



MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

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January 2017

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Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
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Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

Sun 1 st	Emancipation Proclamation issued by Pres. Lincoln 1863 ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ New Year's Day	
3 rd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
4 th	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, BRHS	6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, BRHS	6:00 pm
8 th	MH Snow Flyers Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	8:00 am
9 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
10 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 1st Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly 1946	7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
11 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
Sun 15 th	Elementary School Teacher Day	
16 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	
17 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	7:00 pm
19 th	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations Benjamin Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Storm 1991	7:00 pm
23 rd	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	
	Robert E. Lee 1807	6:00 pm
23 rd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
24 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
25 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
27 th	Vietnam War Ends 1973 ~ Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756	
Sat 28 th	Vermont's Free Ice Fishing Day	
31 st	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
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Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C 802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly		C 802-353-8347	Vermont State Police	773-9101

Send ARTICLES to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to

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January Birthdays: 4th - Jamie Ludwig 8th - Andrew Flanders * Dannielle Bussino 11th - John Ryea (1983) 15th - John Wasilewski 17th - Lori Cole * Robert Keen 19th - Rick Ludwig * Benjamin Taylor * Lisa Bussino (1962) 20th - Eric Ludwig * Fredrick Ludwig IV 23rd - Thomas Osbourne * Jeff Columb 24th - Minga Dana 27th - Hannah Teter 28th - Chris Lombardi * Jahnava Jenkins 30th - Brian Keen 31st - Jennifer Parker * Cole Tarbell * Tiffany Taylor

January Anniversaries 15th - Kyle & Nancy Perry 24th - Armand & Debby Bernagozzi

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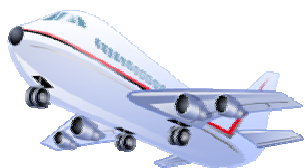
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	&	11:30 pm – 2:30
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January 6, 1942 - Pan Am Airway plane completes first around-the-world trip by a commercial aircraft (New York, NY 1942)

January 23, 1849 - Briton, Elizabeth Blackwell, 1st woman to receive MD degree in USA.

January 25, 1959 - American Airlines First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight.



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Edward J. Cook Jr.

Edward Jay Cook Jr., 99, of Northfield, Vermont, and formerly Cuttingsville, died Nov. 21, 2016, at Mayo Healthcare in Northfield.

He was born at home on the family farm in Mount Holly, Vermont, on Jan. 26, 1917. He was the eldest son born to Edward Jay Cook Sr. and Helen Foster Cook. Ed and his three siblings, George, Frederick and Edith, grew up on the farm in Mount Holly.

Edward attended Mount Holly elementary school, graduated Rutland High School in 1935 and the University of Maine in 1940 with a degree in Agriculture/Animal Husbandry. Ed played high school football and went on to play four years of football at the University of Maine where he was an all-Maine and all-New England left guard. Following graduation, he had a short stint in a semi-professional football league.

Moving to Woodstock, Vermont, in 1941, Edward found his first job at the Windsor County Extension Service and where he met his future wife, Irene Fiske. Shortly after their dating began, their lives changed with the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Edward received his draft notice in February 1942 and he promptly proposed to Irene. They married on April 20, 1942, and were married for 74 years. Edward reported for basic training for the Army-Air Force in November of 1942 and began his four years of stateside service at Camp Devens, Massachusetts. Edward was discharged on Jan. 25, 1945, one day before his 28th birthday.

Two daughters were born, Nancy in 1946 and Carole in 1949.

Edward had a diverse career path, including teaching Agriculture at People's Academy in Morrisville, Vermont, while at the same time starting a small farm on the side. He also worked as county agent for the Extension Service in both Vermont and Connecticut.

Edward and his family moved to Cuttingsville in 1956 which became their home for over 50 years. He decided to go into business for himself and became sole proprietor of a landscape business which he operated well into his 80s. Edward was very involved with the politics and issues in the Town of Shrewsbury and served as tax collector for over two decades.

