



# Egremont News

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## Selectmen:

It is with great sadness that we have said goodbye to Thomas Haas, former Selectmen and Board of Health member. Tom always had Egremont's best interests in mind no matter what the topic. Tom, you will be missed.

Margaret "Peg" Muskrat has announced her retirement on March 31 after 33 years serving as Egremont's Town Clerk. She will be sorely missed. Her shoes, almost too big to fill, will be filled, at least temporarily by Juliette Haas. Juliette will need to run for election if she wishes to continue. A huge thank you to Peg for her many years of dedicated service.

We have also been verbally notified that our long time Constable Rosemary Besancon has decided not to seek re-election. Again, very large shoes to fill. We thank "Rosebud" for her many years of service to the Town.

We welcome Charles Ogden, former Selectmen and Finance Committee member, to the Board of Health.

Thank you to Tom Carpenite for his many years on the Board of Health. Dr. William Rose has been appointed to fill this vacancy.

Clearly, we are seeing a changing of the guard. Some sadly and some riding off into the sunset to enjoy their retirement. We hope to see that many of our new and younger residents will volunteer to participate in our community and town government. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Hall to express your interest and ask questions about volunteering within the town in an appointed office or as an elected board member.

The Ad Hoc Technology Committee continues to move towards researching and recommending a vendor to the Board of

Selectmen. Currently there are two possibilities being considered with another that will attend the next meeting to offer another proposal. Ultimately, because of MGL the town may need to publish a Request for Proposals. This will be discussed in detail at the committee's meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 4:00 PM at the town hall.

At its February 8 meeting, the Board of Selectmen authorized remote participation as per the Open Meeting Law (OML). Please ensure that you have read the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Guide ([Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Guide](#)) as the Town Hall has been inundated with questions regarding the process and who can participate. The majority of those questions are answered in the guide.

There continues to be issues regarding the School Budget. The Board of Selectmen as well as the Finance Committee are closely monitoring the process.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Campus.

Dog and Cat rabies clinic will be held at the Egremont Town Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 9am to 11am. The fee per animal is \$15.00.

## TOWN MEETING & ELECTION SCHEDULE:

Town Meeting is May 3 at 7pm. The deadline to submit articles for the warrant is March 14. The warrant will be available to the public on April 19.

Town Election is May 10 from 10am to 7pm. The deadline to register to vote at this election is April 13. The deadline to file nomination papers for any of the elected offices is March 22. Nomination papers are available at Town Hall. The following offices are up for election this year. Those with an \* are known to have a vacancy as the incumbent is not planning to run for re-election.

Moderator - one year  
 Town Clerk\* - one year  
 Tree Warden - one year  
 Selectman - three years  
 Library Trustee - three years  
 Cemetery Commissioner - three years  
 Assessor - three years  
 Planning Board - three years  
 Planning Board - five years  
 Associate Planning Board - two years  
 Constable\* - three years

### **Transfer Station & Recycling Center:**

Our new attendant, William T. Wood, wishes to thank residents for making him welcome.

Please use a recycling bin of some sort to bring your recyclables instead of using bags. The attendant can give you one (or two) if you need them.

We still have compost bins for sale at \$40 each and free compost buckets. Just stop by Town Hall.

### **ECO-TIPS**

Cleaner (greener) windows: Mix 3 tablespoons white vinegar into 2 cups of water. Apply with cloth or newspaper.

### **Council on Aging:**

The Council on Aging will again be offering an "Introduction to the iPad" course, taught by Vicki Windman, a certified iPad instructor. The course will meet on Wednesdays, from 10 to 11am, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. The cost for the four sessions is \$30. This is an opportunity to learn how to navigate the basics of the iPad, from learning about Settings to downloading Apps. Find out how it can be used to receive mail, read books, and keep in touch with the world around you. It would help to know how many people to expect, so please let Town Hall know if you are thinking about registering.

It can be difficult for seniors to find enjoyable ways to exercise during the winter months, and movement is so important for maintaining our health.

