

ROXBURY TODAY

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ROXBURY PRIDE - CAPTURE IT

SUMMER 2010

Town Updates From the Board of Selectmen

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"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view."

- Harper Lee

PRIMARY ON AUGUST 10 – ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Both Democratic and Republican Primaries are being held on Tuesday, August 10th. Polls are open at Town Hall from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Absentee Ballots are available NOW from the Town Clerk.

Candidates for Probate Judge (R only), Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, Comptroller (D only) and Attorney General are the positions on the ballots.

If you are a registered Democrat or Republican, please exercise your right to vote.

We'd also appreciate it if all lawn signs are taken down on August 11th.

Need Work Done? SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS, LOOK LOCALLY, FIRST

While this has been stated before, it's worth repeating in these economic times.

With the economy where it is today, it's important to look locally, first, when you need a job done. You'd be surprised at the number of terrific resources right in your home town. Many of Roxbury's "commercial" ventures exist tucked away in entrepreneur's homes and they count on local support, competing with not only the larger established "name brand" companies but with out-of-town competition as well.

They include landscapers, gardeners, electricians, attorneys, carpenters, painters, graphic artists, web designers, computer and technology consultants as well as counselors. You can find everything from excavating companies to public relations firms right here in your neighborhood and they are just a phone call away. These businesses are owned and operated by our friends and neighbors.

By supporting them we are helping to support our fellow residents, their families, our community and even our own tax base. So if you're going to spend the money to get a job done, why not support those in your own community? Check out the *Roxbury Business Directory* – a terrific resource provided by Litchfield Solutions, a home-based enterprise, itself.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU TO PATTY BRAISLIN, ASSESSOR

The Board of Selectmen regretfully accepted the resignation of Patty Braislin, our Assessor for the past 15 years. Patty has decided to resign her position to take some time to enjoy the other things in life. She had the education, experience and background to give 100% to her job and our residents. On behalf of the Board and the community she's served, we'd like to thank her for her many years of dedicated service.

MUNICIPAL AGENT/SOCIAL SERVICES

Alice Griffin resigned as the Town's Municipal Agent for Elderly Persons and Social Services Coordinator. In the interim, we have hired Jerrilynn Tiso to help out on Wednesday's organizing the office and filling in until we decide how to proceed with this much-needed position. Call Jerrilynn at 860-210-0201 if you have questions about fuel assistance or any other elderly or social services concern.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY COLLECTION

August 28th from 9-12 - See Flyer on page 4

The Roxbury/Bridgewater Hazardous Waste Collection Day is going to be held on Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater Public Works Garage on Hut Hill Road. The special chemical waste collection service is only for residents of Roxbury and Bridgewater; identification will be requested. There is no fee to bring items in. If you need information or are interested in volunteering that day for a few hours, please call the Selectmen's Office at 354-9938.

E-RECYCLING

Along with the household hazardous waste collection, WeRecycle! will be at the collection site in Bridgewater to collect electronics again this year. This is the last year electronics will be accepted at the annual HHW collection because electronics recycling will be available year round at the Roxbury Transfer Station beginning September 1st at no charge. The

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limitation at the HHW day to 7 items per carload mimics the state e-waste recycling law as a method to insure that the electronics collected are from residential use, not from commercial businesses.

ROXBURY PRIDE - CAPTURE IT!

Show Community Pride by Putting Trash in its Place

**With all the summer parties planned,
please remember to separate your recyclables
before your hauler picks them up or before you
take them to the Transfer Station, especially your
5¢ returnable bottles and cans that are cashed in
and go toward Roxbury Resident Relief.**

**Thank you for your efforts.
IF YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN**

**E-MAIL SCAM, NOTIFY THE INTERNET
CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER AT
WWW.IC3.GOV
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PICNIC &**

PATRIOT DAY OBSERVANCE

The Board of Selectmen will be hosting our Annual Volunteer Recognition program on Sunday, September 12th at 12:30 at Hurlburt Community Park. ALL volunteers in the town are invited to join us for a BBQ at the park. Bring your families.

