

Canterbury Town News

Jan 9, 2008

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE



Thank you for the opportunity to serve Canterbury. After a little more than a month in office, I am beginning to learn the ropes. Things are proceeding smoothly, thanks to the enthusiastic, competent, and professional support of the Town Hall staff and departments. Winter came in quickly and severe, with what seemed like weekly Sunday night onslaughts. The public works department has done an excellent job staying on top of the situation and keeping our roads clear and safe. The night of the tree lighting ceremony showed how unpredictable the Fire Department's schedule can be, as a call came in just as they were delivering Santa to the party! And, after the holidays, the transfer station staff heroically handled their share of the action, as all that paper and plastic from the festivities was packed and hauled to its final destination.

The new Boards are set and running, planning for a new year of challenge and opportunity. Just around the corner is budget planning time, as all of us in Town government struggle to provide top-notch service while trying to control escalating costs.

Again, thank you for your support. Please don't hesitate to call, visit, or email me with your comments and concerns.

Brian H. Sear, First Selectman

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR



Happy New Year to everyone! It is my privilege to now be serving as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector. We have adjusted to our new roles and everything is running smoothly.

The second installment of your Real Estate Taxes is due by February 1. Supplemental motor vehicle bills were sent out at the end of December and are also due by February 1.

Both Republican and Democratic Presidential Primaries will be held on February 5 in the Community Center. You must be a registered Republican or Democrat in order to vote in the primary. Please note: new voters and unaffiliated voters wishing to enroll in a party must register in person by noon on February 4, in order to vote in the primary. Absentee ballots will be available on January 15.

The 2008 Sportsmen's licenses and guidebooks are in. Anyone over the age of 65 is eligible for a free fishing and/or hunting license. (You must have a hunter safety certification card or a valid hunter's license in order to receive the free hunting license).

Please feel free to call our office at 546-9377 if you have any questions.

Natalie Cordes, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

ASSESSOR



Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program

If you turned 65 in 2007, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$36,300 and for a single person the maximum income is \$29,800. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1st through May 15th. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veterans Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income is within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1st and October 1st for the 2008 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits. **Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing.** If you last filed in 2006, another application needs to be completed in 2008 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Call the Assessor's Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or want to make an appointment to file an application for these programs.

Jan Luke, Assessor

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORM A SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen will be forming an advisory committee to assess the current needs of the waste transfer site on Kinne Road, and to investigate options for a more permanent waste transfer facility in Canterbury. The committee will be requested to issue a report of its findings to the Board of Selectmen prior to June 30, 2008.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen's office by January 18, 2008.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY



You may access your account to see what is due by going to our website and clicking on the Agent Verso icon. You can renew material, reserve materials, and see what is available on the shelf all from the comfort of your home. Check out our calendar for library happenings.

Hours: Monday –Wednesday 10:00-1:00; 3:00-7:00, Thursday 10:00 – 1:00; 3:00 – 8:00, Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Young Adult to Adult Programs

Need Community Service Hours? Are you between the ages of

14-19? Join our **Young Adult Advisory Council** and help the librarians create programs for teens. Choose materials for the teen section and create a teen space to enjoy. Call to sign up.

Card Stamping with Arlene Sweet—6:00-8:00 p.m. February 7 and April 10. Sign-up is required.

Thanks to a generous grant from Jewett City Savings Bank we will begin a program called **Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds** if you are interested in learning more about reducing your carbon footprint please call to sign-up.

Book Discussions, 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm. Our next discussion on Monday, January 14 is *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg. Stop in the library to get your copy. Please see our circulation calendar for future books.

Canterbury Stitchers-bring your knitting/crocheting/other project to the library each Thursday between 6-8 p.m. Begins January 31. Meet other stitchers, share ideas and patterns, learn from each other. Hot beverages will be provided.

Children's Programs

Music and Movement for ages 18mos. – 3 on Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15. Sign-up is required. Begins January 17.

Ladder to Literacy for ages 3 ½-5 on Wednesdays at 10 am. Sign-up is required.

A child and parent may join this class at anytime during the school year.

Story time for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Begins February 5. Sign-up is required.

Library Goes To The Dogs for all ages. The Greyhounds need to have someone to read to them on Wednesdays between 4-5 p.m. Please call for sign-up.