Here are two possibilities:

We have an updated exercise/Balancise class on Wednesdays at the South Egremont Congregational Church suitable for all levels of

fitness. It will help you to feel good, and it's fun. The class generally meets from 9:30am to 10:30am and is taught by Claire Naylor-Pollart. However on March 9, 23, and 30 Sandy French, certified in Senior Fitness and Aerobics, will be teaching from noon to 1pm. The cost is \$3 per session. Just show up and join in.

We will host a walking/stretching class called "Strut N' Stretch, on the indoor track at the gym at Simon's Rock, on Fridays beginning March 4 and ending late in June. The class will run from 11am to noon. It will be led by Katie McMullan, the head of fitness at the Athletic Center. This class is free to members of the Athletic Center. The cost for non-members will be \$3. It would be very helpful to know how many of you might be interested in this activity. Please leave a message at 413 528 8269.

### **Assessors:**

The fiscal year 2016 tax rate is \$9.19 per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

The applications for Non Profits and Forms of Lists for businesses have been sent out. If you have a new business in town, please contact our office. These forms must be completed and returned to our office by March 1.

If you have recently purchased property in Egremont, the tax bill will show the previous owner's name in care of the new owner for the coming year. M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 11 states the name of the owner of record as of January 1 will appear on the tax bill for the next fiscal year (4 bills per fiscal year).

Although your name is in the care of line, you as the owner are responsible for the property tax.

Every motor vehicle and trailer registered in Massachusetts is subject to excise tax unless expressly exempted. Registering a motor vehicle automatically triggers an excise tax. The Registry of Motor Vehicles prepares data for excise bills according to the information on the motor vehicle registration and sends it to the Town Assessors. Towns then prepare and send the bills based on the excise data provided by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The owner is responsible for making sure the Registry has the correct billing address on the tax bill.

The Assessors' Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until noon. We are also available by appointment. You may email the Board of Assessors at [assessors@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:assessors@egremont-ma.gov).

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

**Egremont Water Commission**

The Department’s efforts in leak detection continue to see results. In January repairs were made on Main Street to the main line. Water processed by the plant dropped by approximately thirty thousand gallons per day. With the total water being processed at lower levels, the Department continues to work at being more efficient.

Our billing statements have a new look - there is a history report available and the payment stub looks a bit different. The Department appreciates your keeping your account up to date to avoid interest charges. As always, if you have any questions, the Water Department Clerk is available at Town Hall Monday - Friday from 7 to 3; telephone 528-0182 ext 17.

**Water costs money... Don't Waste it!**  
 A dripping faucet or fixture can waste 3 gallons a day  
 ...total of 1095 gallons a year

**Conserve Water & Save Money!**



TOWN OF EGREMONT  
 Water Department  
 P.O. Box 681  
 South Egremont, MA 01288-0681  
 413 528-0182 ext 17

Waste Per Quarter at 60 PSI Water Pressure

Diameter of Stream	Gallons	Cubic Feet
1/4" drip	1,181,500	158,000
3/16" drip	666,000	89,031
1/8" drip	296,000	39,400
1/16" drip	74,000	9,850

A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above.

**ECO-TIP**

Paint disposal: **Latex:** Dry small amounts in the can at home, or add kitty litter until the mixture is solid. Then throw into regular trash. **Oil-based:** Take to Hazardous Materials collections in the county.

**Green Committee:**

To paraphrase the late comedienne Joan Rivers, “can we talk trash”? Because as many of you know, talking trash is one of the Egremont Green Committee’s favorite subjects.

For the past four years, even with a slight increase in our population, the amount of trash we produce has been steadily decreasing. How can this be you ask? First and foremost is takes an environmentally conscious community. Thank you to all of the folks who not only diligently follow state recycling laws but who have trash in mind

when they set out to purchase an item. If you’re the type of caring person who avoids purchasing single use or disposal items then hats off to you! If you also reuse, re-purpose or donate an item that still has some life in it then you too are keeping our trash tonnage low.

