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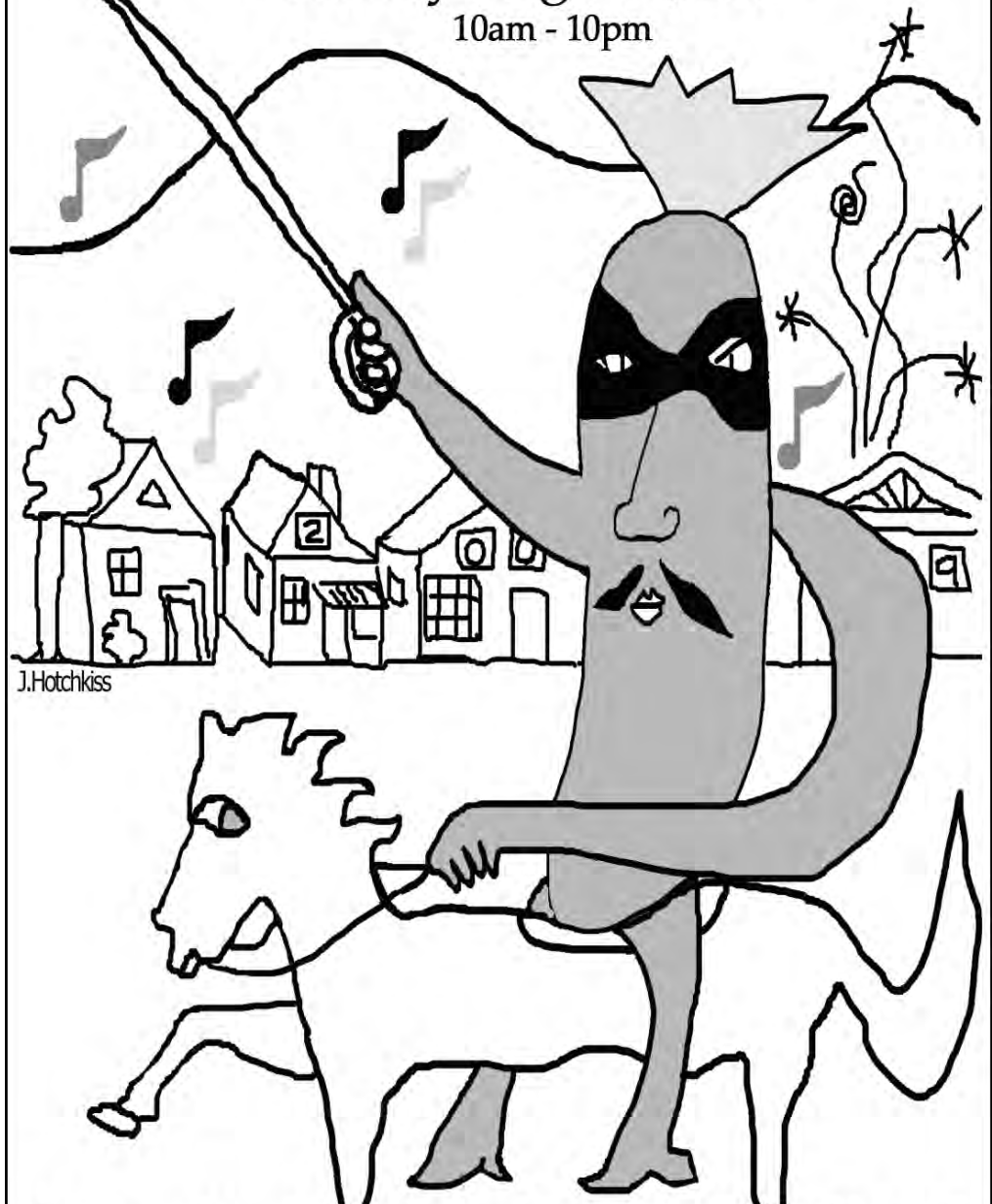
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6th Annual West Stockbridge

Zucchini Festival

Saturday August 8, 2009

10am - 10pm



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What's Happening At The Board of Selectmen

By John Parker


(Editor's note: the following are edited summaries of Board minutes, which are available in full and unedited on the Town web site at www.weststockbridge-ma.gov and at the Town offices.)

June 15, 2009

Open Meeting. Present: Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber. Press present: Berkshire Eagle.

Shaker Mill Tavern. Dominick Luchi, owner of the Shaker Mill Tavern, addressed the Board on plans for the deck area and entertainment. Mr. Luchi would like to open up the existing service bar on the deck (the deck area is currently licensed to serve alcoholic beverages) as well as to install a seasonal unisex bathroom on the deck. He will speak to the Building Inspector and Health Agent regarding the procedure for installing the bathroom.

