



Shoreham News

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Town Office

297 Main Street • 897-5841
Mon–Wed, Fri: 9^{AM}–12 & 1–4^{PM}
Closed Thursday

Meetings:

Selectboard: 2nd, 4th Mondays; 7^{PM}
Planning: 1st, 3rd Thursdays; 7^{PM}
Schoolboard: 2nd Thursday; 7^{PM}
see website Calendar

Platt Memorial Library

www.plattlib.org
295 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
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Platt Library
Calendar/Events

Elementary School Website:

www.shorehamschool.org

State Legislators

In Mont: 800 322-5616
leave message w/ Sergeant-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 Editors. Letter is mailed at town expense to Shoreham residents.

Editors

Heidi Lanpher
Robin Conway

Loosely followed schedule:

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

PRIMARY ELECTION SEPT. 9

Reminders:

- The deadline for registering to vote in the Primary is Sept. 3.
- Absentee ballots are available now. They are due back to the Town Clerk by the close of Polls

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

- Deadline for voter registration is October 29

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

PETITIONS ARE DUE AT THE TOWN OFFICE SEPT. 12

A RURAL TOWN WITH URBAN ISSUES

Contrary to popular opinion, burglary is not a crime restricted to urban areas. Over the past several months at least one vehicle, money, jewelry, fire-arms, tools, and a variety of household items have been stolen in numerous Shoreham break-ins. Much involved the same perpetrators, but the community seems to provide an equal opportunity for a number of folks who do not have your best interests at heart. We, of course, are not alone—Orwell has had break-in issues as well. As have other small towns in this County and beyond. Both the Catholic Church and the telephone company have been vandalized, and most recently a catalytic converter was cut out of a truck's exhaust system. Not your average prank.

How long until you, too, become a victim? How long until someone gets hurt? What are we to do?

Many towns, Lincoln comes to mind, have joined programs like Neighborhood Watch. Do we want to do this? While we ponder the issue, there are some things that each of us can do right away, that cost little or nothing and can quite possibly make a considerable difference. We urge everyone to:

- *Be alert* to anything that seems slightly "out of place" or is occurring at an unusual time of day.

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SHOREHAM FESTIVAL AUGUST 30, 2008

It's that time again! Food, games, food, fireworks, Bingo, a parade, food, maybe a chance to dunk a "select" person or two...

It all starts at 9^{AM}. We have some new things this year (Guitar Hero Competition, Legos,...) Come check it out!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

8:00^{AM}

Set Up

9:00^{AM}

Coffee and Doughnuts
Library Book Sale

11:00^{AM}

Tour of Newton Academy
Cong. Church Bake Sale
Brick Blast
Classic Car Show
Garden Tractor Pulls

Noon

Midway Opens
Face Painting and Tattoos
Photo Contest Displayed

1:00^{PM}

Book Sale Ends
Tennis Tournament
—Round Robin
Pony Rides
RC Car Races

2:00^{PM}

Cake Eating Contest

3:00^{PM}

Cake Judging Contest
Bingo

3:30^{PM}

Parade Line up

4:00^{PM}

Parade

5:00^{PM}

Select Board Dinner

6:00^{PM}

Citizenship Award
Photo Contest Award

7:30^{PM}

Guitar Hero Competition

8:45^{PM}

Fireworks

Burn Permits

Permits are required for any burning.

Call Jim Ortuno the morning of, or night before, the planned burn;
897-5712—at a reasonable hour!

Fire Department calls to un-permitted burns will be billed at \$150 per responding truck!

(Break-ins, continued from front)

- Learn and pay attention to what normal traffic is for your neighborhood
- Keep a notepad & pen handy and write down anything you notice that seems out-of-place, before you forget it. What to jot down:
 - ♦ What, Where, When;
 - ♦ Describe vehicles
 - ♦ Describe clothing, personal appearance
- Let your neighbors know when your house will be empty. Arrange to keep an eye on each others' homes for suspicious activity when the house is vacant
- When going away, leave descriptions with neighbors of any vehicles or people who are expected to drop by to tend plants/ animals etc so they are not mistaken for trespassers

So, you've got notes now. What to do with them? That's easy:

- ♦ The **Town Office (897-5841)** maintains a log of called-in events, call and leave the information there. Personal information is not required (though can be helpful if additional details are needed) and is not shared unless necessary to do so with authorized law enforcement officials. Alternatively, call:
 - ♦ **Addison County Crime Stoppers 800 432-5436**
 - ♦ **Vermont State Police 388-4919**
 - ♦ Call **911** for serious, immediate-danger situations involving weapons, injuries, or a crime in progress

Just some things to consider. The town website's Emergency Management page (www.shorehamvt.org/town/) has, or soon will have, some items posted that might serve as a guide for keeping an eye out for suspicious activities in your neighborhood.