Through the years the Egremont Green Committee has implemented some very innovative waste reduction programs which many of you participate in. Here is a brief summary for those who may not know about them or a refresher for those who do:

1. Community Compost Bin at the Transfer Station – things like coffee grounds, vegetable peelings, non-meat kitchen waste account for as much as 40% of trash. Get a free compost bucket at town hall and start composting today. Then come spring help yourself to free local, organic compost to be used in your garden
2. Goodwill Truck in front of Town Hall – usually on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm Goodwill will take your donations of household goods, broken or outdated computer equipment, small appliances, etc. Donating to Goodwill is also a great way to recycle or reuse old textiles including clothing in any condition, single gloves, old shoes, rugs, towels and the like. For a complete list of acceptable items go to <http://goodwill-berkshires.com/DonationGuidelines2012.pdf>
3. Swap Shop at the Transfer Station – if you use the Transfer Station then you already know the little gem affectionately known to some as “The Egremont Mall”. Here you can drop off things that still have some value but you no longer want. Just no junk please.
4. Rechargeable Batteries/Cellphones – nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion batteries found in cordless phones, cordless hand tools and small appliances are collected in a drop box at town hall. Old cellphones can be dropped off in this box as well.
5. Sharps aka: Needles - at the transfer station there is a kiosk which accepts sharps. No loose needles in the kiosk – just ask the attendant and he’ll give you a free OSHA-approved sharps container.
6. Leaves – on the road up to the transfer station look for the leaf drop area. These leaves are

- added into the aging material in the community compost bin creating the perfect ratio of green/brown material
7. Wood Pellet and Water Softener Bags – there is a trash can in front of the Transfer Station’s attendant’s shed which collects these bags. They are taken to a facility that recycles them.
  8. Bulky Rigid Plastics – things like plastic lawn furniture, pet carriers, oversized plastic tubs, pails and buckets, children’s toys, kiddie pools, flower pots, are collected at the Transfer Station in April and October for recycling. So hold on to these things until then.

Why does producing less trash matter?

From a financial perspective, when we produce less trash we save tax dollars on the associated costs of hauling the material away and paying for the disposal. From an environmental point of view, less trash means less material in landfills or being incinerated and fewer trucks on the road hauling the material away. So whatever your reason keep up the great work Egremont! Feel proud of the difference you are making.

#### ECO-TIP

Have you been using Envi blocks in your woodstove? The 6-packs come wrapped in #4 plastic, which means we can recycle it! Look for the special garbage bin at the Transfer Station where #4 bags can be left

#### Board of Health:

The Board of Health has had to make changes recently in our membership. We've lost our two Toms, both long-time, valued members with over 25 years combined commitment to our Board. Indeed a period of adjustment for us. Tom Carpenite has stepped down as a voting member, but will continue as a member emeritus. And as many of you may know, Tom Haas passed away in early February.

Their places have been taken by very capable Chuck Ogden who brings valuable experience as a former Selectman and Dr. Bill Rose, retired pediatrician, now living in North Egremont, who offers us necessary medical expertise. They have been sitting in at our meetings regularly and are aware of what to expect. We feel we are in good hands once more.

Tom Haas graced us with his special qualities: a strong sense of justice, genuine humaneness, and a generosity of spirit. He had an intelligent grasp of both sides of any issue and his opinions and conclusions were reasoned and thoughtful. We will truly miss his keen mind and foxy humor. We honor his memory. Goodbye, Friend.

#### ECO-TIP

Still receiving unwanted catalogs? Call the 800 ordering number and request that you be removed from their mailing list. They are happy to do it!

#### Sustainability Coordinator:

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) recently held an event to celebrate the four Berkshire County towns who have successfully received their Green Communities designation. Egremont, as many of you know, was one of those communities. Hooray for us!!!

In attendance at the event were all three of the Egremont Board of Selectman, three members of the Egremont Green Committee, a member of our community as well as Representative Smitty Pignatelli, State Senator Ben Downing and other state officials. Congratulatory words were spoken for the work that had been done to get Egremont this designation and the exciting work ahead.

