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WINTER 2010

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- Rabies Clinic
- Dog Licenses
- School News
- Library News
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- Community Woodpile
- ...& more!

LEGISLATIVE BUS TRIP • TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Take a day off and join Rep. Will Stevens on a bus trip to Montpelier. We will leave the Halfway House Restaurant at ~7:30, and return at ~5:30.

There should be plenty of floor action in the House and Senate, and we have time scheduled to meet with the Governor and the Speaker. Tour the State House, visit the Vermont Historical Society's Museum, or stroll through downtown Montpelier. As a bonus, we can be present at the dedication of Vice President Levi P. Morton's portrait! (He is arguably Shoreham's most famous native son.)

Contact Will at home (897-7031) to reserve a seat, and leave a message if no one answers. The cost is just \$5/person, thanks to the support and sponsorship of local businesses.

Please bring your copy of the Town Report to the Town Meeting.
Extra copies are in short supply.

TOWN MEETING SUPPER

Time: 5:15 at the school gym

Price: \$5.00 [benefits Newton Academy]

Menu: Home-made Chili, Soup, Shepard's Pie, Bread and Butter, Drinks

Desserts: proceeds benefit the 4-H

First come, first served!

Coming Up...

- **Feb 11**—Absentee Ballots available
- **Mar 1**—Town Meeting & supper, 5:15PM; (Meeting starts @ 6PM)
- **Mar 2**—Town Office Closed; Polls Open 10AM-7PM
- **Mar 2**—Absentee Ballots due @ Town Office mailbox by 4, or by hand to Polls by 7
- **Mar 3**—Fire & Rescue Public Meeting
- **Mar 11**—Rabies Clinic, \$12, Firehouse @ 5:30
- **March, TBD**—"Think Spring Luncheon"
- **March 20**—UVM Master Gardener, Platt
- **Apr 4**—Easter Sunrise Service, Cong. Church, 6AM
- **Apr 5**—Legislative Breakfast, Cong. Church
- **Apr 10**—Annual Egg Hunt, 10AM, Inn
- **Apr 11-17**—Nat'l Library Week, Platt events
- **Apr 17**—Platt Book Sale, 9-1
- **Apr 24**—Free Community Spaghetti Dinner, school
- **Apr 24**—Bingo, school, benefit for 6th Grade
- **May 8**—Rummage Sale, Cong. Church, 9-2

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



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Town Office

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

Meetings:

Selectboard: 2nd, 4th Wednesdays; 7^{PM}
Planning: 3rd Thursdays; 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—897-2668

Loosely followed schedule:

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

TOWN MEETING MARCH 1 • SCHOOL GYM

5:15^{PM}—Supper—Newton Academy benefit
Desserts—4-H benefit

6:00^{PM}—Meeting begins

TOWN MEETING WARNING MARCH 1 & MARCH 2, 2010

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 Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:00^{PM} to transact all business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

Australian balloting to be held Tuesday, March 2, 2010 from 10:00^{AM} until 7:00^{PM} at the Fire House.

Article 1: To elect all necessary Town and Town School Officers as required by Law. (By Australian Ballot)

- Moderator
- Town Clerk
- Treasurer
- Trustee Public Funds
- Selectperson—one 3-year term
- Selectperson—two 1-year terms
- Auditor—one 3-year term
- Delinquent Tax Collector—one 1-year term
- Lister—one 3-year term
- School Director—one 3-year term
- School Director—one 2-year term
- Library Trustee—one 5-year term
- Planning Commission—two 4-year terms
- Planning Commission—one 4-year unexpired term expires 2011
- Planning Commission—one 4-year unexpired term expires 2012
- Water Commissioner—one 3-year term
- Grand Jurors—two 1-year terms
- Town Agent—one 1-year term
- Constable—one 1-year term

Article 2: To act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3: Shall the Town approve the sum of \$559,670 for the support of its town roads for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders.