Shoreham Selectboard

FESTIVAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Shoreham Tennis Committee will hold a Round Robin Tournament at the tennis courts from 1:00^{PM} to 3:00^{PM} on August 30, as part of the Shoreham Festival.

All levels of players are invited to play. Games will be mix and match on a rotational basis. Bring your racquet and skill—balls will be provided.

Wilson MacIntire

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAWS

The Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing September 3, 7:00^{PM} at the school, on the latest draft of the Zoning By-laws (dated August 14, 2008).

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

'08 TAX RATE SET

<i>Municipal:</i>	\$0.4550	(<i>'07=\$0.4400</i>)
<i>School (set by State):</i>		
<i>Homestead</i>	\$1.4352	(<i>'07=\$1.2727</i>)
<i>Non-Residential</i>	\$1.3399	(<i>'07=\$1.1658</i>)

Totals:

<i>Homestead</i>	\$1.8902	(<i>'07=\$1.7127</i>)
<i>Non-Residential</i>	\$1.7949	(<i>'07=\$1.6058</i>)

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

A Hot Lunch program began at Shoreham Elementary School in January, 2008, thanks to the efforts of many throughout the years! We are transporting hot lunch to our school from the Cornwall School. We have obtained grants and donations that have allowed us to complete the first stage of our kitchen project, a small kitchen with refrigeration and dish-washing facilities.

The final stage is expansion of the space to allow on-site food preparation and service to the children. This can eliminate costs in the school budget and make the program more sustainable. Food is currently transported from Cornwall to Shoreham with gasoline, vehicle maintenance and repair, and personnel costs that would be eliminated by a food service program at the school. When we produce our own hot lunch, the school can pursue State reimbursement for breakfast, snacks, and hot lunch while expanding the meals we feed children.

The community is central to the efforts of this program. The lunch program began as a grassroots effort by volunteers. You can help with this final step. We need your tax deductible donation no matter how small or big! Consider underwriting a piece of equipment. Spread the word.

Contact Elizabeth Christensen for more information at (802) 353-5446.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

October 1st—Bill Mraz; “Honey Bees and You”—Mraz is a beekeeper in Middlebury, VT. His father pioneered the use of bee stings to help alleviate arthritis pain.

November 5th—Glenn Andres; “Two Centuries of Vermont School Architecture”—Professor of Architectural History at Middlebury College, Andres is Vice-chairman of the Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation, an executive council member of the Middlebury Design Advisory Committee Center for Research on Vermont, and a Trustee of the Henry Sheldon Museum in Middlebury.

More info: Sue MacIntire

NEWTON ACADEMY

Visit the Newton Academy Restoration Committee booth at the Festival!

Many of the old photos and history of the building will be on display. A new standing seam roof was applied to the building this spring and in June Catamount Environmental removed all the asbestos from the cellar in preparation for work on the foundation. A tour of the building will take place at 11:00^{AM} on August 30.

For more information call Susan Peden at 897-2001.

Fireworks!

After the Festival—August 30, 8:45^{PM}

Beijing—Eat your heart out!



PLATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOT NEWS...

The Platt Memorial Library Building Committee announces the establishment of *The Friends of the Platt*—our new 501(c)(3) fund raising organization. Our first project is:

“SHOREHAM UNCOVERED...”

Vermont Community Bares All for Books

A 2009 color photo calendar of local business owners and their employees baring it all to benefit the Library's building fund.

The first orders can be placed at the Shoreham Festival on August 30TH. The 2009 calendars will be for sale in September at local businesses, and can be ordered through the Library's page on the town website (<http://www.shorehamvt.org/town/>). They will make great Christmas or birthday gifts!