A highlight of the presentation was receiving “the big check”. Yes, there was a 2 foot by 4 foot cardboard check made out to The Town of Egremont. It is proudly on display at Town Hall for all to admire. But what’s really important to note is that big check was made out in the amount of...drum roll, please....**\$138,570!!!**



These funds will soon go towards energy improvements and upgrades at town buildings which will lower the town’s related energy costs and consumption. The goal is to lower our total municipal energy use by 20% over a five-year period. Think of it – this work is an environmentally driven cost saving

measure which will lower town expenses for many, many years to come. Boy, does it feel good to be green.

What are your personal energy reduction goals? What are things that you would like to do to lower your carbon footprint? If you drive a fuel efficient car and minimize unnecessary car trips, if you have solar panels on your roof, if you reduce, reuse and recycle to the max then you are already demonstrating your commitment to energy reduction and fighting climate change. Never underestimate the results that come from individual efforts. For all you do – thank you!

**ECO-TIP**

Laundry: Don't use bleach if you can avoid it. Use non-chlorine-bleach alternatives.

**Fire Department:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Call #</i>
<i>/Location</i>	<i>/Type</i>	
12/24/2015	2:06 PM	185
Creamery Rd		Medical
12/24/2015	2:38 PM	186
Pine Crest Hill		Medical
12/29/2015	9:03 PM	187
Hillsdale Rd.		Alarm/smoke
1/ 2/2016	4:49 AM	1
Guilder Hollow Rd.		Medical
1/ 2/2016	8:17 PM	2
West St. Mt Washington		Alarm/Smoke
1/ 5/2016	12:12 AM	3
Boice Rd		Chimney Fire
1/ 5/2016	9:49 PM	4
East St. Mt. Washington		Alarm/Smoke
1/ 7/2016	10:18 am	5
East St. Mt. Washington		Alarm/WaterFlow
1/ 8/2016	12:15 AM	6
Baldwin Hill N/S		Medical
1/16/2016	8:57 AM	7
West St. Mt. Washington		MV accident
1/16/2016	2:34 PM	8
Baldwin Hill N/S		Medical
1/16/2016	8:50 PM	9
Rt. 23 & Tyrrell Rd.		MV accident
1/23/2016	2:45 PM	10
Creamery Rd.		Medical
1/24/2016	4:24 PM	11
Millard Rd.		Medical
1/26/2016	1:51 PM	12
Creamery Rd.		Medical

2/ 1/2016	3:22 PM	13
Phillips Rd		Chimney Fire
2/ 3/2016	7:20 AM	14
Kellogg Rd. Sheffield		Mutual Aid
2/10/2016	4:39 PM	15
Shun Toll Rd.		Alarm/False
2/10/2016	7:11 PM	16
Main St.		Propane Leak
2/14/2016	9:28 AM	17
Main St		Chimney Fire
2/20/2016	12:26 PM	18
Lake Mansfield Great Barrington Rescue		Egremont Fire and Rescue Teams Expand Emergency Response:

Egremont first responders will now be able to administer Naloxone (also known as "Narcan") as well as Epi-pens, thanks to an agreement between Egremont Fire Department, Fairview Hospital and Dr. Alec Belman, Chief of Emergency Medicine.

The Emergency Medical System (EMS) is designed to provide rapid response with increased levels of care for all medical emergencies. This begins with a call to 911, followed by the dispatch of first responders and an ambulance crew. First responders are often members of the local fire department and are usually the first to arrive, since an ambulance comes from out of town. In the past, responders would begin an examination and administer first aid, but any drugs needed by a patient had to wait for the arrival of an ambulance.

Egremont Fire Department entered into discussions with Dr. Belman and Fairview Hospital in June of 2015. All parties agreed that rapid administration of an Epi-pen (in the case of anaphylaxis) and Naloxone (in the case of opiate overdose) might be literally a matter of life or death for a patient. While ambulance response times are remarkably quick, it made sense to shorten the potential time from a call to 911 to the delivery of a therapeutic drug by allowing first responders to carry it with their other EMS supplies. Such an arrangement is allowed by the State, so long as certain steps are taken.