One of his greatest achievements and gifts to the family was the organization of a Bicentennial Reunion in 1991, recognizing the descendants of Samuel and Sally Cook, the first Cook settlers in the Town of Mount Holly. The weekend-long reunion was attended by 120 descendants from the eight children of Samuel and Sally and came from as far away as California.

Another gift to our family came from a wonderful accounting of his life, a memoir, lovingly transcribed by his daughter, Carole.

Edward will be remembered as a man of basic needs. He loved his heritage and his family. He loved his land and the satisfaction that comes from a hard day's work. He grew up with the simplicity of life on the farm and had an enviable contentment with life's simple pleasures. He will be missed but always fondly remembered for his tenacious nature.

Surviving Edward are his wife of 74 years, Irene; daughters Nancy Cook Eddy of Rutland, Vermont, Carole Cook Hass and husband Gary of Montpelier, Vermont; five grandchildren Gregory Durgin, Nathaniel Eddy, Tyler, Marcus and Jillian Hass; brother Frederick of Montpelier and sister-in-law Laicita Cook; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Predeceasing Edward were his brother, George; sister Edith Penney and brother-in-law John Penney; sister-in-law Esther Fiske Maynes and brother-in-law Peter Maynes; and infant granddaughter Kathleen Durgin.

The family would like to acknowledge the wonderful caregivers, Linda Holzworth, Denise Davine, Dee Filmore, Beth Barra and Wendy Clark, whose loving care enabled Ed and Irene to stay for several years in their apartment at The Maples Senior Living Community in Rutland; and most recently, the respect, compassion and loving care extended by the entire staff at Mayo Healthcare in Northfield, Vermont.

Calling hours were arranged by Tossing Funeral Home in Rutland beginning at 12:00 noon, Saturday, Nov. 26, with a service of remembrance at 12:30. Interment in Laurel Glen Cemetery in Cuttingsville immediately followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shrewsbury Historical Society, 499 Shunpike Road, Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

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Peter Berg April 13, 1931 – December 13, 2016

Peter Berg was born in Munich, Germany on April 13, 1931. Due to the foresight of his parents, he was sent to boarding school in England early in 1937. His parents fled from Germany to escape Nazi persecution later that year. After escaping through Austria, Italy and France, they then traveled to England, picked Peter up, and boarded the ship Manhattan which took them to New York, where they arrived on December 27, 1937.

Peter attended Brooklyn Tech High School and New York University from which he received his degree in Industrial Engineering in 1952.

During the Korean War, Peter served his country as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. Peter was stationed at Wolters Air Force Base in Mineral Wells, Texas and Baffin Island, Canada. Peter remained in the Army Reserves for many years, retiring with the rank of Major.

In 1954, Peter and his bride, Barbara, settled in the New York area. Peter entered the Advertising Specialty business first working for his father at Hill Novelties and then opening his own company, Peter H. Berg, Inc., first in Wantagh, N.Y. and then in Mount Holly, Vt. Peter travelled extensively for business in Asia, Europe, and South America.

Besides his family, Peter had two loves – skiing and politics. Peter ran for the Vermont State Senate as a Democrat in a Republican district, on four separate occasions, but unfortunately he was never elected to office.

Among his many interests and activities while living in Vermont are the following: Twice elected Rutland County's Representative to the Vermont Council of Regional Commissioners, Commissioner, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Supervisor, Rutland County Solid Waste District, Landfill Siting Committee for Rutland County, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Vermont Advertising Club, Rutland Rotary, Mt. Holly Town Plan Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10155, Board member, Vermont Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, Mt. Holly Grange, Mt. Holly Community Association, Community Historical Museum of Mt. Holly. Peter also founded Okemo Mountain Watch, an environmental group dedicated to controlling development of the Okemo Ski Resort.

Peter continued his involvement in these organizations and activities for many, many years until he developed multiple sclerosis, and ultimately, dementia caused by the M.S. Peter was a wonderful husband, father and friend.

