

ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

September 29, 2010

- Please join the Ashby Conservation Commission on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 pm at the Ashby Free Public Library for a presentation on the Asian Longhorned Beetle. This pest attacks a wide variety of hardwood trees, particularly maples, and is considered a serious threat to the nursery, lumber, wood products, maple syrup, and tourism industries in our state. If it became established over a large area, it could also significantly disrupt the forest ecosystem. Come learn to distinguish the beetle from “look-alikes” and recognize signs of its presence. There will be a presentation from the Forest Pest Outreach & Survey Project and specimens to view from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (show flyer on camera).
- Announcement to All Town Employees, Officials and Volunteers:

There will be a free First Aid Class at the Library on October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call Mary Murtland at 386-5377 if you are interested in signing up for this class. Space is limited to six available slots so call soon if you are a Town Employee, Official or Volunteer.
- The 20th Annual Ashby Pumpkin Festival will be held this Saturday, October 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Town Common. Rain date will be Sunday, October 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chairman McMurray will be presenting the Boston Post Cane to Ashby's oldest resident, Violet Jarvi at 2:00 p.m. during the Festival (read Press Release on camera).
- The Ashby Cultural Council is looking for new members. The Council supports local artists and brings wonderful cultural programming to Ashby and it is in danger of folding if new members do not join. If you are interested in joining and for additional information about the Cultural Council please call Kathryn Becker at 386-6880 or email the Council at ashbyculturalcouncil@gmail.com.
- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
 - ❖ Mass Save Energy Savings Flyer
 - ❖ Invitation to Montachusett Home Care 36th Annual Breakfast Meeting
 - ❖ Letter from Comcast regarding Service Changes
- Public Service Announcements:
 - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact Angie Godin at 386-6800. Meals are only \$1.00 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
 - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older, ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for medical appointments and shopping. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.
 - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Board of Health, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program, Cemetery Commissioner, and ZBA