Get them while they're HOT!!

Proceeds support construction of the addition to the Platt Library.

ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE & FOOD SALE

Congregational Church • September 20 • 9^{AM}–2^{PM}

Bag Sale begins at noon. Please donate good quality used clothing and items. Items accepted Thursday and Friday (Sept. 18 & 19) from 1:00 to 3:30. Call Jeri Canfield for more info, 897-8591

FOOD, FOOD, & MORE FOOD...

Saturday, August 30—Selectboard Dinner

The annual Selectboard Dinner features roast beef donated by the Saengers, side dishes and casseroles home-cooked and donated by town kitchens, dessert (the cake judging entries), and lots of other yummy stuff. Dinner is followed by an awards presentation and an auction of the Photo Contest entries.

5:00 at the Firehouse. Tickets: \$10 adult/\$5 child/Free under 5 yrs. Proceeds fund the fireworks. Buy tickets before the 30TH and save \$1 on each!

Saturday, October 11—Annual Home-Grown Dinner.

Held at the Congregational Church—Roast Beast, fall veggies, delicious desserts & beverages...all home-cooked to perfection! Full menu and ticket pricing will be announced a bit further into the fall, watch the website calendar and the usual posting spots. Proceeds benefit the Platt Building Fund

Saturday, November 8—Annual Lobster Dinner

Congregational Church—Serving at 5:30 and 6:30; Tickets \$20 each (pre-sale only); to get yours, call Judy Blake by October 31, 2008.

KID'S STUFF

Platt Memorial Library

Preschool story time is every other Thursday at 4:30^{PM}

No registration needed, just come and join the fun. Books, finger plays, flannel boards, and singing are our focus.

Upcoming dates are September 4 and 18; October 2, 16, and 30; November 4 and 18.

After School programs for students in graded K through 6 are held every other Thursday at 2:30^{PM}

We will open the season with a game day on Sept. 25th.

Come and play a good, old favorite, or try out a game new to you. Either way, you're bound to have fun. Other programs in the series will include Autumn Fun on October 9, Halloween on October 23, Topic to be announced for November 6, Thanksgiving on November 20, Christmas on December 11.

Congregational Church

Fridays in September— 5, 12, 19, 26

After school movie time—After school to 5:00^{PM}. For details call Gail Wood, 897-8201.

**SELECTBOARD MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
CHANGED TO THE 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS
OF THE MONTH FOR THE
FORESEEABLE FUTURE.**

Help fill the shelf!
Donate to the
Building Fund!



www.plattlib.org

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Library cards remain free not only for Shoreham residents, but also for residents of nearby towns and temporary residents. This summer we have had a number of seasonal workers who have taken out cards and are making good use of them.

We urge all residents to get a card in their own name. The recently passed state privacy legislation will be MUCH easier for us to comply with if each person's circulation records are separate. If you have had one card for the whole family, we urge you to take out individual cards at your earliest convenience.

We hope to see you soon.

Adult Book-Discussions

- Our next adult book discussion will be over *A Restless Spirit: The Story Of Robert Frost* by Natalie S. Bober, on Wednesday, August 27th at 6:30^{PM}. This is the 2008 Vermont Reads book, and is both timely and locally interesting. You need not have read the book to attend, but it is helpful.
- October's discussion will be on Wednesday, the 22nd at 7:00^{PM}. It will be a Vermont sampler. We will pull out books on some of the great personalities, places, and events of Vermont and ask each person to pick one and come prepared to contribute to a discussion of what makes the State unique. We have about 500 books in our Vermont collection...Surely one of them will strike your fancy.
- Our December book discussion will feature Chris Bohjalian's *Skeletons At The Feast*, date yet to be set. Book discussions are held every other month; call or check our web page for the most recent information.

Other up-coming programs will include a parent/child introduction to the Vermont Online Library resources and how your family can make good use of this free resource. Look for further information on our website as the date is firmed up.

Knit Night

Knit Night is a low-key, supportive evening-out for people who knit or would like to learn to knit. These are held first and third Wednesdays on a drop-in basis between 5:00^{PM} and 7:00^{PM}. Please come as you are able. Our next dates are September 3 and 17; October 1 and 15; November 5 and 19; December 3 and 17.