He leaves a wife of 62 years, Barbara, a daughter, Linda Berg of Manhattan, a son, Robert Berg of Scarsdale, N.Y., daughter-in-law, Jill Krutick Berg, granddaughter, Zoe Berg, and grandson, Wylie Berg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beth El Synagogue, 124 South Pomperaug Avenue, Woodbury, CT. 06798 or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 1748, Hartford, CT. 06144-1748. The Southbury Funeral Homes of Munson Lovetere is handling the arrangements. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, December 7 at Mt. Holly Elementary School. The board approved the minutes from the last meeting. The board discussed student count, the budget and Medicaid funding. They also discussed the Act 46 Study Committee work and the Presidential Hall renovations.

The next meeting will be at Black River High School on January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year From Your Friends at the Mount Holly Town Library!

Mount Holly Library Raffle

The Mount Holly Town Library is selling raffle tickets to raise money for the library.

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Tickets cost \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are on sale at the library, occasional Saturdays at the Belmont General Store when a volunteer is available to sell tickets and by contacting any of the Library Board Members. The drawing will take place February 24, 2017

All proceeds go to support the library - to help us buy the new best sellers you love, library programs, children's books, summer activities, etc. Amanda S. Merk, MSLIS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library





Greetings from the Mount Holly Town Library!

This year I encourage the residents of Mount Holly to consider a gift to the Mount Holly Town Library. Your gift will go directly into the library account to be used for your community. Your gifts help us pay the library bills and keep the doors open year-round. Your gifts also help us keep buying the best sellers you all love so much! Donations allow us to offer computers and printers for the public and help us keep the computers updated and running smoothly. Donations are used to support library programs and events.

Donations to the Mount Holly Town Library are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to Mount Holly Town Library and can be mailed to: Mount Holly Town Library, PO Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730

Give as generously as the holiday season allows. Know that your gift to the library makes a difference in the lives of children and adults in your community. Amanda S. Merk, MSLIS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library



Library Hours: Reminder of our new, expanded library hours - Monday 11:30AM – 7PM ~ Tuesday 9AM – 1PM ~ Wednesday 3-7PM ~ Saturday 9AM – 1PM ~ Sunday 2-4PM

Tuesdays at the Library Are All About Playgroup ~ Don't miss out on the best playgroup around! Every Tuesday morning the library and community center fill up with families and children of all ages from baby on up. Lynn Gould, our wonderful playgroup educator, leads the children in free play with great toys, a circle story time with music and singing and then healthy snacks and fun crafts. Bring your kids and tell all of your friends. This is a free library event open to all families.

Playgroup will meet on December 20th but NOT on December 27th. Playgroup will resume normal schedule on Tuesday January 3.

Inclement Weather Policy: If the local schools are closed due to winter weather the library will likely remain closed. Please check the Newsflash for closure announcements or call ahead before you visit the library on stormy days.

Only a few days left to the New Year!



Mount Holly 2017 Calendar

Belmont General Store, Community Center/Library.
and Mount Holly Town Office

Don't be disappointed – be sure to buy your calendar early before they sell out!

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THANK YOU!

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad and Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following businesses for their recent donation to our Christmas Party:

Balsam Barn (Scott Crawford) for the beautiful balsam centerpieces for the tables.

Papa John's Sugar Shack (Mark & Amy Turco) for the delicious maple syrup for raffle prizes.

Crowley Cheese for the blocks of cheese for raffle prizes.



Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 December Trestleboard

Next Meeting - Tuesday January 10th, at 8:00PM

Dues for the year 2017 were set at the December meeting and next month the Secretary will be sending out the notices. This is earlier than in years past because we moved our end-of-year up to March. This allows the Lodge to collect dues prior to having to pay Grand Lodge. The last two years we have had to pull some money from savings to make up for those of you who have not paid. We can't keep operating this way, Brothers! That is why it's so important for every one of us to pay our dues.

At some point very soon, we will need some extensive work done on the southwest corner of the Lodge. The sill is rotted away and this corner is where the water line enters the building and the sewer pipes exit, along with a gas tank that supplies the kitchen stove.

Just a quick reminder to the Brothers coming to the meetings this winter... the water has been shut off !!!