Article 4: Shall the Town approve the sum of \$227,875 to defray current expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding obligations and orders.

See Warning; page 2

ELECTION CANDIDATES

A number of Town Officer positions have no candidates listed on the ballot this year. If you are interested in a position, you may run a write-in campaign. If you receive at least 9 votes, 1% of the registered voters in Shoreham, you will be declared elected to the office. The following elected positions have no candidates on the ballot: Planning Board—3 slots; Grand Juror—2 slots; Town Agent; and Constable.

In addition to elected positions, a number of appointed positions are available.

The following are some of the positions to be appointed by the Selectboard at their organizational meeting on March 10th: Zoning Board of Adjustment, Addison Regional Planning Commission, and Waste Water Commissioner.

Stop by the Town Clerk's office to review job descriptions in the "Handbook for Vermont Town Officers" published by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 Year
Barbara Kivlin

Moderator, 1 Year Will Stevens

Town Clerk, 1 Year Amy Douglas

Town Treasurer, 1 Year
Barbara Kivlin

Selectperson, 3 Years
Stephen Goodrich

Selectperson, two 1-Year terms
Marthe A. Fisher
Paul Saenger

Lister, 3 Years Gail Wood

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 Year
William R. Telgen, Jr.

See Candidates, page 3

- Article 5:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$4,500 for fireworks for the Shoreham Festival?
- Article 6:** Shall the Town spend up to \$113,000 to purchase a pay loader to be funded by trade in or sale of the old pay loader, the remainder to be funded by borrowing?
- Article 7:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$10,000 of the General Fund Balance in the reserve fund for the Town Clerk's Office?
- Article 8:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$12,000 of the General Fund Balance in the reserve fund for the Newton Academy Building and Repairs Fund?
- Article 9:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$20,000 of the General Fund Balance in the reserve fund for Highway Equipment?
- Article 10:** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to put \$6,500 of the General Fund Balance in the reserve fund for Fire and Rescue Vehicles?
- Article 11:** Shall the Town increase the property tax exemption available to all qualified people, to include all veterans 50% or greater disabled, from \$10,000 of appraisal value to \$40,000 of appraisal value in accordance with 32 V.S.A. section 3802(11) to be effective April 1, 2010?
- Article 12:** Shall the Town pay its Real Estate Property Taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 10, 2010 with delinquent taxes having a penalty charge of eight per cent, and interest charges of not more than one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof, and interest of one and one-half per cent per month or fraction also applying to prior year delinquencies.
- Article 13** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for reappraisal?

Articles 14 through 31 _to be voted on by Australian Ballot March 2, 2010

- Article 14:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice?
- Article 15:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for Addison County Humane Society?
- Article 16:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation the sum of \$1,500 for the Addison County Parent/Child Center?
- Article 17:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$250 for the Addison County Readers?
- Article 18:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$300 for the Bridport Senior Citizens Meals Site?
- Article 19:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,100 for Champlain Valley Agency on Aging?
- Article 20:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity/ Addison Community Action?
- Article 21:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for the Community Health Services Open Door_Clinic?
- Article 22:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$2,000 for the Counseling Service of Addison Co.?
- Article 23:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$850 for Elderly Services?
- Article 24:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,600 for HOPE (formerly Addison County Community Action)?
- Article 25:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$300 for Hospice Volunteer Services?
- Article 26:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,200 for the John Graham Emergency Shelter?
- Article 27:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$275 for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program?
- Article 28:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$1,500 for the Teen Center & Addison Teens & Friends Inc?
- Article 29:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$500 for Vermont Adult Learning?
- Article 30:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$700 for WomenSafe?
- Article 31:** Shall the Town appropriate by taxation \$2,590 for Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Service?

Total of above Requests (Article 14 thru Article 31) is \$18,665.

Article 32: To transact any other business thought proper to be brought before this meeting.