TOWN BUDGET

The Town's budget was unanimously approved at the Annual Town and Budget Meeting on May 18th. The Town budget of \$3,098,013 combined with Roxbury's portion of the Region 12 budget of \$6,243,466 results in a total budget of \$9,341,479.

In fiscal year 2003-2004 the mill rate dropped after a revaluation from 20.2 to 15.4. It remained at 15.4 until fiscal year 2008-2009 when it dropped again after a reval to 10.9, where it remained for 2 years. This fiscal year, 2010-2011, after a decline in revenue from investments, fees and the state, the Board of Finance saw fit to increase the mill rate from 10.9 to 11.4. Thank you to the boards and commissions, library, town employees, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for all the hard work put forth to bring you the best possible Town budget in these difficult economic times. The approved budget can be viewed

on our website at www.roxburyct.com.

JUDDS BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION - PHASE II

Judd's Bridge will be closed to all traffic again for Phase II repairs beginning September 1st. The reconstruction will go into mid-October and the complete closure may also take that long. The school, bus company, emergency services and residents near the bridge have been notified. We apologize for the inconvenience and ask you patience while we complete this necessary bridge repair project.

PLANNING COMMISSION

MEMBER NEEDED

If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, a member is needed. By statute, the Commission replaces its own members when a vacancy occurs before a term is up. If you are interested, please contact Robert Munson, Chairman at 860-354-2613 or the Selectmen's Office at 860-354-9938.

NEW WEB SITE

We are hoping to unveil a new, revamped web site the beginning of September. The Town has hired Virtual Town Hall who has been working with town employees as well as Catherine Vikstrom, our web coordinator, to design and develop the new site. Our Commissions will have more information and you will be able to access more from Town Hall when we launch the new site.

Forgot to renew your dog's license in

June & July???
Please see the Town Clerk, ASAP!
DO YOU KNOW A RESIDENT WHO IS

PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY?

The Selectmen's Office would like to collect the names of Roxbury's men and women who are serving in the military today. If you know of someone we can add to our list, please call the Selectmen's Office at 860-354-9938. Thank you for your help.

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

The Town Hall is a collection point for old cell phones. The old cell phones you donate will be used to buy calling cards for our troops. Check out the organization at www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com. Receipts available.

TOWN CALENDAR

AUGUST

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| 2 | 7:30 | Board of Selectmen |
| 4 | 7:00 | Recreation Commission |
| 5 | 7:00 | Energy Task Force |
| 9 | 7:30 | Zoning Commission |
| 11 | 7:00 | Conservation Commission |
| 12 | 7:30 | Planning Commission |
| 17 | 7:00 | Board of Finance |
| 18 | 7:30 | Historic District Commission |
| 19 | 7:30 | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| 24 | 7:30 | Inland Wetlands Commission |

SEPT.

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| 1 | 7:00 | Recreation Commission |
| 2 | 7:00 | Energy Task Force |
| 6 | | LABOR DAY TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED |
| 7 | 7:30 | Board of Selectmen |
| 8 | 7:00 | Conservation Commission |
| 10 | 1:00-5:45 | Blood Drive |
| 12 | 12:30 | VOLUNTEER PICNIC - HURLBURT PARK |
| 13 | 7:30 | Zoning Commission |
| 15 | 7:30 | Historic District Commission |
| 16 | 7:30 | Planning Commission |
| 21 | 7:00 | Board of Finance |
| 23 | 7:30 | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| 28 | 7:30 | Inland Wetlands Commission |

OCT.

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| 3 | | TRACTOR PARADE |
| 4 | 7:30 | Board of Selectmen |
| 6 | 7:00 | Recreation Commission |
| 7 | 7:00 | Energy Task Force |
| 12 | 7:30 | Zoning Commission |
| 13 | 7:00 | Conservation Commission |
| 14 | 7:30 | Planning Commission |
| 19 | 7:00 | Board of Finance |
| 20 | 7:30 | Historic District Commission |
| 21 | 7:30 | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| 26 | 7:30 | Inland Wetlands Commission |

NOV.