Mr. Luchi would also like to have music on the deck. The Entertainment License assigned to his Liquor License allows amplified music indoors only. It would be permissible to have un-amplified music outdoors. Mr. Luchi does intend to have live music entertainment inside the restaurant. The Board said that if he wishes to have outdoor amplified music, he would need a Special Permit. Three such permits are allowed per applicant per year.



William Merelle
owner / chef
Maggie Merelle
owner

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Solar Power Bids. The Board voted to close acceptance of bids for the Village School Solar PV Power Purchase Agreement and take the proposals under advisement. Non-Price Proposals and Price Proposals were provided by bidders, per the Request for

Proposals (RFP). Price Proposals will remain sealed until the Non-Price Proposals have been fully reviewed. The latter demonstrate that the bidder has the qualifications, personnel, experience and finances to complete the project. Bidders will be called in over the next few weeks to review their proposals with the Board and a member of the Finance Committee.

COA Van Grant. The Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation approved the Town's grant application for \$39,912 for a new Council on Aging van. However, the grant will have to be returned to the State and passed along to another community since the Town purchased a new van about nine months ago for approximately \$40,000.

Other Items:

- The Board approved the warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for June 29. The purpose of the meeting is to correct year-end line item account deficits, particularly Snow and Ice and Town Buildings.
- Lycott Environmental will perform annual aquatic weed control at Shaker Mill Pond this week.
- The Board approved a request from the MS Society for their annual Bike and Hike event on September 26.
- The Board approved sign permit applications for a replacement sign at Crane Lake Camp and for the new restaurant, Olivo Mediterranean Kitchen, at 32 Main Street.

June 29, 2009

Open Meeting. Present: Tina Skorput Cooper, Chair; Curt Wilton. Also present: Administrative Assistant Mark Webber.

Solar Power Bids. Board will hold a meeting on July 20 at 5:00 PM to review the Solar PV Power Purchase Agreement price and non-price proposals. The Finance Committee will participate.

Energy Audit. The Board reviewed a full building energy/mechanical systems audit recently completed on the Town Offices/Library/Police Station. The free audit was provided through National Grid. The audit

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Rouge Restaurant & Bistro

By Vicki Grayson

William & Maggie Merelle opened Rouge eight years ago. William is the chef and Maggie handles all the front of house operations, including the bar. The food is contemporary French. The décor is eclectic – unusual and



Above: A major expansion was completed a few months ago, doubling the space and increasing capacity from 75 to 95. Photo by Karen Rusch



Left: Maggie and William Merelle own and operate Rouge Restaurant and Bistro. Photo courtesy of the Merelles

charming; the atmosphere warm and welcoming. There are exhibits of work by local artists on a regular basis. The restaurant is always busy and the bar is always bustling.

William began working in the kitchen in his hometown in the Pyrenees when he was 11 years old as a dishwasher and progressed quickly into cooking. At 13 he attended Le Quartre Septembre, a renowned cooking school. When he graduated at 17 he began his professional career in Bordeaux, then on to Paris. After a stint as a chef and mess officer in the army he went back to Paris before going to La Sabranenque in Provence. La Sabranenque is in the center of an area with many old buildings and unique architecture; architects and others come from all over the world to work on restoring and preserving the buildings. This is where William and Maggie met. Maggie, who is from Brooklyn, had gone to La Sabranenque to study French.

When they first came to the United States together they settled in New York where William worked at the River Café, Le Bernardin and Raoul's. They took a break and traveled around the world for a year. Upon their return they came to Berkshire County. Prior to opening Rouge,

William worked at Wheatleigh, John Andrew and the Union Bar & Grill among others.

William said he tries to get as much of the food as possible from local producers – most of the produce comes from a farm in Becket; cheese and yogurt from the Shepherding Company in Chatham; meat is from New England (chickens and duck are free range and organic); fish comes from the coastal areas of New England and eastern Canada. William does all the butchering himself, which is very unusual – most chefs don't do this.

William says he changes the menu about six times a year; not a lot of changes since regular customers are

unhappy if one of their favorites is not on the menu. The menu is large and includes specials every day. Some of their signature dishes are duck, ribs, chicken and salmon (there are more).

There is also an extensive bar menu of sandwiches, several \$10 and under, and tapas \$7-\$9. So it's possible to get a good meal at Rouge at a very reasonable price. William and Maggie said they have never raised the prices on the bar menu since they opened. Everything on the entire menu is available for take-out. So far, the most popular items for take out are hamburgers, sometimes as many as 45 a week. They encourage everyone to try a variety of menu choices as take out.