Selectboard: January 27, 2010
 Paul Saenger, Chair
 Marthe Fisher
 Steve Goodrich
 Karen Shackett
 Bob Warren
 Attest: Amy B. Douglas, Town Clerk

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SHOREHAM FIRST RESPONSE

We need your help.

The Shoreham Response Squad and Shoreham Fire Department need your help. Due to people working longer hours, perhaps at more than one job and longer driving distances to and from work, volunteers are becoming scarce. We are critically short of members, especially during the day. We are like most other departments and rely on Mutual Aid. We have a very good Mutual Aid system, but it takes time to get equipment and manpower to the scene. It can be frustrating to be short of men and equipment when it is needed the most.

The First Response Squad and Fire Department will hold a meeting on March 3, 2010 at 7:00^{PM} at the firehouse. We will explain the training and commitment involved in joining. We will be available to answer any and all questions you may have. We encourage anyone interested to meet with us as we need your help to be able to continue providing Shoreham with these essential services.

Shoreham First Response answered approximately 80 calls in 2009. We thank the Town of Shoreham for its continued support.

Richard Treadway, President SFRS

CENSUS 2010:

Making Our Community Count

Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U.S. every 10 years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about 10 minutes. The questionnaire asks 10 or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it's rented or owned.

If residents don't fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot more money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in the 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly!

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It's easy, it's important and it's safe. We need to make every Vermonter count!

The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years.

Who: Everyone who lives in the U.S. most of the year—citizens and non-citizens.

Why: The census documents state population counts in order to determine how the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be allocated. Census numbers also help determine how \$400 billion annually in federal money is distributed to states and communities.

When: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to all households in Vermont in March 2010; residents should fill out and return them as soon as possible. **Official Census Day is April 1.** Between May and July census workers will fan out across the state visiting households that do not return their questionnaires.

Confidential: By law the Census Bureau cannot share information gathered from individuals with any other government agency or person.

COMMUNITY WOODPILE

Emergency Management

The Shoreham Emergency Management Committee has established an Emergency Woodpile for residents caught without a means of heat during a severe ice or snowstorm, or similar emergency situation. The intent is to be able to supply a couple of day's-worth of stove wood until regular wood/fuel delivery can be resumed. How much we can supply depends on how big the pile is. Donations of any amount of decent 16" stove wood can be dropped off behind the Firehouse, or donors can be put on a call-list to be contacted if/when the need arises.

For details, to be added to the call-list, or to request some "tide-me-over" wood, call the Emergency Coordinator or the Town Office.

*Robin Conway, EMCoordinator—897-2668
 Marthe Fisher, Assist. Coord.—897-2442*

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Welcome to Our New Pastor

The Shoreham Congregational Church is pleased to announce that it has called Gary O'Gorman to be its pastor. Gary has preached to us for several Sundays this fall and winter. You may also recognize him from the Christmas Eve service, and as the pastor who officiated at the recent funeral held at the church.

Gary is continuing his divinity studies, and is currently licensed to administer all rites and sacraments, including baptisms, weddings and funerals. Gary is open to participating in the full life of the church, including Bible study, visiting those in need, and learning our community. Please join us in worship at 10^{AM} each Sunday and get to know Gary better.

Upcoming Church Events

♦ Legislative Breakfast

In past years, the Shoreham Congregational Church hosted the Addison County Legislative Breakfast in February. However, this year we will host it on Monday, April 5. The legislative session will be well underway, so this will be a good opportunity to make your views known. Look for more details closer to the event.

♦ March Luncheon

The Church plans to host a "Think Spring" Soup and Sandwich luncheon in March—date to be determined. Rumor has it that some of the sandwiches will be lobster rolls—so be on the lookout for more information later.

♦ May Rummage Sale

The Women's Fellowship will hold their spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 8 from 9^{AM} to 2^{PM}. Besides the excellent baked goods, there will be bargains galore in clothing and household items. So do your spring-cleaning early—you can drop off donations at the church on the Thursday and Friday afternoons before the sale.

