



# New Marlborough 5 Village News

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## TOWN HALL GETS A FACELIFT

The new, ground-floor entrance ~ part of an \$85,000 renovation program approved at the last Annual Town Meeting ~ means that the ground floor of the Town Hall will be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The sole bidder on the project, Anthony O’Neil and Associates of Canaan, Connecticut, bid \$52,818. The balance of the money has been earmarked for painting the exterior of the building in the spring.

Two cement paths, shown here covered with black plastic, lead to the doorway. In the space before they converge, a small garden may be planted in due course.

Meanwhile, receipt of an energy grant has provided the funding needed to insulate the building, including the stone wall foundation, as well as to put up new sheetrock and to install new wiring along the walls and new windows downstairs. Selectman Tara White reports that these improvements have already made a difference in the warmth in the building. □

reported by Jon Swan photo: Larry Burke

# Happy New Year!



photo by L. Ujohn's

## FARMLAND SEEKS FARMER

If you’ve recently driven down the Clayton Mill River Road or across the Alum Hill Road, you may have noticed a sign at the junction of the two roads announcing an auction to be held on Tuesday, January 17. The NM5VN has learned that the auction is part of a foreclosure sale on the two large tracts that make up the corn fields that abut the western side of the Clayton Mill River Road and stretch from Alum Hill Road south nearly to the Clayton four corners. Another smaller tract, also a familiar corn field and part of the foreclosure and auction, is on the eastern side of the Clayton Mill River Road, running east to the Konkapot River and north to approximately opposite the foot of Brewer Hill Road. Total size of the three tracts is about 218 acres.

The land in question has been farmed for years by Elm Knoll Farm of East Canaan, Connecticut. It is not yet known whether Elm Knoll is going under or whether it’s just walking away from the mortgage on these specific properties.

The land is protected from development by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction, a Commonwealth

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of Massachusetts program that, to encourage the furtherance of agriculture, “buys” the developmental rights from the farmer and gives the farmer a sizeable property tax deduction. Martha Bryan, co-president of the New Marlborough Land Trust, said that, as a result of the APR, the deeds of these properties are “restricted in perpetuity.” In other words, these are permanent deed restrictions, and the property cannot be developed for residential or non-agricultural commercial use.

At this point, it’s not possible to see what the future use of these tracts will be. LuJohn Auctioneers will conduct the auction at noon on January 17, 2012, at the intersection of Alum Hill and Clayton Mill River Roads. More information can be found at the auctioneer’s web site, LuJohn.com. In conversation with the auctioneer, he professed to not be aware of any terms or conditions or restrictions of use of the property. A potential buyer would be well-advised to do considerable investigation and research. □

*reported by David Lowman*



## PROPOSED VILLAGE CENTER DISTRICT AND ZONING BYLAW

In June of this year, the New Marlborough Planning Board, with help from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), began the project of drafting a proposed new village center zoning district and bylaw for approval at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. The purpose of the bylaw changes is to protect our rural community, as described in New Marlborough’s Comprehensive Plan, while offering more options for careful development within the five villages that’s in concert with the character of villages.

There have been many steps in the process. The Board has been guided in each of these by Brian Domina, a community planner and a land-use lawyer at BRPC, and Mackenzie Greer, also a community planner at BRPC. A District Local Technical Assistance Grant, received by the Board, has funded the extended consultation. The grant expires on December 31, 2011. With one meeting left to go, the Board is close to having a completed draft of the proposed village districts and bylaw. It is anticipated that by the close of the meeting on December 21, we will have it in hand.

In broad strokes, the scope of the work undertaken by the Planning Board can be summarized as follows:

1. Identifying the boundaries for the five village centers to create two proposed districts: a village center and a rural residential district.
2. Creating a table of uses that shows which activities - residential, municipal, educational, commercial - would be permitted by right within the proposed village center district, which would be permitted by right in the proposed rural residential district, which would not be permitted in either, and which would require a special permit from the special permit granting authority (currently the Board of Selectmen.)
3. Creating an Intensity Table that shows the dimensional regulations for the two proposed districts -- e.g., minimum and maximum set backs and acreage.
4. Updating the definitions section of the bylaw for legal clarity.
5. Preparing a final draft of Proposed Amendments to Enact A Village Center Zoning District.