In addition to looking fantastic, the new area is spacious and comfortable.

Photo by Vicki Grayson



Rouge completed a major expansion a few months ago. While they doubled the space, the seating capacity only increased from 75 to 95, so that in addition to looking fantastic, the new area is also spacious and comfortable. A lot of people in the community worked very hard on the expansion and some were very generous with donations of time and materials. There are too many to thank here, but they asked me to mention Dan Sartori, Paul Shook and Jim Kennedy. Maggie said “a big merci to a wonderful community”.

Rouge is open year-round for dinner Wednesday – Sunday. ■

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WEST STOCKBRIDGE, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009

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Make History At The Zucchini Festival

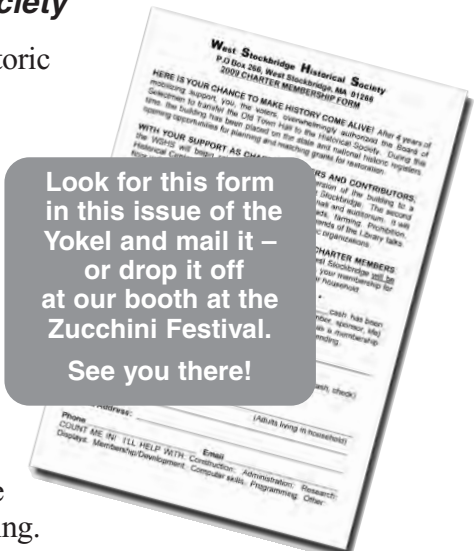
From the West Stockbridge Historical Society

Make history when you become a Charter Member of the West Stockbridge Historical Society at our booth at the Zucchini Festival! We'll have activities for adults and children of all ages and we'll count on seeing you there.

It has been over four years since we began a town-wide, grass roots effort to "save" the Old Town Hall. Many of you signed petitions. At the last Town Meeting, the voters overwhelmingly authorized the Board of Selectmen to transfer the Old Town Hall to the West Stockbridge Historical Society (WSHS).

Now you are needed, again, to start the process of restoration. The building is being placed on the National Register of Historic Places, opening opportunities for planning and matching grants for restoration. Our ability to get these grants will be based on the support of everyone who joins the WSHS. This will demonstrate community-wide support for converting the Old Town Hall into a museum and restoring the auditorium on the second floor.

To recognize the historic significance of your membership at this time, the WSHS has designated 2009 as the "Charter" year. All persons who join this year will not only be charter members, but their names will be recorded on a plaque in the restored building.



Please step forward and be counted. Fill out and mail in the membership form that is in this copy of the Local Yokel or drop it off in the booth. Come visit the booth, enjoy the activities and, if you haven't joined yet - please come prepared to join at that time. If you'd like to help out at the booth, email Zina Greene at zinagg@verizon.net. We'd love your help! ■



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Important Zucchini Festival information:

- Time:** The Sixth Annual Zucchini Festival will begin at 10am, August 8th, and end after the fireworks display, about 9:30pm.
- Shuttle bus:** The “Council on Aging” van will be available from 9:30am to 5pm. Volunteers will be driving the van between the festival parking lots located at Card Pond and the town hall, and the center of town.
- Parking:** PLEASE remember to walk to the festival if you are able to. Our crowd for last year’s festival reached 5,000 according to Chief Stanton.
- Zuck races:** Boards for each race will be available on the day of the festival. Each number costs only \$1. First, second, and third place winners will receive gift certificates or commemorative tee shirts.
- The final race costs \$25 a spot and the winner takes home half of the monies collected.
- Weigh off:** The first place winner will be given a \$100 for the heaviest zucchini. Second and third place winners will receive gift certificates from area businesses.

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lots of fun!**



West Stockbridge Cultural Council Presents

Zucchini Festival Pet Parade

Schedule:

Saturday, August 8, 2008 9:30-11am

9:30 Registration & Check-in

10:00 Pet Parade

10:30 Judging

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Don't forget: I need the name of
the recipe, the recipe itself, your
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All entries need to be delivered to the Baking
Contest booth by 11:00 am on the 8th. Judging
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The Zucchini cookbook celebrates its 5th
anniversary and all indications are that we will
move into a hard cover next year as we have
outgrown our little paperback. Who knows,
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cookbook someday! I can't wait to see what
turns up this year.



– Lynn

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(Board of Selectmen, continued from page 2)

concluded that the building is very energy efficient. A recommendation was made to adjust the air handling system to reflect actual occupancy rather than initial estimates.