♦ Women's Fellowship Meetings

The Women's Fellowship will resume its monthly meetings at 1:30^{PM} on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in March. Please contact Jeri Canfield at 897-8591 for location each month and more information.

♦ Easter Services

Easter arrives on April 4 this year. We will decorate the Church with flowers. There will be a sunrise service at 6^{AM} and a morning service at 10^{AM}. Look for more details in the March issue of the Church newsletter. It will also contain information on ordering flowers for the altar to honor or commemorate loved ones.

♦ Use of Church Facilities

Our Church has an excellent meeting hall and kitchen facilities as well as the sanctuary. To schedule an event at the church, please contact Jeri Canfield at 897-8591.

FESTIVAL PHOTOS



RABIES CLINIC

March 11, Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30, \$12.00 cash only

At the Firehouse. Bring spay/neuter proof, and keep all dogs leashed, cats in cages.

You can **get your dog(s) licensed** at the same time! See below.

DOG LICENSES

Licenses are available now. The licensing deadline is **April 1**. Dogs licensed after that date are done so at a higher rate, and if not registered, owners are subject to fines, time & mileage for Constable, and possible loss of the animal.

There will be a licensing table at the rabies clinic. The fee is payable by cash, or check made out to the Town of Shoreham. Proof of rabies vaccination, and spay/neuter, required. The pre-April 1 fees are: Spayed/Neutered @ \$11
Un-spayed/-neutered @ \$15

SHOREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Save the Date!

The Shoreham Elementary 6th Grade class is raising funds to cover the cost of their week at the Keewaydin Environmental Education Camp held at Lake Dunmore.

Saturday, April 24th—6th Grade Bingo Night at Shoreham Elementary School at 6^{PM}.

Saturday, April 24th is also the night of the Annual Community Spaghetti dinner put on by the Shoreham PTF (Parents, Teachers and Friends). This is free and open to the public. Then stay and play Bingo.

Shoreham School Board:

The Shoreham Elementary School budget will be voted on the floor during the Town Meeting which begins at 6^{PM} on Monday, March 1, 2010. We look forward to seeing you there!

The School Directors are pleased to report that the 2010–2011 elementary school budget represents a 1.34% decrease from last year's budget. The proposed budget shows a reduction in per-pupil spending even though our per-pupil count has decreased. Of the \$1,507 rate, \$0.630 is from the elementary budget and \$0.876 is from the UD3 budget. Shoreham will have the second lowest education tax rate in the ACSU district even given the Common Level of Appraisal adjustment we are facing.

ATTENTION DISABLED VETERANS!

Re: Your property tax exemption.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has reportedly re-established their policy of automatically sending eligibility verification forms to disabled veterans eligible for property tax exemptions. The deadline to file the form with the Town Clerk is **May 1st**. If you do not receive your form by April 1st, please call (802) 296-5177. If you need additional help, contact Clayton A. Clark, Veteran Services Director at the State of Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, 118 State St, Montpelier, VT 05620-4401. (802)828-3379.

Candidates, cont.

Grand Juror, two 1-Year terms

___(open)___

___(open)___

Planning Board, two 4-Year terms

Kathryn Lampron,

___(open)___

Planning Board, 4-Year unexpired term (ex. '11)

___(open)___

Planning Board, 4-Year unexpired term (exp. '12)

___(open)___

Water Commissioner, 3 Years Wilson MacIntire

Town Agent, 1 Year ___(open)___

School Director, 2 Years Natasha Kate Causton

Library Trustee, 5 Years ___(open)___

School Director, 3 Years Elizabeth W. Christensen

Constable, 1 Year ___(open)___

Auditor, 3 Years Robert Rahner

OTHER BALLOTS MARCH 2

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

"Shall the voters of Union District #3 approve the sum of \$15,967,209 to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?"

PATRICIA HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Shall the voters of the Patricia A Hannaford Regional Technical school District approve the sum of \$3,497,691 to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations, said amount to include \$118,830 from fees, grants and state appropriations to defray expenses of the Adult Technical Education Program?"

