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**Next Meeting**

Wednesday  
December 7, 2016  
7 PM @ Town Hall

# Roxbury Recreation

## NEWSLETTER

December 2016

### **Roxbury's Annual Tree Lighting featuring Christmas Karaoke** Sponsored by the Recreation Commission & the Roxbury Market



At Munson Meadow  
Across from Town Hall  
Saturday, December 3rd  
5-8pm  
Tree Lighting at 6pm



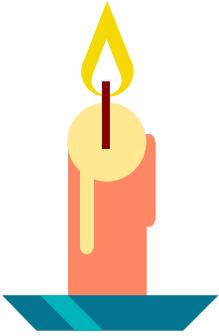
The tree lighting celebration kicks off at 5pm with Music Mania playing your favorite holiday tunes as we light up our new Christmas tree in a new setting – The field across from Town Hall. The Roxbury Market will be serving coffee, hot chocolate, egg nog and lots of other delicious treats. There will be sleigh rides around the green and a bonfire to keep you warm. Keep an eye out for a special someone arriving in his sleigh just in time for holiday pictures!

### **BOOTH FREE SCHOOL PTO NEWS**

#### **Annual Santa's Breakfast**

Booth Free School's Annual Santa's Breakfast is on Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30-10:30am. Join us for delicious pancakes, sausage, fruit, hot cocoa, OJ, coffee, a special surprise guest, face painting, and make cards for veterans. Make sure you check out our Festival of Trees, a BFS class project. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1. On your way out, stop by our **Secret Shopper's Paradise** where you can purchase quality, low cost items for the family. Admission: \$5 per ticket or \$23 for a booklet of 5. Go to the BFS PTO website, [www.bfsptonews.digitalpto.com](http://www.bfsptonews.digitalpto.com), for more details! Come join the fun!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The Roxbury Rec Commission NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN PLACING THE LUMINARIES OUT IN THE CENTER OF TOWN ON CHRISTMAS EVE BETWEEN 1:00 PM AND 5:00 PM AND THEN PICKING THEM UP ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th at a designated time. If there aren't enough volunteers to assist in the program, we will not be able to put them out. Groups and individuals need to contact Karen Puskas at [kandew1@charter.net](mailto:kandew1@charter.net) or 203-515-9013 to get more info and sign up. This will be a great opportunity for volunteer groups like Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies to get some community service hours as well as students at Shepaug High School. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it will get done so we can all be home and enjoy our families for the holiday. JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY FUN!

## ROXBURY ROAD RACES DECEMBER 2016

This is it! Your last chance for some running with your neighbors for 2016. Please join us for our final run up Chalybes hill on December 3. The internationally-acclaimed Roxbury Marathon will be December 10. The event is sold out but please come volunteer or cheer for the runners. As always, all ages and abilities are welcome. Please see our website, [www.roxburyraces.net](http://www.roxburyraces.net) or our Facebook page for details. Happy holidays, Roxbury, see you next year!

Dec. 3: 2.4 miles up Chalybes Road. (Bring a new toy donation for needy children.)

Dec. 10: Roxbury Marathon (Sold Out)

## Shepaug Basketball Association

### **Grades 1 — 4 Basketball – Boys and Girls**

The Shepaug Basketball Association has opened registration for their recreation basketball program for children in grades 1 - 4. The program will be broken down into two sections - grades 1 and 2 together and grades 3 and 4 together. The program will take place on Saturday mornings from January 7, 2017 - February 18, 2017 at Booth Free School in Roxbury. All will receive a t-shirt. The program will focus on the basic fundamentals to play the game of basketball and will encompass drills and activities for their age and ability. There are no games. This activity is set up to be fun with activities and contests as the session goes by. **Cost is \$65 per player. All players need to bring a 27.5 inch ball with them.**

**Grades 1 and 2: 9:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Grades 3 and 4: 10:15 - 11:15 am**

### **Grades 5 — 8 Basketball – Boys and Girls**

The in house rec basketball program is now open for boys and girls currently in Grades 5 - 8. Players will be assigned to a team once registration is completed and we see how many children are registered. **ALL TRAVEL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.** Those just interested in rec may register as well.