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| 1 | 7:30 | Board of Selectmen |
| 2 | | ELECTION DAY – TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED |
| 3 | 7:00 | Recreation Commission |
| 4 | 7:00 | Energy Task Force |
| | 7:30 | Planning Commission |
| 5 | 1:00-5:45 | Blood Drive |
| 8 | 7:30 | Zoning Commission |
| 10 | 7:00 | Conservation Commission |
| 11 | | VETERAN'S DAY – TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED |
| 16 | 7:00 | Board of Finance |
| 17 | 7:30 | Historic District Commission |
| 18 | 7:30 | Zoning Board of Appeals |
| 23 | 7:30 | Inland Wetlands Commission |
| 25 | | THANKSGIVING DAY – TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED |
| 26 | | TOWN HALL OFFICES CLOSED |

Inland-Wetlands Commission

Russell Dirienzo, Chairman

THINK ABOUT YOUR TANKS

There are 2 things at your home that could have a devastating financial effect on your biggest investment if ignored: Underground Storage Tanks and Septic Tanks.

Septic tanks. You should have your septic tank pumped out by a licensed septic hauler every 2 to 3 years. If you don't, it could cause the leaching fields to become clogged and fail. That can cost tens of thousands of dollars to fix when a pump out is a few hundred dollars.

Heating Oil USTs – If you have an underground heating oil storage tank and forgot about it, think again. You should find out how old the tank is. If you don't know and believe it is old, or if it is over 20 to 25 years old, then do yourself a big favor and remove the tank. Leaking tanks and/or piping can have a serious impact on your property value. Plus, remediation is very expensive and disruptive.

Hire a licensed contractor that has experience with UST removals. Do not hire any guy with an excavator. The most important thing to know about UST removal is to DOCUMENT that the tank was removed and did not leak. This paperwork will be critical if you try to sell your home. Hire a contractor that knows how to sample the tank grave, can provide you a certification report, and takes pictures.

Many towns have banned replacing USTs. We have not taken that step in Roxbury because there is nothing wrong with an underground storage tank (UST), other than they are out of sight and out of mind. Many people replace USTs with an above-ground tank in the basement. We didn't have room in our basement, so I replaced our UST with a new, coated UST that has a 30 year warrantee and a monitoring device to keep an eye out for leakage. Check with the building department because permits will be required.

If the tank did leak, then you have to report the "spill" to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Any good tank contractor knows the spill reporting procedures, which, if ignored, can carry a serious fine. At that point, you should retain an environmental professional to ensure the remediation job is done correctly and fully documented. Again, every bank asks "where's the UST" before approving a mortgage for a potential buyer. So it is important to protect your investment by maintaining the things we forget about.

If you have any questions, please call the land use office at 860-354-9612 and they will provide you with my contact information. And remember, please consider hiring local contractors. We have excellent tank removal and septic contractors that live right here in Roxbury.



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www.hrra.org

Bridgewater / Roxbury

Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Electronics Recycling Day



*Electronics Limited to
7 Items per Vehicle*



For Residents of
Bridgewater and Roxbury

Saturday, August 28, 2010
9 a.m. to Noon
at the Bridgewater Town Garage
324 Hut Hill Road

WHAT TO BRING

Oil Based Paints
Stains and Varnishes
Paint Thinners & Strippers
Wood Preservatives
Resins, Rosins & Adhesives
Furniture, Floor & Metal Polishes
Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Oven, Toilet Bowl & Drain Cleaners
Fluorescent Bulb
Electronics—Computers, Monitors,
TVs (**Limit of 7 items per vehicle**)

Swimming Pool Chemicals
Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides
(including Lawn Care Products)
Flea Powder
Moth Balls
Spot Removers
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Lighter Fluids
Septic Tank Degreasers
Engine Degreasers

Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline)
Carburetor Cleaners, Brake Fluids
Transmission Fluids, Car Waxes
Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans
Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
Hobby Supplies
Rechargeable (Ni-Cd) Batteries
Camera Batteries
Thermostats, Thermometers