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!

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Lots happening at the Platt Memorial Library!

New books, audiobooks, and DVD's continue to arrive each month; come see what you can borrow at no cost. Also available at the Library is free computer access and WiFi. Copies are offered at a nominal cost. Scheduling a meeting? Small committees enjoy using the Library for 7^{PM} meetings, again at no cost.

Book Discussion Group

Book discussions are held each month on the third Wednesday at 7^{PM}. Books are available to borrow from the Library at no cost. While reading it beforehand is the ideal, all are welcome. Upcoming titles are:

- March 17—Any of the many books by Vermont author Frank Mosher. Does he reflect your vision of Vermont? Why or why not.
- April 21—*The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx. Set among the fishermen of Newfoundland, it is a simple and compelling tale of people buffeted by nature and change.
- May 19—*The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Patterson. The Vermont Reads book-of-the-year follows the story of an eleven year old Kosovo girl who emigrates to America. This discussion is open to upper grade-school, middle school, high school, and adult readers.
- June 16—Your choice of any mystery book in series. Come and “sell” your mystery series to other readers. A great night to come with a paper and pencil to record good ideas.
- July 21—*Ahab's Wife* by Sena Naslund.
- August 18—*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.
- September 15—*Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin.

Programs for School-Age Youngsters

- Lego Club- Thursdays at 2:30^{PM}, March 4 through April 8. Sign up to build, discuss, and share Lego ideas. Legos provided. Limited space; registration required.
- April 15, 2:30^{PM}—Story, snack, pot up seeds for a head start on spring.
- May 6, 2:30^{PM}—Story, snack, and make a May Basket.
- May 20 2:30^{PM}—Story, snack, create a found-art space alien.
- June 3 2:30^{PM}—Story, snack, and Game Day. Play a variety of board and card games. Hear a preview of the Summer Reading Club programming schedule.

Preschool Storytimes

Mondays from 10:15 to 10:4^{AM}—Stories, fingerplays, flannel boards, and more. **March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and weekly June 21 to August 9.** No registration needed, just come and enjoy a program with other children ages 3, 4, and 5.



www.plattlib.org

Annual Egg Hunt and Spring Games

Our Spring Egg Hunt and games will be Saturday, April 10 at 10^{AM} at the Inn. Bring a basket and a smile; Gather candy, a free book, play egg toss, relay races and other classic lawn games, while visiting with your neighbors.

UVM Master Gardener

Sat, Mar 20 10^{AM} to Noon—Drop in for personalized gardening advice on planning for the season ahead. A UVM Master Gardener will be on hand to help you make this your best garden ever.

Ways to Help Your Library

- We love volunteers, whether for an hour or for a regular commitment.
- If you donate your used clothing to Neat Repeats in the Library's name, the proceeds will benefit our operating fund.
- You can link your Shaws Rewards Card to the Library's account and a percentage of your purchases will benefit our operating fund. Details will be on our web site soon.
- Buying from Amazon.com? Go to their site through the link on the Library's web site and we benefit from your purchase.
- Participate in our First Reader program for best sellers, DVD's, and good books we'd like but are beyond our budget.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 11 to 17 we will celebrate library service with a variety of programs. Tuesday the 13th we will honor our Volunteer of the Year at a reception. Thursday, school children can pot up seeds at the 2:30 storytime (see above).

All week visitors to the Library can enter our free raffle. Then Saturday, April 17th we'll wrap up the week with refreshments and a book sale 9^{AM} to 1^{PM}. Watch your mail for a letter inviting you to all our NLW events and detailing our new First Reader program.