Nutmeg Book Discussion Series for grades 4-8. Call for book list and dates/times.

Movies: Your movie fines buy new DVD's each month. Stop in and take a look!

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Happy New Year to everyone! As we welcome back our students, faculty and families from the holiday break we also extend a warm welcome to Janet Tyler, our new superintendent, as she starts her

new role in Canterbury.

Once January arrives we hit the ground running planning the 2008-2009 school budget. There are several opportunities for you to contribute your thoughts and vision towards the educational needs for Canterbury. One way is to attend one of many scheduled board meetings that focus on planning next year's budget.

Here is a list of upcoming meeting dates:

Jan 8	Community Budget Hearing
Jan 15	Central Office/Board of Education/District Budgets Reviewed
Jan 22	Facilities/Transportation Budgets Reviewed

Feb 12	C.E.S./DHBMS Budgets Reviewed
Feb 26	Special Education Budget Reviewed
Mar 4	Community Budget Hearing

Remember - Your voice counts! The Board depends on feedback from the community to help prioritize and plan for next year's budget.



FRIENDS OF PRUDENCE

We have a great feeling of satisfaction as we completed the terms of our Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. Partnership Grant -- on time and with our grant goals accomplished!

The grant allowed the Friends group to have a new outdoor interpretive sign designed and installed at the entrance to the museum grounds. It is colorful, weatherproof and full of information to read if the Museum is closed or before touring the museum. If you haven't already noticed it - please pull into the museum's parking lot the next time you're going through the center of town.

In conjunction with the outdoor panel, the grant funded the design and fabrication of 4 sets of traveling panels complete with their own carrying cases. These panels (with each panel exploring the themes of Prudence as Teacher, Crusader and State Heroine) will be made available either for free or for a minimal shipping cost, to civic organizations, schools, religious groups - any organization or group that's interested in learning more about the story of Prudence Crandall.

Brochures were also printed to advertise the traveling panels and they will be mailed later in January to all of Connecticut's schools and libraries to let them know that the Traveling Interpretive Panels are available for loan.

The Friends thank all of you who have supported us in our endeavors and we look forward to greeting our growing membership when the Museum re-opens in April.

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Looking back, it seems like 2007 was a very good year for the Canterbury Historical Society. Our meetings were very well-attended, and our program topics ranged from Larry Northrop's recently completed documentary on *Samuel Huntington to Titanic Memorabilia*, from the *History of the Finns in Canterbury* to the *Golden Age of Radio*. We also held a couple of events that seemed to be very well-received, including *Old Home Day* on the Green in September, and a *Traditional Bluegrass & Old Time Country Music Show* at the Plainfield Town Hall in November. Thanks to all who helped to make these events so successful. In short, we like to think that there's something for just about everyone at the Canterbury Historical Society. Won't you join us for at least one of our meetings or events in 2008?

At this time, the meeting topics for the majority of the year have not been set, but be sure to look for information posted in the Town Hall, at the library, and in other locations throughout town. Another great source of information on our organization and our upcoming meetings is our website. CHS Corresponding Secretary Ellen Wilson does a fantastic job updating the website with pictures and other information, so do check it out when you can: www.canterburyhistorical.org.

The Canterbury Historical Society meets on the second Friday of each month (except for the months of July & August, when we do not meet). Generally, our meeting location is the Community Room at the Town Hall, and meeting time is 7PM. Please reserve this date for the 2008 edition of *Old Home Day: Saturday, September 20*. As always, this event is held rain or shine, and more information will be available later on in the year.

In December, CHS purchased a painting by local artist David Costanzo of the Green District School. As you may be aware, CHS has been working for the last couple of years to restore the Green School (located behind the First Congregational Church on the Green) to its early 20th century appearance. Mr. Costanzo's fine painting will be on display at the Canterbury Public Library – check it out when you visit the library.

We look forward to seeing you at a CHS event in 2008. Happy New Year!

RECREATION COMMISSION



The After School Care Program is currently being offered at Canterbury Elementary School – call Rebecca Collins for information or to register (546-9094). Elena Ferragatta is offering French language classes for kids after school at the Elementary School (Mondays) and Baldwin Middle School (Fridays) - Contact Elena at 774-9680, for information. Susan

Miner continues to offer her Movie Making for Kids technology classes after school at the Elementary School, and can be reached at 889-1909 (stonewallprod@sbcglobal.net).