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Latex Paints (*Allow to dry then put
in garbage*)
Empty Aerosol Cans
Household Batteries (*put in garbage*)
PCB Capacitors
Smoke Detectors (*Return to manu-
facturer*)

Auto Batteries & Tires
Motor Oil & Antifreeze
(*Recycle at Town Drop Off Center*)
Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives
(*Call the Resident Trooper*)
Dehumidifiers or other Freon con-
taining items

Radioactive Materials
Unknown Gases
Controlled Substances
Pathological Material
Pharmaceutical or Medical Wastes

**Need More Information? Contact Your Town or
HRRRA at 203-775-6256 x304 or at info@hrra.org**

Minor Memorial Library

Valerie Annis, Director

Stop by our comfortable library to enjoy a quiet space to read and relax. Our Contemplation Garden provides a relaxing outdoor reading room during our beautiful summer months. Wireless access is available during regular library hours. We have continuing art exhibits, concerts and many programs scheduled for this summer and fall. Call for additional information at 860-350-2181 or visit our website at www.biblio.org/roxbury

Calling all local historians!!!

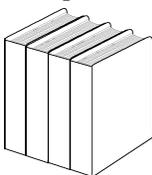
"Pull out your photo albums and drag out those shoeboxes full of old photographs. Jeannine Green, author of *Roxbury Place-Name Stories*, would like to borrow them for a Roxbury/Bridgewater book. Images of people, animals, farming and farm machinery, festivals/celebrations, clubs, scouts, class photos, parades, and others that depict Roxbury are best. Preference is for photos taken with film, not digital. You will be credited in the book for any images you lend and all photos will be returned. Please call 860-350-9557 or e-mail jazgreen@aol.com if you have photos or questions about this project."

Programs for Adults:

"Dive in to a Good Book" – Summer reading for adults – July 12th-August 20th – read a book and get a chance to win a weekly prize of a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Conversational Spanish with Diana DeVries – Beginning Monday, July 26th weekly at 5 p.m. Registration required.

Adult Book discussions are scheduled monthly on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Call for an updated schedule of titles to be discussed.



Senior Center Lunch Bunch book discussions are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30 at the Senior Center. Our next discussion is planned for Wednesday, September 15th. Call for additional information.

August 1st – at 3p.m. "Meet the Author & Illustrator" – Sydney Eddison & Kimberly Day Proctor. Ms. Eddison & Ms. Proctor will discuss their new title *Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older*. Tickets at the door \$15 to benefit the Library.

August 8th at 3p.m. – Travelogue with Shawn Childs. Ms. Childs will show photos taken during her recent trip to Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, China, Cambodia, India and South Africa while traveling with "Thinking Beyond Borders."

October 24th, at 3p.m. - "Meet the Author" Jeannine

Green will discuss her title *Roxbury Place Name Stories: facts, folklore, fibs*.

November 13th at 3p.m. – Portuguese Cooking with David Leite. Author of "The New Portuguese Table" will demonstrate some of his special recipes and cooking techniques.

Art Exhibits:

Photographs by Kaitlin Clark and Silvia Marinari will be on exhibit in our Community Studio opening on July 31st and closing on September 4th.

Marija McCarthy will exhibit her paintings from September 11th through October 25th.

The Historical Commission's exhibit featuring paintings and photographs of Roxbury barns will open on October 30th. This exhibit will close on November 29th.

Children's Programs:

Summer Reading Program: "Make a Splash – Read" – June 30th-August 21st. For children preschool-5th grade. Incentive prizes throughout the summer. Read a book and get a chance to win weekly prizes. Call for additional information. Registration required.



Story Times - Fridays at 10:30 a.m. July 23rd - September 3rd. Ages 2-4 – Call for dates and times of Fall session.

Wednesdays, Beginning July 7th-August 11th – Wednesday Night at the Movies – Call for movie titles.

Wednesday, August 4th – 2010 Summer Talent Show at the Roxbury Senior Center. Registration required.