Building Use Request. The Board approved a request from the Golden Knights youth basketball group to use the Village School gym on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings through the summer.

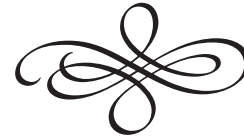
Special Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting was called to correct year-end line item account deficits. Following passage of all warrant articles, the Special Town Meeting was closed.

Area Break-ins. Chief of Police Stanton addressed the Board on the recent flurry of break-ins at West Stockbridge businesses. After meeting with neighboring police chiefs and circulating a photo of a suspect, a Great Barrington resident was arrested and charged. Although the Chief is confident that the same person was responsible for all of the break-ins, he plans to increase police presence and patrols in the downtown area.

Historical Map & Brochure. The Board agreed to a request from Bob Salerno, Chairman of the West

Stockbridge Historical Commission, to support the Commission's grant application for a map and brochure of historic downtown sites. Updating the Board on the Old Town Hall, Bob reported having enlisted a local architect to help develop use plans for the building. The Commission has also met with the Building Inspector regarding access and building code requirements.

Other: The Board reviewed and approved two driveway permits. ■



Ode to a Zucchini

Behold the lovely yellow blossom

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Karen Rusch

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Tuesday	August 4	*Office will be closed		
Wednesday	August 5	Office Blood Pressure Clinic	1:15pm-2:15pm	West Stockbridge Town Offices
Wednesday	August 12, 19, 26	Office Blood Pressure Clinic	9:00am-10:00am	West Stockbridge Town Offices
Thursday	August 6	Richmond Blood Pressure Clinic	8:30am-9:30am	Congregational Church
Thursday	August 13, 20, 27	Richmond Blood Pressure Clinic	9:00am-10:00am	Congregational Church

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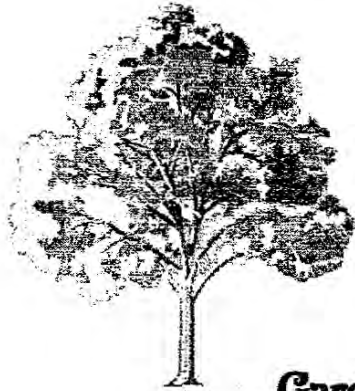
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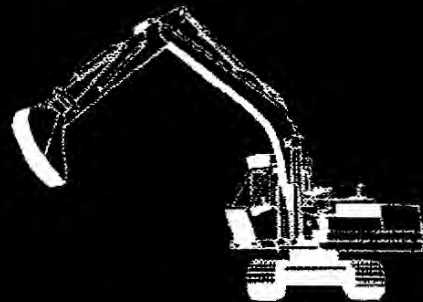
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Library News

By Danielle Chretien, Librarian



Is anyone else wondering where summer has gone? As always, summer is jammed with day trips and vacations. I hope that everyone's summer has been safe and fun, but read on because here at the Library summer is not over yet.

For those who have yet to read those summer reading books, you have one month to go. But don't worry – we have a selection of required reading and if we don't have the book that you're looking for we can find it for you. Stop by or give us a call. For those preparing for the SAT's this fall, we can order a large number of study guides.

AUGUST CALENDAR		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesdays	Knitting Group	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Thursdays	Scrap Booking Group	4:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturdays	Story Time	11:00am
August 19	How to Pastel Paint as Impressionists	5:30pm - 9:00pm

SUMMER HOURS:

Tuesdays: 1-6pm
 Wednesdays: 1-7pm
 Thursdays: 2-7pm
 Fridays: 2-6pm
 Saturdays: 10am- 3pm

This month, on August 19, the Cultural Council is sponsoring "Impressionism: Monet's Magic Garden, How to Pastel Paint as Impressionists at Your Library," presented by Gregory Maichack. This program is for adults only. If you have an interest in learning how to paint with pastels, why not learn from an award winning artist? Space is limited, so be sure to call! For more information visit www.gregorymaichack.com.

By the time everyone gets this month's Local Yokel, we will have finished inputting the picture book collection and hopefully will be well into the adult Large Print collections. This means that you can search online through the regional catalog both our adult hard cover fiction and picture book collections. So bookmark the following website, <http://wmars.cwmars.org/search~S104>. Soon the whole collection will be online.

From everyone at the Library, have a great August! ■

AUGUST Art at the Library YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM



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Christopher Young, Alivia Bartlett and Jesse Robbins, Monument Mountain High School Students with their display of creative talents at the Friends of the Library Young Artists July Exhibit.