PHOTOGRAPH AUCTION

Again, this year after the Festival's Selectboard Dinner, 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 in a silent auction. 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!

Children's Programs

- *Preschool story time* is every other Thursday at 4:30^{PM}. No registration needed, just come and join the fun. Books, finger plays, flannel boards, and singing are our focus. Upcoming dates are September 4th and 18th, October 2nd, 16th, and 30th, November 4th and 18th.
- *After School programs* for students in graded K through 6 are held every other Thursday at 2:30^{PM}. We will open the season with a game day on September 25th. Come and play a good, old favorite, or try out a game new to you. Either way, you're bound to have fun. Other programs in the series will include Autumn Fun on October 9th; Halloween on October 23rd; Topic to be announced for November 6th; Thanksgiving on November 20th; Christmas on December 11th.

Two new programs for middle- and high-school youth

First, we hope to offer one meeting a month to discuss what you are reading, play a game, eat some food, and have a good time. This would likely happen on a Wednesday or Thursday at 4^{PM}. The school transportation department says one blanket note at the beginning of the year is all it would take to be dropped off at the Library for this purpose.

Teen Advisory Board

This group would meet just four to six times a year to help decide what books the Library should buy for young adults. We are looking for boys and girls, middle and high school who enjoy reading and can come to meetings ready to contribute. If you are chosen to be on the board, we will send you reviews of the new and forthcoming teen titles for your consideration. Sound like a good thing? Call the Library and talk to Dianne.

Let them eat cake!

2:00^{PM} at the Firehouse on Festival day!

CAKE DECORATING

The theme this year for the Festival is the Unique Beauty of Shoreham. Cakes should arrive at the Firehouse by 2:00 for judging at 3:00. Winners announced at the Selectboard Dinner. The cakes will go on to fame, glory, and destruction as dessert for the Dinner. More info can be had from the Library (897-2647) or find flyers at Toot Sweet.

SEPTEMBER IS “NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”

Shoreham Emergency Management (www.shorehamvt.org/town/) • Addison County Emergency Planning Committee (www.aclepc.org/resources.shtml)

THINGS TO CONSIDER

I. GENERATORS

- Be sure you match the generator's output and your usage needs; many electrical items require 2 to 3 times more power to start than when they are running. There's a chart to figure power needs on the emergency management page of www.shorehamvt.org/town/ and some PDFs to help you decide what generator to get.
- Keep it well ventilated, outdoors, and away from any doors or windows where exhaust could enter your house
- Start it periodically throughout the year so it's ready to go when you need it
- If planning to connect to your electric panel, have your electrician install a transfer switch so power doesn't feed back through the line and injure or kill a lineworker.

II. FREEZER POWER LOSS

Not such a winter problem, though it's not fun to lug everything outside—and there are critters to contend with.

- Use water jugs to keep it full for best efficiency; water can be thawed & used as needed.
- Cover with sleeping bags, blankets, etc. to keep the cold in; limit access
- Much the same for refrigerators; use spoilables first

III. CARBON MONOXIDE

- Don't heat with your gas oven
- Be sure kerosene heaters are well-ventilated
- Keep outside furnace vents free of snow so they vent properly
- Install CO detectors (and Fire detectors)

IV. POWER OUTAGES

- Keep a non-electric phone handy to use when power to your portable or other electric phone gets cut
 - Keep the CVPS emergency number & your CVPS account number with the phone
 - Call CVPS to be sure they are aware of your outage
 - Be aware of their restoration priorities:
 1. Imminent danger to life.
 2. Failure at a key point in our system affecting thousands, such as a transmission line
 3. Main distribution lines, which are smaller than transmission lines, but may serve hundreds of customers.
 4. Hospitals, police and fire stations, and other critical facilities.
 5. Single lines.
 6. Single customers.
 7. Cleanup work.
 - Life support patients should be sure they have backup power/batteries for all equipment
 - If you or a family member relies on power for life support equipment, be sure to let CVPS know.
 - Consider the importance and value in being part of a phone-tree system when severe weather outages and other emergency situations arise
- Shoreham's Emergency Management webpage will have many resources, especially regarding emergency preparedness for diabetics, as well as those on dialysis or other life supportive equipment.