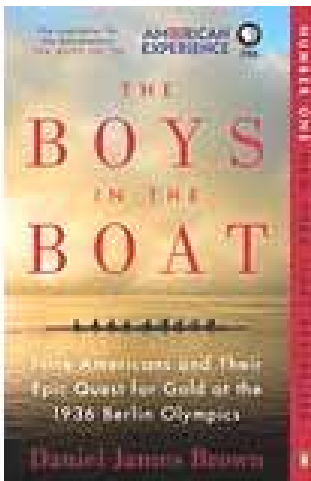
We wish all the Brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Many thanks to those who have sent in their dues recently. We still have a few more to collect. If you have questions or want to speak to the Secretary, he can be reached at: 802-259-9400 or by email at: sseward@vermontel.net Fraternally, Bob Blaisdell, WM ~ Buster Seward Sec'y

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

The monthly meetings of the Mount Holly Community Association Will now be on the first Tuesday of each month.

The meetings will continue to be in the Library at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!



Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on January 11, 2017 at Susie Hamilton's. We will be discussing The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. It is a terrific read! If you need further info or would like a copy please call Minga at 259-2471. Happy New Year.



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Was Gandhi the Only Skinny Pacifist We Can Learn From?

War is hell. Survivors of the Battle of Okinawa have another name for hell: Hacksaw Ridge. It's the waning months of WW II. Japan is contesting every inch of territory with ferocious tenacity. As the U.S. pushes closer to Tokyo, the fighting grows more desperate, more horrific. Japanese soldiers, hiding underground, are determined to push the marines scrambling ashore back into the ocean. This ridge is the contested "high ground" which soon lies smoking with bodies littering it like autumn leaves. Blood pools in foxholes and footprints; sounds of agony fill the deathly air.



Bringing reminiscences of *Saving Private Ryan*, *Sgt. York*, and *Chariots of Fire*, this film ushers in a soft-spoken, gentle spirit who refuses to even touch a rifle, right into the middle of that torturous hell. Bandages, not bullets, fill his pockets. This slight, skinny man has the courage to stand alone in this doomscape of the

dying. "Please Lord," he prays, his clothes soaked with G.I. blood, his hands ripped open from the burn of a rescue rope over the cliff. "Let me get one more."

The true story of Desmond Doss, the 1st living conscientious objector to win the Medal of Honor, is told by director Gibson, who is a master at including powerful, redemptive, and edifying themes in his violent films. The violence is made to serve those redemptive purposes, such as the internal war faced by Doss (brilliantly played by Andrew Garfield). Doss wrestles with maintaining his faith convictions amidst extraordinary pressures to compromise.

The movie actually ponders a world in which skinny pacifists and tough G.I. Joes (like Smitty) can not only tolerate each other, but become good friends. Do you think it's possible in our highly partisan, fractured nation for people of vastly different backgrounds and convictions to peacefully get along together? If so, the film suggests, it'll only happen in the context of relationships where we listen to and attempt to understand each other.

Not many Hollywood films have characters like Doss, ordinary folks who do extraordinary feats. It recalls to mind the many persevering, unsung heroes who put the lives of others ahead of their own. Those who look after a disabled child, elderly or invalid parents, a sibling or a friend. Those who keep an unborn child Those who insist on loving others

despite the obstacles. Faith may be deeply personal, but it is not private. It has a bearing on how we live, how we work and how we serve and love the people around us. What's the point of faith if it is just an individualistic, consumeristic, private indulgence? "Faith without works," says James (2:17)," is dead."