It might be difficult to imagine that this process could be so lengthy. At the surface, New Marlborough may not seem that complex, despite containing five villages. However, nested within each of these five steps, are

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many significant steps that must be considered to draft a proposed amendment. Examples include: interpreting where district boundary lines are in the case of a split lot; how dimensional requirements of a buildable lot would change if public sewage or water became available; or how to permit a proposed childcare center, or retail establishment. Each of these decision points is reflected in the proposed amended bylaw.

Here is an example: on retail establishments, the Board decided to make a break point at a scale of 2,000 square feet of gross floor space so that proposed retail establishments with less than 2,000 square feet of gross floor area would be permitted by right in the village center district and by special permit in a rural residential district, while proposed retail establishments with more than 2,000 square feet would not be permitted in the rural residential district but would be permitted within the village centers by special permit.

All possible scenarios had to be considered in light of the historic, rural character of our Town, its preservation and also its development. Throughout the process, the Board worked to draft a proposal sensitive to current land use in New Marlborough (that is how people actually use their land and how they generate income) that will protect what we have while offering more options for careful development. Deciding on minimum lot size, minimum lot frontage, and minimum setbacks for the two proposed districts evolved through multiple discussions

over successive meetings. At this point in our drafting process, the proposed amendment shows a minimum lot size remaining at one acre in the rural residential district, with 150' of frontage, and .5 acres, with a minimum 75' of frontage, in the proposed village center district. Although the Board has agreed upon a formula for front setbacks, the minimum and maximum front, side, and rear setbacks will be settled at our meeting on December 21.

The Board worked from maps that detail village settlement patterns documented by BRPC using Geographic Information System (GIS) and fieldwork. These maps show detailed lot outlines and constraints such as water supply zones, aquifers, floodplains, wetland resources, prime agricultural soils, and bio-maps of core habitats and slopes.

As we move toward the Annual Town Meeting, the Board will prepare materials for a public meeting. The goal for the meeting will be to offer the proposed zoning amendment to the town with ample time for residents to have all questions and comments addressed to their satisfaction. The Planning Board heartily welcomes any questions and comments before that time and encourages interested townspeople both to attend our meetings, held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Town Hall, and to check the Town website for updates at: [http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA\\_Bcomm/Planning/index](http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov/Pages/NewMarlboroughMA_Bcomm/Planning/index). □

reported by Planning Board member Holly Morse

## NEW MARLBOROUGH WINTER HOUSE CONCERTS 2012

Two thousand twelve marks the fourteenth season of the Winter House Concerts, which are sponsored by the New Marlborough Village Association.

The renaissance band Calliope will be featured in the first concert on Sunday, January 15, at Mepal Manor. For over twenty-five years this esteemed and venerable group toured North America, frequently introducing the music and instruments of the thirteenth through seventeenth centuries to audiences for the first time. The ensemble has performed in many of the nation's most prestigious concert halls ~ in New York, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Cleveland, among other cities, as well as on college campuses. The group has made recordings and numerous soundtracks for both television and radio. As the 1976 winner of the Naumburg Chamber Music Award, Calliope was able to commission two new works for mixed renaissance ensemble. With the commission of Peter Schickele's *Bestiary: A Music Theater Piece for Renaissance Ensemble*, in 1984, the group was influential in creating a new niche for early musicians ~ that of playing

new music on old instruments, as well as some crossover into folk and popular music.

Three of the four members of Calliope live in the Berkshires ~ Allan Dean in Monterey and Lucy Bardo and Ben Harms in New Marlborough. The fourth member, Steve Lundahl, is from Canterbury, New Hampshire.

Calliope will offer a mix of renaissance music from Germany, Spain, and England, as well as some irresistible twentieth-century arrangements of tunes from this earlier period.

The second concert, on Sunday, February 5, will take place at the home of Jane Ryan in Stockbridge. The splendid violinist Yuki Numata, who played a spectacular concert in last year's Winter Concert series, will return on this occasion with pianist James Johnston.

All concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. and last an hour, with wine and hors d'oeuvres served afterward. Seating is limited, so please make reservations in advance at 229-2785 or [www.newmarlborough.org](http://www.newmarlborough.org). □

reported by Lucy Bardo

## Town Business Is Your Business

### Board of Selectmen



**November 21:** Members of the Finance Committee were present to approve the appointment of Ira Yohalem to the Finance Committee. Mr. Yohalem, whose brother Nat serves on the Board of Selectmen, told the joint group that he and his wife, Shirley, have owned a home on Cagney Hill Road for thirty-five years and have been full-time residents for one year. He said further that he had been a professional certified public accountant for forty-five years in New York, and that his specialty has been as tax advisor and long-range financial planner. He thought that, with this background, he might be useful to the Town. He was appointed unanimously, with Selectman Yohalem abstaining.

A special hearing was held regarding a plan to convert an old building into a single-room guest house on the property of Ms. Joyce Hackett on East Hill Road in Southfield. No objection was raised by the building inspector, the Conservation Commission, the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, and an abutter, and the plan was unanimously approved.

Owen Hoberman informed the Board that someone had dumped a load of concrete blocks on Norfolk Road. Highway Superintendent Peter Marks said he would take care of it. In further business, the Board unanimously appointed Ms. Celia June to chair the Council of Aging. Finally, a question was raised concerning the designation of Friday November 25 as a paid holiday. Mr. Yohalem responded it was regarded as such in the newly revised and adopted personnel policy. This applies also to the Monday after Christmas and Monday after New Year.

**December 5:** Selectman Tara White informed her colleagues that the School Committee expects to have its proposed budget ready for the Selectmen to review on December 8. Marsha Pshenishny then presented

the Board of Assessors' recommendation that there be a single classification for the Town tax rate, which would raise the rate by 30 cents to \$8.77 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This would yield the \$17,605.06 needed to cover the difference between the budgeted expenditures and expected revenue of the coming fiscal year.

This reporter observed that, because the Town has been using a provisional tax system, which will have to be either renewed or revised at the next Annual Town Meeting, voters will need to understand the available options, and that the Board should educate the public as to what the options are. The Board agreed.

Former Selectman Daniel Litchfield, speaking for the committee designated to study the need for additional help for the Town's administrative assistant, stated that the committee was unsure of its mission. After much discussion, the committee, whose members also include Barbara Marchione, Prudence Spalding, Harvey Thompson, David Lowman, and Bert Imberman (alternate), was told by Selectman Yohalem that their mission was to determine whether or not one or more persons are needed to fulfill all the items listed in the warrant passed at last year's Annual Town Meeting, suggest what the costs for such help should be, and whether or not a full-time or part-time employee is needed. Attempts to direct the discussion into consideration of how the administrative assistant's role is being handled today is definitely not the mission of the committee, Selectman Yohalem stated.

**December 12:** Selectman Yohalem informed the Board that Fire Chief Peter Scala had told him that the Fire & Rescue Service is willing to expand the new Fire House to include the Police Department, thereby creating a unified public safety complex. The Fire & Rescue Service would then ask the Town to pay a rental fee of \$12,000 per annum. This is a preliminary announcement, which will be discussed in more depth later on. □

*reported by Charlie Parton*

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## SPREADING THE NEWS

New Marlborough is a small town that occupies a large geographic area. Other than the monthly 5 *Village News*, press coverage of goings on in town ranges from spotty to non-existent. How do you find out about important events, news, and goings-on?

If the event is a Town Meeting or an election, there are by-laws that specify how information is to be distributed. A 1937 by-law, amended in 2007, specifies that copies of the warrant for a town meeting or election must be posted in no fewer than five public places, including the Transfer Station and the town website at least seven days prior to the event.

So, is that enough? Maybe not. Some of those who attended the November 28 Town Meeting at which a new police cruiser was voted on and approved, said that they learned of the meeting only after Owen Hoberman posted a November 26 notice on Maggie's List urging list members to attend the meeting. I then followed up with a November 27 post that included a copy of the warrant. These postings appear to have led some list members to complain about last-minute notice and to decry the inadequacy of existing communication methods.