Saturday, August 14th @ 11:00 a.m. – "Bubble Mania - Comedy with a Drip" featuring Casey Carle

Saturday, August 21st – Make an Ice Cream Float - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Preschool - 5th grade

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website at
www.biblio.org/roxbury*

Building Department
John Blaney, Building Official
Department of Public Safety
Division of Fire, Emergency and Building Service
Information from the Office of State Building Official

**Thinking of installing a pool this year?
Check out building code requirements with your municipal Building Official.**

Installation of a new swimming pool **REQUIRES** application for a permit to the local building official when the pool depth will be 24 inches or greater deep. This permit requirement includes in-ground swimming pools, above-ground swimming pools, on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

Outdoor private swimming pools **MUST** comply with State Building Code **barrier and entrapment protection** minimum regulations. The primary reason for compliance with these minimum code requirements is for preservation of individual's life safety. The purpose for these provisions is to provide an effective barrier surrounding the pool area to reduce the potential for young children to gain uncontrolled access, and to provide a level of protection against possible entrapment at the pool suction inlets. In addition to the State Building Code swimming pool requirements Connecticut General Statute Section 29-265a has specific criteria for installation of a pool alarm prior to issuance of a building permit.

Inflatable swimming pools which can contain water over twenty-four inches deep is a relatively new product which has been made available to the Connecticut Consumer. The inflatable walls of an above grade inflatable swimming pool, (which contains water over twenty-four inches deep) **are not an effective pool barrier and require a pool barrier** which is typically a fence enclosure.

The 2005 State Building Code provides detailed provisions for barriers around swimming pools along with entrapment

protection for swimming pool and spa suction outlets. These requirements address:

- minimum heights and maximum openings allowed in fences.
- criteria for the fence gates and latches
- criteria for the means of direct entry into a pool area from the house
- criteria for the pool and spa suction outlet cover and grate
- minimum number and separation distance of suction outlets criteria for circulation systems equipped with atmospheric vacuum relief systems
- minimum and maximum depths for pool vacuum cleaner fittings
- criteria for power safety covers

All newly installed swimming pools, hot tubs and spas installed after September 30, 2009 must comply with the revisions of the 2005 State Building Code that became effective August 1, 2009. Pools installed prior to August 1, 2009, and in compliance with the State Building Code that was in effect at that time, are not affected by these revisions.

This information is available from your local building official who can answer your questions about the State building Code and its relationship to swimming pools. If a further clarification of the State Building Code governing installation of swimming pools is needed, a request can be made to the *Office of State Building Inspector*, telephone: 860-685-8310.

There is much more to be found online,
so please visit us at

www.roxburyct.com

News From Our Health District

Donna Culbert, Health Director

Updates and Reminders:

Lyme Disease and Tick-Borne Illness Prevention

Tick season is in full swing - The Health District urges residents to pay attention to their possible exposure to ticks. It is critically important when you are outdoors to be careful:

- (1) Avoid tick habitats whenever possible. Ticks like to live in leaf litter and moist and shady areas. Remove leaf litter, clean up stone walls, use wood chip borders along the yard edge and move play areas and swing sets out of the shade – all will help reduce your potential exposure to the ticks.
- (2) Use personal protection (protective clothing, long pants and sleeves, pants tucked in, long hair tied back, and proper use of repellents)
- (3) Check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks when you come in from the outdoors,
- (4) If you find a tick attached, remove it carefully and properly with thin tipped tweezers just behind the head-the place of attachment and pull straight out,
- (5) Disinfect the area and put the tick in a sealed plastic bag or container,
- (6) Bring the tick to the Health District office where we can then send it out to the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, for identification and possible testing for the spirochetes that cause Lyme Disease.

There are many things you can do to your outdoor environment to reduce numbers of ticks and tick exposure - contact our office or stop by for an excellent brochure that provides these details.

Lyme disease and other tick borne illnesses can range from disruptive to devastating. Early detection, diagnosis and treatment are of the utmost importance to enable recovery.

Two good websites to visit on this subject are www.cdc.gov and www.caes.state.ct.us

IT IS HURRICANE SEASON:

Be Aware and Be Prepared

Hurricane season begins on June 1 and continues through the end of November. August and September are peak months during hurricane season. Being prepared can reduce the impact of disasters and being ready for a disaster ahead of time will allow for a better chance to cope and recover more quickly.