CHUNK YOUR SUPPLY SHOPPING

Not “chuck,” mind you! For most of us, it helps to break the “getting supplies” chore into chunks—don't even think about running out and getting everything at once. Plan on adding a little at a time over several weeks. If you're reasonably consistent, you'll be stocked up in anywhere from 2 to 6 months depending on the number of people and number of weeks being supplied. Start with food for one week, then keep on for a second and third week. And then you can start rotating! Food, of course—by then your head will have ceased spinning over all this and stocking up will just be routine.

For food items:

- Make a list of each household member (including pets) and what special needs they have.
- Make a “calendar” to focus on one or two types of things each week (vegetables, soups, meats, etc.). Think of what you'd use if you couldn't cook.
- Figure on a week's supply for each person in the household (3 “meals” x 7 days x _people). Remember, we're not talking gourmet meals here, just food that you *could* eat without cooking, if necessary, or adding extra water.
- Add a couple of extras to your food cart every time you shop—canned spaghetti, canned meat, canned beans, soup, crackers, peanut butter, canned or powdered milk, etc.
- Note that the rule of thumb for water is 1 gallon per day per person (limit foods that need extra water). Rinsed bleach or vinegar jugs are good, even milk jugs, though not as sturdy, work pretty well. Rotate every 6 months or so.
- Don't neglect some basic comfort foods—cookies, candy, chips, hot chocolate
- Be sure to have a non-electric can opener, too.
- Buy however many extra cans you can afford that shopping trip, and stash them away in a closet, a box in the back room, etc.
- If you keep a magic marker with the stashed food, it's easy enough to date the cans. Cans last a long time, but... using up the older ones on an 8- to 12-month rotation is probably a good idea. Check cans for expiration dates when you buy.

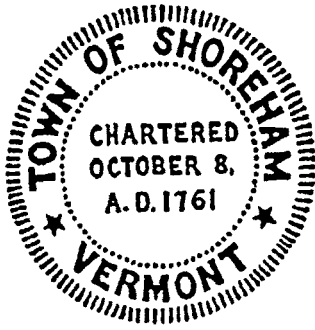
Non-food items:

- Toilet paper, paper towels; duct tape, plastic sheeting, candles, kerosene & wicks for lamps, flashlight batteries etc., etc.—again, not all at once, but a little extra each time.
- Special items: extra meds and other medical supplies as needed.

It all adds to shopping expense, but if you spread it out over several weeks, it's not so bad. And you'll find yourself reasonably well-stocked if one of the coming winter storms knocks us for a loop again... and you lose power... and the roads aren't passable, and... well, you know the drill.

Be sure to visit ShorehamVT.org's emergency management page for other ideas, resources, and links to related items..





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- ♦ ... and more!

Coming Up...

- **Aug. 30**—Shoreham Festival
- **Aug. 30**—Library Book Sale
- **Aug. 31**—Festival Rain Date
- **Sept. 3**—Zoning By-Laws Public Hearing; 7 PM at the school
- **Sept. 3**—Deadline for Voter Registration
- **Sept. 9**—Primary Elections
- **Sept. 20**—Fall Rummage & Food Sale; Congregational Church, 9 to 2
- **Sept. 27**—Scrap metal pick-up, Firehouse, 9–12
- **Sept. 28**—Jamaican Hymn Sing; 7:30 PM at the Congregational Church
- **Oct. 11**—Annual Home-Grown Dinner
- **Oct. 19**—Last day for the Ferry
- **Oct. 29**—Deadline for registering to vote
- **Nov. 4**—National Elections; Polls 10 AM–7 PM
- **Nov. 28**—Annual Lobster Dinner; 5:30 & 6:30 PM
- **Dec. 21**—Christmas Pageant; 10 AM, Congregational Church; Participants should arrive at 9 AM
- **Dec. 24**—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 5:30 PM, Congregational Church



Fall Ferry Schedule
 Through Labor Day: 8 AM–6:45 PM
 Sept. 2–Oct. 19: 8 AM–5:45 PM
 Closed for the winter after October 19!

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