Egremont Fire Department and Fairview Hospital signed a formal agreement where the hospital and Dr. Belman have oversight of Egremont's first responders for this program. Egremont obtained licenses from the State, necessary to possess and treat a patient with these drugs. Finally, the first responders were trained in their correct use and handling.

This agreement between the Hospital and a first responder agency (not an ambulance organization) is the first of its kind for our area. It meets the goal of faster response of expanded emergency patient care, outside of the hospital setting.

The Fire Department would like to thank Firefighter David Katzenstein for all the time and energy put into making this happen.

### **Planning Board:**

The Planning Board continues to define and refine village and rural district bylaw revisions. Everyone can now access the current Egremont Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map which were approved at Town Meeting in May 2015. This current Bylaw includes the Large-Scale, Ground-Mounted, Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPi) Overlay District and the Medical Marijuana Overlay District.

Please feel free to attend Planning Board meetings. We typically meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm on the second floor of Town Hall. However, the schedule sometimes changes so please check postings first.

### **Conservation Commission:**

As mentioned previously, the ConCom is looking to clear up any old projects which are still open due to property owners never completing the final filing procedures. For our March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, we're reserving the first half hour (7 to 7:30) for anyone who wants to determine if their past project requires any further action on their part. If you plan to attend, please notify us as [concom@egremont-ma.gov](mailto:concom@egremont-ma.gov) so that we can have ample time to pull your file and review it prior to the meeting.

We currently have a vacancy on the Commission and welcome anyone interested in joining. We meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 7pm.

### **First Congregational Church:**

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold its annual St. Patrick's Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage March 17 (Thursday) from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$12 and

children ages 5-10 \$5. There also will be a raffle at the dinner.

Our Easter Sunrise Service, March 27, will be at 6:30 a.m. at Proctor's Bel-air Farm, 131 Baldwin Hill Road. A light breakfast will follow the service. All are invited to join us.

On April 23 from 5-7 p.m. the Church will hold a Chicken Pie Dinner. Adults \$12 and children 5-10 \$5.

Anyone wishing to help at these dinners is asked to call 528-2368.

### **Meeting schedule:**

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon  
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon &  
by appointment

Council on Aging - Last Wednesday of each month  
at 1pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday  
8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday &  
Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as  
posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday  
evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth  
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January  
through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &  
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm  
Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-  
8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon

or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,  
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Meetings second Thursday  
3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a  
message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

**ECO-TIP**

Call 1-866-527-7283 to schedule a **home energy assessment**. Tell the MassSave rep that CET sent you.

1. Save up to \$2,000 on home energy upgrades such as insulation and air sealing
2. 0% interest HEAT Loan (up to \$25,000 – see [MassSave.com](http://MassSave.com) for the latest offers)

**Business listings:**

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall. Support local businesses!

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming  
413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com  
www.prospectlakepark.com  
Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B  
1 Prospect Lake Road  
413-528-2882  
www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant  
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-  
Restaurant & Lodging  
413-528-6200  
www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.  
Robin Walther  
116 Egremont Plain Road  
413-528-2537  
robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting &  
Restoration  
413-528-1232  
www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal  
polishing  
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects  
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)  
413-528-5383  
www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern  
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and  
decorative objects.  
413-528-0112  
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding  
Lessons, summer programs  
www.bluerider.org  
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -  
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.  
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture  
(CSA) & Farmers Markets  
413-528-8301  
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -  
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug  
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.  
Tom & Liz Marino  
413-528-9465  
www.lizmarinorughooking.com  
Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,  
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.  
413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell  
Books  
http://blaize.com/  
413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork  
413-644-9979  
www.CosmicResonance.com

Peter Goldberg, Diplomat of Acupuncture  
Natural alternatives For Pain Management  
www.berkshirepainmanagement.com  
413-281-6384