In response, Selectman Tara White wrote in a November 28 email sent to Maggies List explaining that "A paper copy of the STM [Special Town Meeting warrant] is posted at the Mill River General Store, the Town Library, both doors of the Town Hall, the Southfield Post Office, the American Legion, and the Transfer Station." She further noted that the information regarding the November special Town Meeting appeared on the sign outside the town library "for at least a week," and that there were notices in the *Berkshire Eagle* and *Berkshire Record* as well as "the new-marlborough.info website" (The actual town website address is <http://www.newmarlboroughma.gov>.)

The town web site offers a "Subscribe to E-News" button. One might think that signing up via this web site option would allow one to receive important notices via email. But so far, that feature is not operational. When

Laura Endacott attempted to sign up on December 7, she received a reply from Mike Skorput stating, "Sounds like we are not utilizing key components of our investment in our high tech website." (As I reported in the November issue of the 5 *Village News*, Virtual Towns & Schools, the company that created the town site, states that implementing this feature requires that notices be placed in a special location on the website.)

And what, you might ask, is Maggie's List where so many are expressing their opinions on town issues? Simply put, Maggie's List is a Google Group open to those who live or work in town or who are recommended for membership by a group member. List members can post messages to the group as a whole. Members also get messages others post automatically delivered to their email inboxes.

I started Maggie's List in April of 2008 as a means of facilitating communication among town residents. The group, which now has more than 150 members, has no set agenda. Anyone on the list can post just about anything they wish. Posts commonly are used as a means of publicizing events around town, but posters also use it to find recommendations for contractors, promote local businesses, find lost dogs, discuss their bird-watching adventures, and express opinions on local issues, or just pass on personal news.

If you are interested in joining Maggie's List, email [debra@dtrain.com](mailto:debra@dtrain.com). Please briefly state your New Marlborough connection. Eligible persons will be sent an invitation to join the list. Once you get the invitation you need to sign in to Google using the email address you used in making the request. That address need not be a Gmail account. Once you accept the invitation, you are a list member and can post your own messages by emailing [maggies-list@googlegroups.com](mailto:maggies-list@googlegroups.com). Messages sent to the list will automatically appear in your inbox unless you specify otherwise. (You can withdraw your membership at any time for any reason.) □

reported by Debra Herman

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## FOUR-SEASON VEGETABLE HARVEST

**W**inter vegetable gardening got the attention of Nan Smith, who lives on New Marlborough Branch Road with her husband, Dave, and their two children, while on a family trip to the far northern reaches of New York State. Nan discovered that gardeners up by the Canadian border are even more serious than we in New Marlborough are about extending the precious summer growing season. Largely pioneered by the methods of Maine farmer Eliot Coleman, winter vegetable gardening is catching on – er, taking root – in the Northeast.

Eliot Coleman, an organic vegetable farmer, author, and researcher, believes that it is our location relative to the earth's latitude, and not longitude, that is most important when extending a traditional summer season. In other words, it is not how hot or cold a climate is, but how many daylight hours a plot of land gets that determines the success or failure of plants. Gardeners can more easily manipulate the soil and air temperature than coax more light from the sun. So by outfitting vegetable patches with doubly insulated hoop houses and cold frames, hardy greens, some root vegetables, and herbs can be harvested year round. Coleman writes in an online article titled *A Garden For All Seasons*, "My farm in Maine is not on a polar bear latitude. We are on the 44th parallel.... Across the Atlantic Ocean, believe it or not, the 44th parallel passes through the south of France and the Ligurian coast of Italy on the sunny Mediterranean. In other words, by being on the same latitude, we have the same day length and the same amount of winter sun as those solar paradises.... Our colder temperatures probably explain why U.S. gardeners have never taken advantage of the adequate sun. Well, the double coverage of unheated greenhouse and an inner layer, combined with hardy crops, has solved the cold problem."

Nan left northern upstate New York with all the supplies

she would need strapped to the roof of the family car. Electrical conduit tubing, bent into a half hoop shape, heavy duty plastic sheeting, and Reemay, a lightweight, manmade insulation for gardens. She set up the garden in her existing vegetable garden, placing the metal hoops a few feet apart along the row. The next step is to take advantage of what winter gardeners call the "second spring," direct seeding or planting seedlings in September and October.