Rec. volleyball (Dan Kildea) plays at the Baldwin School gym on Monday evenings (7 pm). Young men's basketball (Anthony Pukalo) continues at Baldwin on Sunday evenings (7 pm), and there is basketball for the over-30 crowd (Jim Molkenthin) on Sunday mornings (9 am). Each of these activities is open to the public.

More information about the Rec. Commission, including meeting minutes and use of facilities forms, can be found on the Rec. Programs page of the CAA website (www.canterburyathleticassociation.com).

The Recreation Commission meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Town Hall Community Center.

GIRL SCOUTS



The Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 65263 have been busy working on the United We Stand, World Neighbors and Toymaker badges. We visited the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London in November and went roller-skating in December.

The annual cookie sale begins on January 11, 2008, and we will be selling cookies at "booths" aroundtown in March. This year, customers can choose from eight varieties of cookies including two new selections: Lemon Chalet Cremes and sugar-free Chocolate Chips. Traditional favorites Samoas, Thin Mints, Do-Si-Dos, Tagalongs, Trefoils and All Abouts round out the choices. All the cookies are trans-fat free. The cookie program provides girls with sales experience as they learn to set goals, talk with customers and order and deliver a product. Girl Scouts also practice leadership and communication skills, learn to manage money and

gain confidence while working with a team of other girls in their troop. It is the largest financial literacy and entrepreneurial program for girls in the country. The money raised through cookie sales also helps fund troop needs, camps, training and programs for more than 55,000 girls and 22,000 volunteers in Connecticut. Girl Scouts provides learning experiences in five different age groupings:

Daisy Girl Scouts	ages 5-6	grade K
Brownie Girl Scouts	ages 6-8	grades 1-3
Junior Girl Scouts	ages 8-11	grades 4-6
Cadet Girl Scouts	ages 11-14	grades 7-9
Senior Girl Scouts	ages 14-17	grades 9-12

The Girl Scouts of Connecticut is a part of the Girl Scouts of the USA, founded in 1912, with a membership of 4 million girls and adults nationwide. For more information about girl scouting or the cookie program, call 1-800-9222770 or visit <http://www.gsofct.org>.

CANTERBURY SENIOR TRIPS



A new year is beginning for Canterbury Senior Trips. We had some great times last year and are getting ready for more this year. As you might know, everybody is welcome to travel with us.

Along with the two ocean cruises, one to Bermuda and one through the Panama Canal, we have several day trips and a few multi-day trips planned.

The day trips include: Irish entertainment – singers, dancers, comedy; a play “Love, Sex, and the IRS” with a stop at Foxwoods; more comedy, song and dance with the talented Mastro; all-you-can-eat lobster and comedy; “The King & I”; a day in the Hudson River Valley; a relaxing, informative cruise through the Thimble Islands; and the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret. Each of these trips comes with a fabulous lunch in a great restaurant.

Something a little different is a Moose Safari in Maine! – picnicking, gold panning, canoeing – it's known as a “soft” adventure! There's also a stay in a 5-star resort in the province of Quebec and an overnight in a picturesque inn in Vermont. Each of these is a multiple-day trip.

A complete description of these trips can be found on the bulletin board in our Town Library and by contacting Joanne Sheridan (860-546-9830). Come join us, enjoy a wonderful vacation - long or short - with wonderful people!

DHBMS PTO



On November 3, PTO held a Holiday Shopping Bonanza and Scholastic Book Fair at DHBMS. This event was a huge success, despite the wet and windy weather. We had visitors from all over who came to shop, have their holiday family photos taken, or get a massage. PTO would like to thank all of the volunteers, both adults and students, for the help you provided. It is because of all of you that we were so successful!

PTO will continue to collect Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops for Education throughout the school year. If you use these products, we would appreciate your support, as they enable us to purchase educational materials for the school.

Valentine carnations will be available to be purchased by students, staff, and parents, and delivered to classrooms on Valentine's Day in early February. Each flower can be personalized with a special message to your valentine. Also, on April 26, the PTO will be hosting a Wine Tasting. If you are looking for an enjoyable night out, consider joining us for this event. Further information on both of these upcoming events will be sent home after the holidays.