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor  
44 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-9654  
healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -  
Personal, Couples & Group Training  
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month  
cardio for Egremont residents  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-1594  
www.zorncorefitness.com zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe  
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga  
46 Main Street, South Egremont  
413-528-0828  
kbyoga@gmail.com

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer,  
wine, liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more  
413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating  
413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household  
consignment shop  
413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail  
wood veneer sales  
413-644-9696

Toull Construction - Jobs large and small.  
Lord St. Pierre  
413-528-5548

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services  
Jack Buckley  
413-528-1982  
413-446-1982

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field  
Mowing  
413-528-0102  
pager 413-261-2150

Jenna Brazie - gardening/weeding  
413-854-3277

L&M Lawn Services: Michael Harrigan  
Mowing and lawn care. Discounts for elderly.  
413-528-3866

Glen: Home repairs, property maintenance, carpentry.  
475-434-0686

Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to  
construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing,  
window washing with free screen cleaning.  
413-854-7417 bonbonz75@yahoo.com

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course  
413-528-1262  
www.catamountski.com

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales  
William Pitt Sotheby's  
413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920  
anitaschilling@gmail.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service  
90 Creamery Road  
413-528-3266 flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel &  
Accessories  
39 Main Street  
413-528-2330  
www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger  
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer  
Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That Get  
Results. 413-644-9700  
helen@agencywithoutwalls.com

RJR Enterprises - Roger Meyer  
Audio/Video, "Home Entertainment"  
Sales-Service-Installation  
413-931-1027

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall  
PC repairs - Networking - Internet  
413-528-5415  
Matthew.wall@yahoo.com

Dellea.biz Computer Services - Arthur Dellea  
<http://www.dellea.biz>  
413-528-1141

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts  
with nature. Eric F. Ives  
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent  
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and  
exclusionary work.  
413-528-9813 413-250-5094

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric  
shop and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road,  
Egremont 413-528-0445  
[www.brooksidequiltworks.com](http://www.brooksidequiltworks.com)

Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sewing,  
much more  
Sue Delmolino Ives  
413-644-0229 [susandelmolino@yahoo.com](mailto:susandelmolino@yahoo.com)

Stitched by JessaLu - Jessica Meyer  
Handmade bags for your "Stuff"!  
[www.stitchedbyjessalu.com](http://www.stitchedbyjessalu.com)

Berkshire Sewn - Mary Gifford  
[berkshiresewn@gmail.com](mailto:berkshiresewn@gmail.com)  
413-528-3040

Gregory Cherin Photography  
South Egremont 1-917-991-0553  
[info@gregorycherin.com](mailto:info@gregorycherin.com)  
[www.gregorycherin.com](http://www.gregorycherin.com)

Berkshire South Regional Community Center  
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*My Imagined Curtain Fall*  
By Stan Farnum

*I always wondered what it would be like  
to reach the final day,  
when all the countless hours have passed,  
and I am on my way.*

*To where the shadowed figures wait  
that I cannot see,  
but seem that somewhere just beyond  
they wait to escort me.*

*To some far place, I know not where,  
but I've played the game this far,  
as straight and fair as I know how,  
it's up to God from there.*

*Somewhere my lost sweetheart waits,  
and little girl lost waits too.  
I've never been a praying man  
but I think I may find you.*

*My kids and friends all standing close,  
to see me on my way,  
and somehow I am calm and warm  
from the love they bring today.*

*My girls have whispered "Goodbye Dad,"  
and shed their tears of sorrow,  
they know that I can't answer  
and that I'll have no tomorrow.*

*I see them there my dearest ones,  
though the light seems dimmed somehow,  
and I am sad to give them pain,  
but soon must leave them now.*

*Then suddenly my tall fair son  
is there to take my hand  
the darkness grows but he is near,  
my best friend this fine lad  
no tears but a smile as I hear him say,  
"I'll see you later Dad".*



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