AD-HOC TASK FORCES

As most residents are aware, Shoreham hosted a number of meetings sponsored and facilitated by the Vermont Rural Development Commission. The last meeting produced an extensive list of concerns and ideas which were whittled down to three primary areas to be focused on. Task Forces were developed to work on these three issues, and each has had one or more meetings at this time. The full VCRD report is available as a PDF download at their website, www.vtrural.org, and through the Town website (www.shorehamvt.org/town/docs). Additional information about the Task Forces is available on the Town's website; meeting are on the website calendar. All welcome new members and fresh ideas!

The Energy Task Force has a survey on this page they hope you will take the time to fill in and return to them. Drop off at the Town Office or mail to George Gross, Energy Task Force, 977 Bates Rd, Shoreham.

Civic Participation Task Force

As a result of the VCRD Community Visit, Shoreham now has a Civic Participation Task Force. The members are currently developing a Volunteer Brochure for residents that will make its debut at Town Meeting and be available on the town website. The group will meet periodically to generate ideas on how to increase civic participation in our wonderful town, and we invite you to join us—we are a diverse, fun group!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25 from 6:30–8:00^{PM} at the School. If you have questions or want to join our email list, please contact Paige Pierson at paige@olifants.com or 897-5249. We look forward to hearing from you!

Economic Development Task Force

The Shoreham Community Resource Day resulted in three task forces, one of which is the Economic Development Task Force. Our goal is to generate an improved economic base, and expand the local and ag-related small business opportunities. It is our hope that this will lead to a stronger tax base, a more viable community, and increased local job opportunities for Shoreham residents. This newly formed committee is working on:

- a brochure to include all home-based local businesses,
- a buy-local directory,
- setting long-term goals to assist the development of town planning and zoning regulations.

We are considering producing the brochure in two versions—one for local use and one aimed at the tourist market. Anyone interested in serving on this committee or in being included in the brochure should contact Stephen Goodrich, 897-5885, or Susan Spitzner, 897-2365.

Energy Task Force

The Shoreham Energy Committee will help our fellow Shoreham residents identify, finance, and implement energy efficiency cost savings. In the long term, the committee will study the feasibility and spearhead the development of community scale energy generation projects within Shoreham.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact George Gross, 897-5339, or energy@shoreham.net

Shoreham Energy Committee's Household Energy Usage Survey

1. Please review your energy bills and fill-in the quantity of each energy product that your household has consumed in the last year:

Propane Gallons	Oil Gallons	Electricity kW-hours	Firewood Cords	Wood pellets Pounds	Coal Tons	Other please specify

2. What is your house's heated area in square feet? Include the exterior walls and all heated floor levels, but do not include the unheated basements, porches, or mudrooms. _____

3. How many Adult occupants within your household? _____ Children? _____

4. Have you implemented energy cost saving projects recently?
Y N If yes, please describe:

5. How much money and time will you invest in year 2010 on energy cost saving projects? What kind of projects?

6. Do you rent the property you are living in? Y N
If yes, then do you pay the utility bills? Y N

7. Would you be willing to participate in a web-based community bulletin board that enables ride sharing? Y N

8. Would you use an ACTR bus to travel to Middlebury? Y N
If yes, then how many times per month would you use this bus? _____

9. Would you be interested in participating in free energy cost-saving workshops to be held in Shoreham? Y N

10. Circle those community-scale energy projects in Shoreham that you would support:

- a)** solar PV farm, **b)** wind farm, **c)** hydroelectric at RichvilleDam, **d)** combined Heat /Power for future buildings in the village

11. Would you vote in support of creating a Shoreham Clean Energy Assessment District (CEAD), a community “opt-in” home energy loan financing program authorized by Vermont's Act 45 CEAD provisions?
Y N Don't know yet

12. Would you vote in support of a Shoreham building energy policy that requires new construction to meet affordable energy efficiency standards? Y N

13. Survey respondents who provide their contact information will be entered into a free raffle to win 10 CFL light bulbs. May we contact you with follow up to the survey questions?

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thank you! Please return the completed survey by **March 10** to either the Town Clerk's Office or to George Gross, 977 Bates Road, Shoreham, 05770