A great advantage to this method is that the only work involved is harvesting. Weeds and pests, which take up the bulk of garden maintenance, are all lying dormant until the traditional spring months. Once the hoops are in, the row is covered by a double layer of transparent heavy-duty plastic sheeting, followed by a floating row cover of Reemay. The unexpected October snow in New Marlborough was an unfortunate setback; Nan lost most of her seedlings, which had yet to be covered. But she followed up with a second planting of arugula, lettuce, and kale, which, when I visited the garden, looked bright and cheery in their hoop house. Here is a favorite and simple recipe Nan looks forward to with her winter harvest.

### Arugula Salad

Bunch of arugula  
few tablespoons olive oil  
few teaspoons lemon juice  
sprinkling of kosher salt

Toss arugula with olive oil and salt, squeeze lemon juice over. Shaved parmigiano-reggiano cheese is an excellent addition to this salad, but not necessary. □

*reported and photo by Kenzie Fields*

## Knitting Night at the Mill River Library

Friday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**C**ome and work on your knitting, crochet, quilting etc., in good company. In addition to sticking to your own knitting, you may want to knit for others. We have been told that there are times when a family in our school system would be glad to have a pair of mittens. So, in addition to your own project, we invite you to participate in a knit-along to make wool mittens for children who need them. If you can't make it to the bi-monthly meetings, but would still like to make some mittens, you can drop them off at the library.

Tea and cookies are part of the pleasure of coming together for a knitting night.



After School Art Program with Gil Eisner at New Marlborough Central School

Gil Eisner, who lives in Southfield with his wife, author Kate Wenner, gave weekly art lessons at the school this past fall. Mr. Eisner worked in New York City for forty years as a magazine art director and then as an illustrator. His work appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Village Voice*, *New York*, *Esquire*, *Life*, and *Newseek*, among other publications.

reported by Francine Groener photo by Jaimi Lyn Beaty

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## Neighbors



On December 10 and 11, **Shawn Fields** (right) hosted an Open Studio at his studio in the Buggy Whip Factory. The walls were covered with sketches and paintings of various sizes, techniques, and topics. Shawn and his family moved here from Brooklyn a year and a half ago, and he has been reveling in his studio space – the largest he has ever had. Some of the works are cityscapes from Brooklyn days; others are local scenes, vacation scenes, or from the artist's imagination.



Photo by Marianne Swan)



(Photo by Kathy Chretien.)

Neighbors is compiled by Barbara Lowman:  
deeuell@yahoo.com

**Kathy Chretien and Tammy Lane**, co-leaders of Girl Scout Troop #40256 of New Marlborough, announced that for the second year the troop helped to provide toys for needy families in Berkshire County through the Watson Fund. The scouts arranged to have a collection area for toys at the New Marlborough Library and at the Mill River Store for contributions to purchase additional toys. The scouts are grateful to both of them for their cooperation. Pictured here are from left to right Ms. **Dorothy Heath** of Berkshire Community Action, and scouts **Stephanie Chretien** and **Brittney Lane**. Missing from the picture is **Katelyn Dawson**.