Get a kit, make a plan, be informed. Visit the American Red Cross Hurricane Preparedness Checklist for more info [http://www.ctredcross.org/pdf/Hurricane\(3\).pdf](http://www.ctredcross.org/pdf/Hurricane(3).pdf)

Your Health Department: Health District office hours in the Roxbury Town Hall are Tuesday and Thursday from 8 am-12 noon. The Roxbury office tel. number is 860-355-2985. Property files for Roxbury are in the Roxbury Town Hall. The main Health District office is at 3 Primrose Street in Newtown, and is open Monday through Friday 7:00 am-4:30 pm. The Newtown office tel. number is (203) 270-4291 - even though it's a different area code, its still a local call. Please call us any time with questions or concerns.

Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

The Club would like to thank everyone who came out in support of our Plant Mart. The sale was a big success and enables our organization to continue the community support and enrichment activities we enjoy so much.



Our 2010 Scholarship recipient is Ethan Tanner Cable of Bridgewater. Ethan is a recent graduate of Nonnewaug High School. He plans to study crop rotation and soil science at SUNY Cobleskill.

Recent outings organized by Carol Beerbaum have taken the club to the Japanese Strolling Gardens at the Hammond Museum, Elizabeth Park for the rose gardens, and to an exceptional private garden in Roxbury. Future trips include a tour of Topsmead in Litchfield.

A floral design workshop is on the slate for our August meeting, and a lecture on preparing the garden for winter is scheduled for September.

The Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club welcomes area residents and guests to our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month at St. Mark's Parish Hall in Bridgewater. Meetings begin with Horticulture at 9 am, followed by a business meeting at 10. Special activities and workshops then conclude with refreshments or a light lunch.

For more information, please contact co-presidents Ann Wagner in Roxbury at 355-2195, or Wanda Heaney in Bridgewater at 354-6966.

Needed: Blood Donors

Brooke Wheeler,

Roxbury Blood Drive Committee

Blood must be available **before** it is needed, and you never know when you, a family member or friend may be the person who needs a pint, or several pints, of life-saving blood. There is no substitute. If you are 17 or older and weigh 110 pounds or more, please consider giving blood. Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, and the growth rate in donations is not keeping pace with the 6% annual increase in the amount of blood being transfused. The need is real and the need is now.

In order to get a better turnout for both towns, we are coordinating our blood drives with Washington. The next two drives are in Roxbury:

Friday, Sept. 10 Roxbury Town Hall, 1:00-5:45

Friday, Nov. 5 Roxbury Town Hall, 1:00-5:45

Please mark your calendar now. We really need YOU.

Under the new Red Cross guidelines, all those with appointments and arriving on time will be taken before walk-ins.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.givelife.org or www.redcrossblood.org.

In addition to feeling good about donating, all donors will immediately be rewarded with our regionally famous home-made refreshments!

*Give
Blood.*



The gift of life.

Food Pantry

The Roxbury Food Pantry would like to thank all those citizens who have graciously donated canned and non-perishable food items at the numerous collection drives held at Town Hall and the Roxbury Market. A special thank you to those who made monetary donations and food cards as well as for the corporate grants received from BIC Consumer Products USA and donations from The Eight O'Clock Coffee Company, Tetley Tea, and IMS Marketing Group, secured for us through the efforts of Stephen Foreman.

All donations received have benefited citizens of Roxbury. Thank you again for your support during these difficult times and if you would like to make a monetary or food card donation please contact Barbara Henry at 860-354-9938 or for canned and non-perishable food items please contact Stephen Foreman at 860-210-0840.

Roxbury Historic District Commission

The 2010 HDC Preservation Award has been given to Cynthia and Tom Willett for the restoration of the Castle/Wagner farm corncrib. Old barns are under threat from disuse and deterioration but smaller agricultural buildings are in even greater peril. A barn can be adaptively reused as a garage or guesthouse, but springhouses, hen houses, out-houses, corncribs no longer serve their original purpose and are often viewed as expendable. The Willetts restored and preserved an important part of our rural past and this award is in appreciation of their efforts.

