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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Town Meeting, Elections

Everyone please note that the Annual Town Meeting on May 4th at the Cummington Community House. There will be a “Special Town Meeting at 6:30 PM at which the town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for the Transfer Station Loan account or take any other action in relation thereto” and “to Transfer Water Funds Available for Appropriation to Water Operating or take any other action in relation thereto”.

Also Jane Emerson will be honored as the town’s Oldest Resident.

The Town Meeting proper will start at 7:00 PM, and all citizens should come and attend to town business, and vote on what your money is doing. The Town Elections will be held on May 14, from 1–8 PM.

Aging Gracefully in the Hilltowns!

A Community discussion group, sponsored by the Council on Aging, focusing on Living Fully, Aging Gracefully, and Befriending Death, open to all residents of the Hilltowns.

The group—always open to new members—meets at the Cummington Community House library, Main Street on the second Tuesday of each month from 1–3 PM.

For further information please contact:

Wynne or Lucy 634 5576 wynlucy@gmail.com or Annie annieb@crocker.com

What touches me most: the quiet, spacious, caring listening—mostly strangers sharing this awe-inspiring stage of our lives. I might have the exact same experience being shared, yet hearing how another takes a totally different approach is enlightening and often up-lifting.

—Susan Brown (participant)

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or look for us on Facebook!

For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041, Josh Wachtel at 634-5005 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 413 320-6544. The church charges a very nominal fee for upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Village Church News

Plan to join us for Beltane (a May Day service) led by Sarah Stockwell-Arthen of EarthSpirit, and Josh Clark of the Village Church on Sunday, May 6 at 10 AM! Beltane is the traditional Celtic holiday of the fullness of Spring: of budding, fertility, burgeoning energy, joy, new beginnings and babies. A very fun holiday. We will sing traditional “Maying” songs (visiting songs that are sung during “luck visits”), and we’ll plant seeds as part of our ritual, and we will prepare for next year’s (planned) Maypole at the church!

(If you can, please bring a few budding branches from a nearby tree friend (birch and beech are traditional...) for our Beltane ritual. 18 to 24 inches is about right.)

See you for spring!

May At the Village Church

May 6—Beltane Service 10 AM, Sarah Stockwell-Arthen leads

May 11—Friday Night Café, One Part Luck and friends, 7–9 PM

May 20—Service 10 AM

May 25—Friday Night Café, Jack Swindlehurst, 7–9 PM

Home Sweet Home from the Trustees of Reservations

Locally, this event takes place on Saturday, May 19 from 10 AM–4 PM at the Bryant Homestead and nine other Trustees historic sites for FREE. The theme is The Art of the Garden: Inspiration Grows Here.

Come experience all the beauty, history, and unique stories contained within each home, as well as the exquisitely designed gardens and stunning natural landscapes. Special tours, gardening and family-friendly activities and refreshments will be offered.

Visit www.thetrustees.org/homesweethome for more details. For more information, please email acaluori@thetrustees.org or call 413-684-0148.

The day’s schedule at the Homestead includes:

- guided tours of the house
- a tour of our plan for a 19th century children’s garden
- an opportunity for kids to plant their own seeds to take home
- tours of the 1840’s barn with a little history of the property’s agricultural past



HISTORIC QUILT DOCUMENTATION

BRYANT HOMESTEAD

MAY 5, 2018, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Join the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project and discover the history and stories behind your most cherished quilts. Your quilt will be studied and documented with information provided about how and when it was made and specific historical aspects of its design.

Advanced registration is requested. The cost is \$15 per quilt. Quilts from Historical Societies and Museums are done for free.

Call Martha Emerson for more information at 413-634-2158.

Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets Again

On Wednesday, May 9th, the Lunch Bunch will head to the Freckled Fox restaurant in Florence, MA. This is a new place with fresh, homemade food. Meet at the church parking lot at 11:30 for a 12:00 o'clock lunch.

Apartment Needed

Long-term Hilltown resident looking for quiet, affordable 1 or 2 bedroom apt. Very responsible. Excellent references. Call Lynda at 413-634-5604

Cat Needed

Seva Tower writes that "Nutwood Farm is seeking to forever-adopt a barn cat or two for help with a thriving rodent population. Please call 413-824-1840".

Friday Night Cafe

On April 13, Heather Cupo and Sean Kimball performed with friend Wayne Higgins and gave a rousing show. We have great local talent in these hills!