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- 11/5 12:30 pm - Verbal assault, Mill River
- 11/6 2:00 pm - Funeral Traffic
- 11/7 3:00 pm- Loose dog in roadway, Cross to Canaan Valley Rd.  
5:00 pm - Assist with firearms card application  
5:30 pm - Motor vehicle collision, deer vs. car, Mill River
- 11/9 1:00 pm - Well being check requested on a party with drug problems, Clayton  
1:45 pm - Report of a suspicious male on bicycle, Mill River  
4:30 pm - Report of hunters trespassing, Norfolk Rd.  
9:35 pm - Abandoned 911 call, Southfield
- 11/10 12:30 pm - Assist with dumpster fire, Mill River
- 11/14 1:00 pm - Hunter Harassment, Mill River  
2:40 pm - Motor vehicle stop on Norfolk Rd. Yielded one high capacity magazine loaded, no permit  
3:45 pm - Assisted with firearms card application
- 11/16 10:00 am - Met with EPO , RE hunting issues
- 1:00 pm - Contacted Verizon regarding hazardous pole, Mill River
- 11/17 9:30 am - Suspicious motor vehicle parked on Rt. 183/ York Lake
- 11/18 8:05 pm - 911 call, child home alone, Mill River
- 11/19 8:30 - Alarm activation, Southfield
- 11/20 10:20 am - Vandalism to property, Southfield  
3:37 pm - Party attempting to gain access to Mill River Store, store closed  
3:48 pm - Report of tree down on Hotchkiss Rd. blocking roadway  
5:54 pm - Assisted Sheffield PD with 2 car MVA Rt.7 with injuries  
6:30 pm - Domestic altercation, Clayton.
- 11/21 5:00 pm - Assisted with firearm card applications  
7:00 pm - Reported mailbox vandalized, Clayton
- 11/23 9:25 - Alarm activation, Hartsville
- 11/26 2:40 pm - Investigated report of someone ringing doorbell, early am. Property items found disturbed, Southfield  
3:26 pm - Motor vehicle collision, Car vs. Tree, no injuries, Mill River  
4:45 pm - Hunter trespassing, Clayton

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## OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBORS

**Editor's Note:** *In mid-December, a note posted on Maggie's List asked birdwatchers if they had seen fewer birds at their feeders since Irene swept through town. The following replies were received by press time.*

**R**obin Tost of Mill River writes: I thought I was getting about the same number and variety as usual. However, now that you mention it, **my finch count is way down** -- fewer goldfinches and no house or purples. My thistle feeder does not go down at the same rate as it used to.

**T**ony Margherita and his wife, Deb Bernardini, who live on Canaan-Southfield Road writes: We've pretty much had the **same bird population as pre-Irene:** lots of finches, chickadees, woodpeckers, blue jays, etc. Pretty steady flow.

**P**aul Clark of Mill River writes: Carol and I have had to pretty much go without birdfeeding as we have persistent bear intrusions. However, we witnessed a **remarkable bird event** in the brief calm, or eye of the passing of Irene that afternoon when we walked down to the bridge near the

school to watch the river. **Two immature canvasbacks** flew dramatically upstream underneath the bridge, barely navigating inches above the roaring, debris-filled Konkapot just below them. They touched down safely in the old tannery foundation rubble just upstream from the bridge to rest. Then, oddly, one of the two - perhaps they were siblings, given their size and age - ventured out into an nearby lapping eddy and was rapidly drawn into the raging boil. The startled companion went out after the first and the two were sucked downstream on a chaotic course, frantically paddling, diving, trying desperately to fly out of the violent current, but were pulled downstream underneath the bridge. We scrambled to the other side, hoping to find them above water. One of the two managed to light atop a large cherry log wedged against the bank. The other disappeared into the furious froth. The solo canvasback remained motionless atop the cherry log, eyes fixed on where its companion had last been seen. After several moments, with sudden resolution and energy, the canvasback jolted aloft, vanishing downstream and downwind into a turbulence of wind and water. □

compiled by Jon Swan

# New Acquisitions at the Library

## Adult Fiction

*The Drop*, by Michael Connelly  
*Locked On*, by Tom Clancy  
*The Leopard*, by Jo Nesbo  
*The Time In Between*, by Maria Duenas  
*11/22/63*, by Stephen King  
*A Ship for the King*, by Richard Woodman

## Adult Nonfiction

*Steve Jobs*, by Walter Isaacson  
*Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War*, by Tony Horwitz  
*Blue Nights*, by Joan Didion

## Children's Fiction

*Out of Shadows*, by Jason Wallace  
*Secrets at Sea*, Richard Peck  
*Steampunk Poe*, by Edgar Allan Poe  
*Cleopatra's Moon*, by Vicky Alvear Shecter  
*Flat Broke*, Gary Paulson  
*Stars*, by Mary Lyn Ray  
*Sammy in the Sky*, by Barbara Walsh

## Children's Nonfiction

*It's Snowing*, Gail Gibbons  
*Drawing from Memory*, Allen Say  
*Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of an American Feud*, by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain  
*Not a Buzz to be Found: Insects in Winter*, by Linda Glaser

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- \* **Town Clerk:** 229-8278 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; Saturday by appointment
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