What's amazing about this film is the way the light and love of Doss's beliefs overpower the horror and hell of war. My dad and I came out of the theater asking God to help us know Him better and to not waste the years left to us. We walked out moved to show more grace and mercy to those we meet, however different. That alone makes the cost of admission worth it. *PG*

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Mount Holly Community Association

Christmas in Mount Holly continues to enchant children of all ages and this year was no different! An old classic was revisited and everyone was treated to a humorous adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*. Once again the community is indebted to Penny Coldwell and the cast of the *Mount Holly Radio Players*, who put on a truly memorable show. All of the actors are to be congratulated for stellar performances! Christmas in Mount Holly wouldn't be, well, Christmas in Mount Holly, if it were not for the traditional reading of *The Night Before Christmas*. This well known poem was read once again by Barbara Pallotta, who has been enchanting the children with this beloved classic for many years. Thank you, Barbara! Penny and

Peter Coldwell then led the audience in a round of well loved Christmas and Hanukah songs. A special request for *Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel* was answered by an ensemble performance of 4 children, who led the group in this Hanukah favorite. As the last strains of the final song were fading, the children began to ask where Santa was and they didn't have long to wait. A resounding HO! HO! HO! came up from the stairwell and soon they were anxiously waiting their turn to sit on Santa's lap to tell him what they most wanted for Christmas this year. At the end of their wish list, Santa presented each of the children with a small gift, which they certainly appreciated, but what they were most enthusiastic about was the fact that Santa visited Mount Holly in person again this year! Thank you one and all, who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly! (A special thanks to Bob Herbst, who made sure that Santa was on time for his visit to the Mount Holly Library!)

The MHCA would like to extend many, many thanks to **Scott Crawford at the Balsam Barn** for donating the Christmas tree that graces the

library stage. Scott has been doing this for many, many years and we are indebted to him for his generosity. Thank you, Scott!

We are all looking forward to *New Year's Eve at Star Lake*. The past few years have been witness to unbelievable fireworks displays provided by the Mount Holly Snow Flyers and they have promised no less of a show to usher in 2017! The MHCA will once again have complimentary hot cocoa and mulled wine on hand for your drinking pleasure. Don't miss this wonderful way to welcome in the New Year and don't let the cold discourage you...there is a huge bonfire on the edge of the lake to keep everyone toasty warm. The festivities begin at 8:00 pm. See you there!!

Don't forget to pick up your **Mount Holly calendar for 2017!** They are running low, so take the opportunity to pick one up at the Library, the General Store, or the town office. This is a great fund raiser for the MHCA...half of the proceeds for the calendar go directly to support the activities we sponsor each year.

New Year's Eve at Star Lake is the last MHCA event of the year until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring. We would like to remind everyone that all of these events are made possible primarily through the **membership of the association**. If you have not joined the MHCA for the 2016 - 2017 year, please do so as soon as possible...we need your support! Membership forms can be obtained at the library, the general store, or by contacting Beth Latino (259-2084 or ptandel@vermontel.net).

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: DATES FOR MHCA MEETING: The monthly meeting of the MHCA has been changed to the **first Tuesday of each month**. We will continue to meet in the library at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us.

Happy New Year to everyone from the Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association!



Snow Flyers November Newsletter

As November ends – we are looking forward to a colder & snowier December. We had a glimpse of winter last week with a snowfall of up to 12” in Mount Holly. Some of us were able to get the sleds out and make tracks in our yards. Personally I rode more last week than all of last year!!

Trails Update: From the result of the heavy snow, we have been out inspecting our trails and cleaning up the debris. Salt Ash still has 6” to 10” of snow. The trails from Rt. 103 north to the Stone House have been cleaned up and are ready for riding when the season opens on December 15th, weather permitting. Rt. 103 south trails will be done this week after the rain passes.

TMA's are available for download and purchase on the club website www.mounthollysnowflyers.org. You can also purchase them locally at the Belmont Store, Turco's Yamaha & The Poulin residence at 798 Hortonville Rd, Mount Holly. In addition the VAST website is now offering online TMA purchase be sure to select your club, Mount Holly Snow Flyers at the time of purchase.

Need a great gift idea for family, friends or maybe just something for yourself? For a limited time we are offering **FREE SHIPPING for all club apparel and stickers**. Available for purchase online at www.mounthollysnowflyers.org.

We are also in the planning stages of a **2017 Ride In/Party** for February or March. When the details are confirmed we will update all members by email, Facebook and the website.

