Wi-Fi use without your help. Thanks.

The first of our new *Gates Foundation Computers* is in. We are still installing the screen savers that honor our local donors who made it possible: The first National Bank of Orwell and the Shoreham Telephone Company. The initial reaction is all good! It is great to have two public computers. No more waiting! Thank you Don and Mark, you are there for us.

Michael O'Neill, Dinah Bain, June Bohler, and Robin Herrick were making great progress *bar-coding the books* in anticipation of checking them out by computer next year. They have passed the 2000 mark (out of about 9500). More help would, of course, make it go faster. Would you like a no obligation look at what is involved? See Dianne.

Fall Programming

Preschool storytimes will resume Sept 20th. They will be offered most Mondays at 10:15 am.

School age programs for elementary-age youth will be offered two Thursdays a month at 2:30pm. Each program features a story, a snack, and a game, craft, or other activity. Upcoming dates include Sept. 13, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Dec. 2, and Dec. 16.

Teen Advisory Board is open to any student in grade 7 through 12. The Board meets most months during the school year to discuss books and to advise the librarian on forthcoming books for teens and children. The first meeting will be Wed., September 22nd at 7pm and we will discuss what day and time will work best for us this year. If you want to participate, but can't make the first meeting, let Dianne know at 897-2647.!

Scenes from the Summer Reading Club



SHOREHAM PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

AUGUST 24, 2010

REGISTERED VOTERS: 853
 NUMBER VOTING: 262
 ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 48
 Democratic Ballots: 175
 Republican Ballots: 87
 Progressive Ballots: 0

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN: PROGRESSIVE:

US Senator:			
Freilich 19	Britton 70		
Leahy 153			
Rep. Congress:			
Welch 153	Beaudry 28		
	Mitchell 31		
	Stern 9		
Governor:			
Bartlett 10	Dubie 83	Abbott	
Dunne 53			
Markowitz 34			
Racine 39			
Shumlin 36			
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Bray 121	Scott 28	Power	
Howard 27	Snelling 51	Wardinski	
Treasurer:			
	Spaulding 141	Schramm	
Secy State:			
Condos 83	Gibbs 47	Cooper	
Merriman 36	Roy 30		
Auditor:			
Flanagan 56	Salmon 71	Bayer	
Hoffer 79			
Atty General:			
Sorrell 132	Toscano 66	Dennett	
State Senator:			
Ayre 129	Ochs 28		
Giard <i>Write-in</i> 29	Young 84		
Sheldon <i>Write-in</i> 19			
State Rep:			
	Joy Jones <i>Write-in</i> 20		
Probate Judge:			
Smith 127			
Assistant Judge:			
Gossens 123	Broughton 77		
State's Attorney:			
	Fenster 70		
Sheriff:			
	Coons 77		
High Bailiff:			
	Keeler 72		

Emergency Management Committee

GOT A PLAN?

Here's a good one: Watch for the EMC table and display as you wander around all the fun doings at the Festival! We'll have the Town Basic Emergency Operation Plan on view, as well as some of the "Annexes" we're working on, and other materials. And we'll keep the "Are you prepared" preaching to a minimum. Because, of course you are!

HEY, BUD!

This is a bit of "preaching" that falls right in-line with the CrimeWatch efforts.

Buddy up with your neighbors to keep an eye on your place when you're gone. Many of us work out of town during the weekdays, but we may have a neighbor or two on a different schedule. See if it's possible to swap eye-ball times so you can cover each other when away. Traffic along our backroads is probably pretty well defined and strange vehicles are often quite noticeable if one takes the time to pay attention (and jot down notes! ...and report to the State Police!).

The buddy system can also serve us well during storms when power and travel access may be lost. Establishing a neighbor/buddy system can help seniors and shut-ins feel safer. A before-the-storm introduction and check-up agreement can also remove the fear of a stranger banging on the door when your power and phone are down. This doesn't mean you have to be best-friends-forever, just that we're covering each others' backs. Who knows?..you may just become BFFs. Stranger things have happened.

Try <http://forums.shorehamvt.org> to see who you might work out an arrangement with.

CPR?

There will be a CPR/AED (defibrillator) course in Cornwall on September 22 at 6:00. The cost for Non-Cornwall residents is just \$15. You can get more info from Kate Gieges (gieges@shoreham.net/462-2182).

Alternatively, there may be an opportunity through the Shoreham Fire Department. Check with them to see.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

- VT State Police (VSP) 388-4191 or
- Fire/Medical/VSP Emergency 9-1-1 (24/7)
- Local Emergency Updates 2-1-1 ("Shoreham Update")
- Shoreham Emergency Mgmt 897-2668

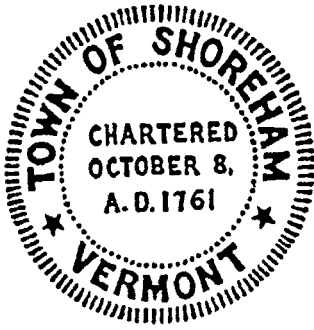
FIREWORKS DONATIONS SOLICITED

**Keep Our Fireworks Beautiful!
They're the best around.**

Attached is my donation of \$_____ to be used to defray fireworks expenses.

Mail with your check (made out to: Town of Shoreham) to:

Fireworks c/o Town Treasurer
 297 Main St.
 Shoreham, VT 05770



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Shoreham, VT 05770

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- ✦ Friends of the Platt
- ✦ ...& more!

Coming Up...

- **Sep 3**—Fireworks Benefit Sale @ Firehouse
- **Sep 3**—Texas Hold'em Tournament
- **Sep 4**—Shoreham Festival
- **Sep 4**—Huge Book Sale—Platt Library, 9-1
- **Sep 4**—Selectboard Dinner: roast beef and more; Congo Church.
- **Sep 4**—Rummage & Bake Sale, Congo Church
- **Sep 19**—Apple Fest; Tour de Farms; Farmers Market on the Green
- **Sep 26**—Jamaican Hymn Sing, 7:30pm, Congo Church
- **Oct 2 & 3**—Farmall Hill Days, Dolittle Road
- **Oct 12**—7^{PM}—Special Town Meeting: re-allocation of reserve funds, Town Office selection by Australian Ballot.
- **Oct 12**—(After above votes) Public Hearing on proposed Town Plan
- **Oct 23**—Home-Grown Dinner & Art Raffle
- **Nov 2**—Elections; polls open 10-7, Firehouse
- **Nov 13**—Lazy Man's Lobster Dinner (Ham available, too!); Congo Church, watch for info

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALES

Pick up your maps at the Forehouse or Church after 8:00^{AM} Saturday!

FESTIVAL FOOD DRIVE

Drop off your canned food donations in the Food Drive barrels around the Green on Saturday.

**Friday
September 3rd**

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

At the Firehouse starting at 6^{PM} with sign-in. For more details please email Heidi Lanpher at hlanpher@shoreham.net or call 462-3542.

[Proceeds benefit the fireworks]

KEEP ON STOMPIN'!

Squashing down your recyclables as much as possible really makes a big difference, especially over time. Flattening helps keep our tax bill from rising, so don't give up, keep on stompin' your stuff!

Many plastics (e.g. milk & laundry detergent jugs) can be stomped down, as can cardboard boxes (cereals, spaghetti, etc), and cans.

**Also watch for repeat, this fall,
of the Cemetery Tour!
Not to be missed!**

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