Coming up in May will be One Part Luck (Peg Cowan and John Bye) on the 11th—no doubt friends will be joining them—and Jack Swindlehurst on the 25th. Look for the Season Finale on June 8—"1968—50 Years Later."



Heather Cupo, Sean Kimball and Wayne Higgins

Hilltown Bash Returns!

Please save the date—Sunday, June 17 at 5 PM. Kim Wachtel is organizing the second Hilltown Bash at Pettengill Park in Cummington, Mass. Radio Free Earth will be kicking off the night with the full band we recorded our forthcoming CD with, playing the songs, and we'll have CDs in hand by then. Following us will be the Psychic Friends for you to dance the evening away and kick off the summer in style. It's potluck dinner to boot. More information will be coming soon!

Creamery has New Manager

Karl Sabo will be joining the Co-op as its General Manager starting in May. He has been spending time before his first official day with Michael, taking four hours at differing times over five days so he can get an idea of an entire day from opening to close. He is looking forward to the continued sustainability and success of the Cooperative and its exciting possibilities and challenges. With the team of talented, dedicated, and friendly staff, he will work to ensure the continuing stable and vital presence of the Old Creamery as an essential part of the wonderful Hilltown community and its producers, growers, members, and visitors.

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the June, 2018 issue is XXXX. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at mrblouz@verizon.net or Pat at patakeith@gmail.com, mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entryway of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.



Friday night crowd enjoying the show

Town Meeting and Election

We are posting the warrant for the meeting, slightly edited, for space, so readers can see what is to be voted on at the meeting on May 4. In addition there will be elections on the 14th. Jim Drawe and Monica Vandoloski are competing for Selectperson, and there will be a vote on a non-binding resolution "to call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war."

Everyone is encouraged to come out and vote.

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ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town for Fiscal 2019, as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: treasurer, moderator and others.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the following General Government Accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. These accounts include, among others: accountant, assessors and others

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Highway Department accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: highway salaries, winter roads, garage.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the following School and Library Accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto: This includes, among others: CBRSD operating expense, Vocational tuition, Library operating

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Veterans Account or take any other action in relation thereto: Veterans benefits.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Protection of Persons and Property Accounts or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: Police Department, Fire Department, Building Inspector, etc.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Health and Sanitation Accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: Water operating and Highland Ambulance.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Debt and Interest Accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: Interest on Loans, Safety Complex Loan Interest, Highway Truck Loan Interest etc.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money to the following Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto. This includes, among others: Insurance and Bonds, Lawn Mowing, Community House, etc.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to set a cap for the following revolving accounts or take any other action in relation thereto: Community House Revolving, Inspectors Revolving.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Annual 2017 Town Report as printed or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for CEMETERY CAPITAL (tombstone restoration) or take any other action in relation thereto

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for BOARD OF HEALTH CAPITAL or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for HIGHWAY CAPITAL (fire alarm system new highway building) or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for HIGHWAY CAPITAL (body) or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate and/or transfer from Available Funds a sum of money for FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL (turnout gear) or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any Federal, State or other grants that may be available and to expend any money received, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws to authorize the employment of the members of the Board of Selectmen by the Selectmen, Selectmen by the Highway Department, the members of the Board of Health by the Health Department, the Water Commissioners by the Water Department, the Assessors by the Board of Assessors, the Historical Commission members by the Historical Commission, and to fix the rate of compensation for such employment; and to vote to pay the Highway Department employees hired by the Water Commissioners at their Highway Department rate of pay from the Water Department Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to accept any available funds relating to highways including, without limitations, so-called Chapter 90 type construction monies and further vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of the monies received, or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Cummington will vote to adopt the following non-binding resolution: calling on the United States to renounce nuclear war in ways specified in the resolution. All articles can be viewed in detail on the town's website.

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Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Finance Office (Tax Collector, Treas., Acct.) open 6–7 PM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Transfer Station open 7–11 AM
Veterans Agent 9–11 AM	Board of Health 1 st & 3 rd Tues. 7 PM (2nd floor)	Council on Aging Office Hours 9–noon (C.H. Annex)	Town Clerk 6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Bryant Library open 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Assessor Office Hours 9:30–11:30 AM (upstairs in C.H.)		Bryant Library open 6–9 PM	Selectboard meets 7 PM		
Bryant Library open 6–9 PM		Transfer Station open 5:30–7:30 PM	Building Inspector 7–9 PM (upstairs in C. H.)		
		Planning Board 2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM	Board of Assessors meets 2 nd , 4 th Thursdays 6–8 PM		

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