PTO would like to invite you to our upcoming monthly meetings. The next meetings will be held on Wednesday, 1/16, and 2/27 at 6 pm. Please consider stopping by and checking out what we are all about.

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

CANTERBURY VETERANS' MEMORIAL



The Canterbury Veterans' Memorial, including all three phases, will be finished and dedicated at a date and time to be announced. The names from the Vietnam War to the Global War on Terror have been submitted to the engraver. On September 17, 1862, on the cornfields of Antietam, our small town lost two young soldiers in one day of battle. Their names in stone is long over due.

Committee meetings are held at 10 am on the second Saturday of the month at the Municipal Building. All are welcome to attend and participate in the project. Questions or inquires 546-9547

A CANTERBURY STORY

By Sheila Mason Gale

Anyone who grew up in Canterbury in the 50's and 60's remembers Max Wibberley. As a little girl, I thought he could do anything-and now as I look back on his life, I think he did. While interviewing Canterbury residents for these series of articles, Malcolm Wibberley's name comes up all the time because he was so involved in Canterbury. To follow is Steve Wibberley's brief history of the Wibberley family in Canterbury.

Hi, I'm your neighbor, Steve Wibberley. I grew up in Canterbury and love it. It's a wonderful and beautiful place to live.

My father, Max Wibberley, also loved Canterbury. Many of you knew him; Max was an entertainer, keeping everyone enthralled with his stories of motorcycle racing, running, trumpet playing and business. He went from being a farmer to a successful tire dealer - while violating all the rules of merchandising: his "Tires for Less" business was far from any center, hard to find, and there were no comforts for customers. But his motto, "Sell a good product at a reasonable price and stand behind it," along with his charm drew people from as far away as New Hampshire and New Jersey. He also entertained his customers with his fast talk (one man after listening to him asked me, "Is he speaking English?") and sometimes his trumpet playing.

He was involved in many aspects of town life, being a founding member of the fire department, serving on several boards, and speaking up strongly at town meetings. He usually took the practical approach to things (except in motocross racing, which he did until he was 63), opposing anything he thought was wasteful spending.

He had a lot of wise sayings, such as "Money is not important at all if you have enough of it."; "Never refuse legitimately offered money."; "Every gentleman should always have a handkerchief, a jackknife and a pair of pliers in his pocket."; and "Don't let business or politics get in the way of relationships."

Although he had strong opinions, and enjoyed saying shocking things, he was much more interested in getting along with people than defeating them.

My father's father, Malcolm Wibberley, also loved Canterbury. Some of you remember him. He was a remarkable man in a different way than Dad. He put himself through Yale in three years (quite a feat in 1913), getting a degree in electrical engineering. However, after a taste of city life in Pittsburgh working on trolley cars, he chose to return to farming in Canterbury.

He had a love for music and taught himself to play a dozen instruments; then he taught at least one to each of his children and grandchildren, as well as any neighbor child who would stand still long enough! He formed a family band that performed at local events and worked with the school band.

He had the first electric plant in Canterbury, powering his generator with a model T engine and storing power in big batteries he made of glass jars and lead plates.

As a farmer he also found time to be involved in the life of the town and its people. He spent years on the school board and was involved in consolidating the one-room schools into the Dr. Helen Baldwin School.

He was a firm believer in democracy. Although he was by inclination a Republican, he was known as "Mr. Democrat" because when the Democratic Party became weak, he joined it to build it up so there could be a true two-party system in town.

He also was concerned about being a positive influence on others. He attended the church on the Green and one day heard someone of a different political persuasion say that he would not go to that church if Malcolm Wibberley went there. Grandpa politely told the man that he didn't want to stand in the way of anyone going to church, and from then on went to church in Lisbon Center.

Many immigrant neighbors who arrived in Canterbury in the 30's and 40's called Grandpa "Policeman Wibberley" because he was an authority they could look to for assistance. He helped them solve such difficulties as getting a driver's license, purchasing property or making requests to the town.

He also straightened them out when needed. One neighbor's wife would call Grandpa when her husband had too much to drink and grandpa would go and visit, getting the man to take out his clarinet and they would play duets together. Another neighbor, an old Russian, lost his wife and got some younger woman to move in with him. Grandpa went up, knocked on the door and took the errant couple straight to the justice of peace to get them properly married!