Games will be on Saturday mornings at the Washington Primary School from December 10 - February 25. There will most likely be no practices as almost all will be playing travel. Game times will be forthcoming as it is dependent upon registration but will be sometime Saturday mornings between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

If you have further questions about the program, contact Rob Hibbard at [h.ibz@live.com](mailto:h.ibz@live.com)

Go to [www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com](http://www.shepaugbaseballsoftball.com) to register

## Shepaug Soccer Club

Registration for the Shepaug Soccer Club's Spring 2017 soccer programs will begin online January 15th. Children interested in playing in the travel program, which would be U9 – U11 (typically ages 8 – 10, ) can sign up through February 15<sup>th</sup> with no late fees. From February 15<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a \$25 late fee for registrations that will only be accepted if space allows. The travel game season begins on April 1st and runs on Saturdays through June 18<sup>th</sup> and plays an eight game season. Practices will be during the week beginning late March. Please note that due to a smaller amount of players in the Spring that some teams may be combined so while registering for a U9 team, there might not be enough to run one team and would be combined with the U10's.



We will also offer a U8 "Street Soccer" program, which will be weekly practice and skill development immediately followed by a 30-minute game. While the fall U8's participated in a rec league, there is no league in the spring so the club offers development. Grades 1 and 2 children, ages 6 and 7, are eligible for the program which will take place on Saturdays.

The program for ages 3-5 (U6) will also run on Saturday mornings beginning April 22nd and run through June 11<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held at Hurlburt Park on Apple Lane.

More info will be available in January at [shepaugsoccerclub.com](http://shepaugsoccerclub.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Tree Lighting—Saturday, December 3rd

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- **Adult Morning Swim** (lap swimming) – Shepaug Valley High School Pool – Monday thru Friday 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. – \$20 per month—Call Washington Parks & Recreation (860) 868-1519 for details.
- **Men's Basketball\*\*** – Booth Free School Gym – Mondays 7:00 p.m. – Free – Mark Lowe, Coordinator (203-948-3376)
- **Karate** – Booth Free School Gym – Tuesdays 5:45 p.m. Kid Kicks (ages 5-6), 6:30 p.m. Juniors & Adults (ages 7-70) – \$70 per 10-wk. session, \$50 for each additional family member – Doug Wilke, Instructor (203-558-4781) \*Note: this program takes place at the Hurlburt Park pavilion during July and August.
- **Co-ed Adult Volleyball\*\*** – Booth Free School Gym – Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Free – Mark Murray, Coordinator (860-354-4609)
- **Women's Volleyball\*\*** – Booth Free School Gym – Thursdays 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. – Free – JoAnn Opulski, Coordinator (203-947-4476)
- **Roxbury Road Race** – Hurlburt Community Park – Saturdays – No Entry Fees – Scott Benjamin, Director (BenjaminS@wcsu.edu, 860-210-2146, ext. 129)

**\*\* Participants must be 18 and out of high school.**



# At The Library...

## EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 3rd— 5 to 9pm: Holiday Book Sale at the Hodge. Stop in to warm up during the Tree Lighting!

Monday, Dec. 5th— 6:30pm: “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” read by Doug Schlicher

Saturday, Dec. 10th— 1pm: Emery Roth discusses his photography exhibition “Brazen Grit”.



Monday, Dec. 12th— 3pm: Book Bug Club  
*Call the library to register your child*

Wednesday, Dec. 14th— 10am: Computer Tips and Tricks

Monday, Dec. 19th— 3pm: Page Turners  
*Call the library to register your child*

Friday, Dec. 30th— 5:30pm Photographer Richard Sandler (who Time Magazine calls “the unsung street photographer of 1980s New York City”) discusses his new book “Eyes of the City”



Tai Chi: Thursdays Dec. 1—22 3pm  
*\$5 suggested donation*

Lapsit: Wednesdays Nov. 30—Dec. 21 10:30am  
Storytime: Fridays Dec. 2 – 23 at 11am

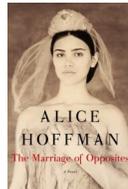
**Check our website for event updates!**  
[www.minormemoriallibrary.org](http://www.minormemoriallibrary.org)

## NEW E-BOOKS

available exclusively  
to Roxbury Residents



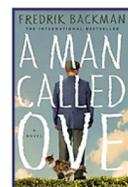
Modern Romance—  
Aziz Ansari



Marriage of Opposites—  
Alice Hoffman



The Kitchen House—  
Kathleen Grissom



A Man Called Ove—  
Fredrik Backman

Check our shelves often to see what’s new!

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The library doesn’t have what you’re looking for? You can borrow a book or movie from any library in Connecticut with your Roxbury library card! Books can be delivered right here to Roxbury so you never need to leave town limits.

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(860) 350-2181  
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