Everyone is invited to the 30 October publishing party for the Historical and Architectural Survey of Agricultural Structures in Roxbury, aka "the Barn Book". We'll be launching the sale of this 220 page 4-color book at the Minor Memorial Library where an exhibition of paintings and photographs of Roxbury's barns will be hung. Besides an informative and well-written history of farming in Roxbury, the book includes the survey results: there are 300 agricultural structures, new and old, in our town. Featured in its pages are interviews with Roxbury farmers who tell wonderful stories of what life was like when Roxbury was mainly an agricultural community. And the book is filled with photographs, both contemporary and vintage. Mark 06 November 2 pm on your calendar!



Roxbury Ambulance Association

Bernie Meehan, Chief – 203 948-2561 – BMeehan282@aol.com

The warm weather is upon us and with that we would like to ask that you keep safety in mind when venturing out for activities. Please wear your helmets when riding bicycles and motorcycles, make sure non swimmers, especially children wear flotation devices around the water, make sure your outdoor barbeque grills are serviced and in good order, use caution with fire pits, and of course wear your seatbelts! These tips and many others serve to make you safer, and as a result make the potential job of EMS responders easier, as safety devices and practices lessen the chance and severity of injuries.

Another important item that helps EMS responders help residents in need of medical assistance is the "File for Life". These are medical record forms that you fill out with all of your important medical and emergency contact information, and place the magnetized file on your refrigerator. This allows the EMS responders to have immediate access to your information, which is especially helpful if you're unable to communicate with them. If you need a "File of Life", please call me or email me at BMeehan282@aol.com .

The Roxbury Ambulance Association continues to be a very successful operation. We currently have 32 volunteer responders who are at least trained to the Emergency Medical Technician - Basic level, with another four members who are in the process of completing EMT-B training. We have been conducting monthly training seminars for our EMT's, as well as area EMT's in differing subject matters; Domestic Violence, Alzheimers, Obstetrics (to name a few).

Roxbury Ambulance operates two state certified Basic Level Ambulances, and one EMS First Responder vehicle that serve as the basis for our operations. Our volunteer responders possess twenty-four Automated External Defibrillators, as well as oxygen and first aid gear which enable us to bring life saving equipment to the patient's side within moments. Along with the mobile AED's (Defibs) there are fixed AEDs at the Town Hall, Booth Free School, the churches, Senior Center, and most recently we purchased one for the Minor Memorial Library. We also hold periodic

CPR classes that are open to the public, giving us a number of residents in town who are ready to spring into action should someone require immediate treatment in the event of a heart attack.

With these preparations taken into consideration, the State of Connecticut has recently renewed Roxbury's designation as a "Heart Safe Community". April 2010 marked the three year anniversary and required State Health Department review of our commitment to the community to be ready for cardiac emergencies. Three years ago, Roxbury was the twelfth and smallest community to that date to be designated "Heart Safe". We have been renewed for the next three year period and will continue to pursue excellence. You may have noticed the signs leading into town designating us as a "Heart Safe Community", my thanks to Barbara Henry and the Roxbury Public Works crew for placing and maintaining those signs.

Roxbury Ambulance Association and its members also do more than 'just' responding to emergencies in Roxbury. Under the State of Connecticut Emergency Response Plan, Roxbury Ambulance is assigned to "Task Force 83" as a Medical Support Unit. A "Task Force" is a group of emergency resources from various towns who come together and respond to a regional request for assistance. We are also part of the Litchfield County Rehab Group, which is a Regionwide plan to provide EMS and Rehabilitation services at the scene of large scale emergencies. We have a large cargo trailer full of equipment for this purpose and for disaster support efforts. Much of the equipment is provided by grants from various agencies.

All of these efforts and activities highlight the training, readiness, and dedication that our volunteer responders have. While I am clearly biased being the Chief, I can honestly tell you that the Roxbury Ambulance Association is looked upon as a leader in our field, and serves as a template of how a small town volunteer EMS group should operate.

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