Dad told the story of how when Grandpa was teaching Sunday School class, he suddenly threw down his book, leaped up and jumped out the window. He'd seen a driverless car rolling down the church driveway towards the highway. He caught up with it and was able to stop it before it got into the road.

My great-grandfather, Sam Wibberley, also loved Canterbury. I doubt that any of you knew him. He gave up working as a weaver in the fabric mills to start farming with his father in Canterbury in 1876. He served as First Selectman in town in the 1880s and according to the record did so "with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the general public." In 1887 he was one of the founding members of the Canterbury Grange.

And my great-great grandfather, William Wibberley, also loved Canterbury. He came here from England via Massachusetts in the 1860s and bought Echoland Farm on Lisbon Road in the 1870s. According to tax records, at that time, the house on the farm was already 120 years old!

I hope you love Canterbury too -- not just the place, but the concept and the people. Whether your family has been here 150 years or one week, we are all part of the community. We all have a responsibility to get along and work for the good of all. As my father and grandfather would say, this means thinking the best of each other, playing fair and seeking to build up the community in word and deed. We should attack problems, not each other! We all have a positive legacy to nurture from Canterbury past. Let's do it!

CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO



Happy New Year! Thanks to all who contributed to our fall Yankee Candle fundraiser. The profits from this fundraiser will be used to bring educational, as well as entertaining, school-wide assemblies for the remainder of the

year.

In February, we will be having our annual art program, Original Works! Students will have the opportunity to draw a picture and have it put on cool items, such as mouse pads, pillow cases, mugs, tiles, trivets, and the list goes on! These items can then be purchased from the program, and CES will receive approximately 40% of the total order.

Look for information on up-coming Movie Nights! Plans for an exciting spring function are also in process! Keep on clipping those General Mills Box Tops. Proceeds from the Box Tops will go directly to our CES library. To benefit AMVETS, collect the pull tabs from soda cans. It's an easy way to give back to the community.

Please come and share your ideas! Our PTO meetings are held monthly, in the CES Library at 6:30. Snacks and babysitting will be provided. Here's a list of up-coming meetings; 01/09, 02/13, and 03/12.

MUNICIPAL AGENT TO THE ELDERLY



First I would like to say Happy New Year. I look forward to the coming year and have many things planned.

This heating season is proving to be very busy and I have processed over 156 clients to date for heating assistance. If you or someone you know needs energy assistance for oil or electric heating, please call my office to set up an appointment. This program is in effect until May.

I would like to remind everyone that my office hours are Mondays

11:00 am to 2:00 pm and Thursdays 10-noon. I will make other arrangements for clients who cannot make these office hours, including home visits if necessary.

On January 19, 2008 at 5 p.m. the Windham County Trail Blazers will be sponsoring a FREE Spaghetti Dinner served for all Canterbury Senior Members at the Town Hall Community Center. Please call my office no later than January 17 to reserve your seat. Please leave a name and call back number. In the event of inclement weather please check with WFSB Channel 3 for cancellation. The children will be preparing and serving spaghetti with meatballs and apple crisp for dessert. Hope you all will be able to attend.

Over the next few months I will be applying for local and state grants. I have begun working on a grant from Senior Resources which I would use toward education and seminars for our local seniors. I will keep you all informed of this process.

I would like to take this time to thank all the seniors and citizens that I have met during my first year as Municipal Agent for the Town of Canterbury. I have learned a great deal and will continue to further educate myself to better serve the citizens of Canterbury.

Over the past year I have had the opportunity to meet several other Municipal Agents in the area and have formed a working relationship with them and numerous other agencies. I look forward to continuing this process and serving the Town of Canterbury.

Ella Sylvia, Agent to the Elderly 860-546-9845

CUB SCOUTS



Cub Scout Spaghetti Dinner a Huge Success!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our spaghetti dinner fundraiser. We served over 350 people in 3 hours and more than met our goal. Your support of our fundraiser will go a long way in our providing our scouts with a fun and educational scouting program.

Congratulations to the boys in the Tiger Cub den who have earned their Bobcat Badge, which is the first rank in Scouting.

Indoor Tag Sale

The Cub Scouts will be running an indoor tag sale at the Community Center on Saturday, March 8, from 9 am - 4 pm. Watch for further advertising as it gets closer.