Photo by Lori Robbins



MUSEUM DAY PASSES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

ARROWHEAD
BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN
BERKSHIRE MUSEUM
CHESTERWOOD
CLARK MUSEUM
MA. DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION
HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE
MASS MOCA
NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM
PLEASANT VALLEY SANCTUARY
THE MOUNT
VENTFORT HALL

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Jewelled Pork Chops



Recipe Corner

By Lynn Ryan

Since it's that time of year for some great grilling, I'm pulling out a recipe that's a BIG hit with my family and friends, so ENJOY!

3 shallots
1/2 small red bell pepper
1/2 small green pepper
1-1/2 oz. pistachio nuts
4 to 6 (1-inch-thick) pork chops
2 Tbsp. walnut oil
2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
6 tiny pearl onions
3 gherkin pickles, cut in half
6 pitted fresh black cherries

Peel and coarsely chop shallots. Seed and finely dice bell peppers. Cut the nuts in half.

In a medium-sized bowl, cover shallots, bell peppers and nuts with boiling water. Let stand 10 minutes, then drain.

Using the tip of a sharp knife, make several small slits into both sides of the chops. Insert pieces of shallots, peppers and nuts into the slits. In a 1-cup measure, combine the walnut oil and lemon juice. Brush both sides of the chops and season with salt and pepper. Cook on a rack over medium coals 10-12 minutes on each side or until no longer pink in the center, basting regularly with the oil mixture. Thread pearl onions, pickles, and cherries onto wooden picks and serve with the pork chops. Makes 4-6 servings.

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6. Junk mail with plastic windows
7. Brown and green glass bottles
8. Aluminum foil
9. Window glass
10. Styrofoam
11. Motor oil containers
12. Milk and Juice cartons
13. Paper bags
14. Paperback books
15. Ceramics

Hours:

Tues., Thurs. 10am-6pm;

Sat. 8am-6pm

Phone: 232-0307

Bill Pixley, Attendant

Key: 1 no, 2 yes, 3 yes, 4 no, 5 no, 6 yes, 7 yes, 8 yes, 9 no, 10 no, 11 no, 12 yes, 13 yes, 14 yes, 15 no



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- August 4 Paula Farrell
- August 6 Lisa Korte
- August 9 Ana Lucia Bloom
- August 11 Collin Avery Parker
- August 17 Jenni Roy Hallock
- August 24 Joe Roy Jr.
Pam Lockenwitz Race
- August 27 Megan Race
Preston and Paula Lockenwitz
- August 30 Charles Medeiros
- August 31 Caitlyn Alpert

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Board of Selectmen	Mon. thru Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm
Building Inspector	Tues. 4-7pm
Compactor Station	Tues., Thurs., 10am-6pm; Sat. 8am-6pm
Conservation Commission	Leave a message for inquiries
Fire Department	Fire Chief's Office Hours Mon. 6:30pm-9:00pm
Highway Department	Leave a message any time
Library	Tues. 1pm-6pm; Wed. 1pm-7pm; Thurs. 2pm-7pm; 2-6pm; Sat. 10-3pm
Police Department	24 hours, 7 days a week
Post Office	Lobby: 7am-7pm, 7 days/week Window: Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm; Sat. 9-12 noon
Town Accountant	Leave a message for inquiries
Town Clerk	Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8am-5pm; Fri. 8am-12 noon
Town Collector	Wed. 4pm-6pm; Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10am-2pm
Town Treasurer	Thurs. 9am-4pm

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Town Hall Main Number	413-232-0300
Town Clerk	ext. 300
Town Collector	ext. 302
Board of Assessors	ext. 303
Library	ext. 308
Building Inspector	ext. 313
Board of Health	ext. 314
Treasurer	ext. 316
Accountant	ext. 317
Board of Selectman Administrative Assistant	ext. 319
Conservation Commission	ext. 338
Town Hall Fax	413-232-7195
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-8500
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	413-232-4200
Highway Department	413-232-0305
Transfer Station	413-232-0307
Sewer Plant	413-232-0309
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Council on Aging	413-232-4317
Post Office	413-232-8544

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August 2009 Calendar of Events			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
August 3	Special Town Election	10:00am-7:00pm	Town Offices
August 4	Parks and Recreation Meeting	6:30pm	Town Offices
August 6	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
	Board of Health Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices
August 8	6TH ANNUAL ZUCCHINI FESTIVAL – COME JOIN THE FUN! SEE PAGE 10.		
August 13	CHP Healthy Communities Access Program	2:00pm-4:00pm	Town Offices
August 14	LOCAL YOKEL SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE		
August 19	Gregory Maichack Impressionism Painting Class	5:30pm-9:00pm	Library
August 20	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:00pm	Town Offices