Bottles and Cans Collections

The Boy Scouts will be placing barrels at the transfer station for returnable bottles and cans. The funds collected will be used for the advancement of the scouting program for our scouts. If anyone wants to donate a large amount of bottles and cans, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-9208 to arrange for pickup.

Jimmy Stewart Good Citizen Award

Congratulations to Boy Scouts, Ben Griffes and Jacob James, for earning the Jimmy Stewart Good Citizen Award. To earn this award, the boys had to learn about and help a nonprofit organization in town. They chose to help Canterbury Cares Food Pantry. It was an eye opener as they learned how the food is distributed and what type of people have need of their services. They also had to do a service project and write an essay on their project. They chose to paint the flag pole at Baldwin School.

The last requirement was to write an essay about what being a good citizen means to them. Any Boy Scout or Cub Scout can earn this award. If you are interested in earning it, go to <http://www.jimmy.org/scoutaward>.

New Boy Scouts wanted.

Troop 86 is inviting boys ages 11 -17 to join our troop. We meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. At our meetings we work on advancements, plan upcoming activities, and do fun things. Our extra activities (which take place on the weekends) include attending camporees, rock climbing, cycling, hiking, canoeing, and whatever other fun things that come up. If your son is interested in joining, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-9208 for more info.

FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY LIBRARY



On Saturday, March 15, the Friends of the Canterbury Library will hold a Book Sale at the Community Center. The Book Sale will be held from 8:00AM through 1:00PM. All proceeds are used toward the continued improvement of the collections and the programs of the Canterbury

Library.

We are always looking for book donations for future sales. Please call the library (546-9022) if you have books to donate for future Friends' book sales. Please – no text books, encyclopedia, or Reader's Digest condensed books .

Finally, we are always looking for new members. Come help us in our efforts , which directly support our wonderful town library. Membership applications can be picked up at the library.

CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

In October this year the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Co., voted in its new administration. They are:

Officers:

- Chief Corey Kasacek
- Deputy Chief.....Kyle McCarthy
- Assistant Chief.....Warren Robinson
- EMS Director.....Sarah Hasbargen

Administrative Officers:

- President.....David Lachapelle
- Vice-President.....Robert Droesch
- Secretary.....Betty Bingham Patridge
- Treasurer.....Pastor Paul Overdorf

Directors at Large: Lynn Neumann, Ed Benjamin and Jason French.

We have had a busy year with a total of 443 calls: Structure fires - 18, Brush/rubbish fires – 13, Ambulance calls – 318, and Mutual aid – 82.



Total hours given by membership for the year were 6,259 hours. Training took 2,360 hours, meeting hours: 496. As you see, the members spend a lot of time at the firehouse. The Fire Police were busy as well. Fire Police are very instrumental in assisting the ambulance and rescue trucks at the locations. They have

volunteered for many town functions as well, including Little League Baseball parade, Old Time Fiddlers Night, Prudence Crandal Day, Roast Beef dinner at the town hall, 4th of July parade and controlling of the 900 motorcycles going through town for a benefit ride. They also helped with traffic control, as well as the fireworks at Scotland's 150th celebration. That was a great night. The Department is a busy gro up with many new young members as well as our active members for over 25 years; Bill Neumann, Anne Clapp, Marc Grab; Ed Benjamin (35 years) and our President Dave Lachapelle (40 years). This is the season when we respond to many chimney fires, so please remember to have your chimneys cleaned and inspected. And, if you have not already done so, please number your mailbox and houses with 3 inch reflective numbers so that we may be better able to locate your residence in an emergency.

We meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.

CANTERBURY SENIORS



At the December business meeting of the Canterbury Senior Citizens, it was voted upon and approved to lower the age for membership to 50. This coincides with membership in AARP, Learning in Retirement at QVCC, and other Senior

Citizen groups in surrounding towns. Also approved was to set the annual membership fee to \$8.00 per person effective January 1, 2008. Membership fees should be made payable to Canterbury Seniors and mailed to: Canterbury Senior Citizens, Camille Fitch, Treasurer, PO Box 27, Canterbury CT 06331-0027.

If you would like to be added to the Newsletter Mailing List and are a Canterbury resident age 50 and over, email your name and address to senior.news@yahoo.com or to Camille Fitch at the above address. If you have further questions, call Camille at 546-6362 or Deb Kinne at 546-6136