Don't forget to join us for the **New Year's Eve Fireworks** at Star Lake in Belmont - brought to you by the Snow Flyers!!

The official start of winter is just a few days away now – we've already had a few cold days with more in the near future. The outlook for a White Christmas is pretty good this year, we have about 6” to 8” inches on the ground now with more snow in the forecast.

We are looking forward to a great season & the return of the Polar Vortex for some cold weather! During the past couple of weeks we have been out ensuring our trails are clear & ready to go when the gates open. Our groomers have been serviced & ready to hit the trails to give everyone as smooth a ride as possible.

Attached to this email is a “Thank You” letter from “Make A Wish”, many of you remember we held a charity golf tournament in conjunction with VAST's annual meeting this past August. We were able to raise \$9,000 that was split between “Make A Wish” & “Vermont Achievement Center”. Our donation to “Make A Wish” was able to brighten the lives for 3 youngster's. Thanks again to those who played in and supported the tournament.

We'd like everyone to take a minute at this time of year to reflect on this past year ups & downs.

As the holidays are approaching we have seen quite a bit snow already! The gates have been opened and conditions are changing daily, hopefully for the better. Please exercise extreme caution if you do go out and ride. There are exposed water bars, rock, stumps, etc... We still need more snow to ride safely.

For those last minute shoppers - Club Items can be found on our website! Mount Holly Snow Flyers mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com www.mounthollysnowflyers.org Like us on Facebook - Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Fireworks: December 31, 2016 The Snow-Flyer's, in conjunction with the Community Center, is hosting the annual New Year's Eve fireworks celebration. It is located on Star Lake in Belmont. The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and the fireworks start at 9:00 p.m. A warm bonfire will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend! We hope to see you there! **Best of all, it is free!**

Please note: our next meeting is Sunday January 8th at 8:00 a.m. Meeting times have been changed to 8:00 a.m. to allow more time for riding!

Thank you to all that have purchased Early Bird TMA's (trail passes).

Hope to see you on the trails! -The Mount Holly Snow-Flyers

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas / Healthy & Happy New Year.

*Happy Holidays
to all the
Wonderful Photographers of Mount Holly!*

Your photos to continue to bring joy and beauty to the residents and friends of Mount Holly.

Winter is here and we always love your winter photos. So be sure when you are out doing your winter activities and walks that you have a camera by your side!

There isn't much time left to buy your 2017 Mount Holly Calendars. Your purchase of the calendar helps support activities in Mount Holly throughout the year including the photo contest and the calendar.

On sale at the Belmont General Store, Town Office and Library

Best wishes for a very happy 2017 –

Janet Warren, Calendar and Photo Contest Coordinator



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November 8, 2016

Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc.
26 Vast Lane
Barre, VT 05641-5366

Dear Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc.,

Thank you for your donation of \$4,500.00 on 10/28/2016 to Make-A-Wish® Vermont. Your generosity allows us to continue granting wishes to children with life threatening medical conditions to enrich their lives with hope, strength, and joy.

Donations such as yours made it possible for 14-year old Jamie to swim with sea turtles in Hawaii, for 11-year old Garrett to fly-fish in Montana, and for 12-year old Ryan to get the French bulldog puppy he's always wanted. Each of them was lifted by their wish, as were their families and friends. You can see pictures of these wishes in our video update at <http://vermont.wish.org>. Please share this website with your friends and invite them to support our work.

You have chosen to share the power of a wish. On behalf of all the children, families and communities whose lives you have touched, and all of us here at Make-A-Wish® Vermont, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

James Hathaway
President & CEO

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your support!

- Corey

Please retain this letter for our tax records. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift. Make-A-Wish Vermont is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code EIN 03-0323013

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 ("Something To Write Home About" is a series of updates by Sen. Dick McCormack as he begins his 13th term representing the Windsor County Senate District.)

The Upcoming Session—Some of the Issues - December 12, 2016

The coming session, which begins January 4th, will present challenging questions. (The easy questions answer themselves.) These, following, are some of the big ones.

Implementation of Act 46 has proven difficult for folks at the local level. How to consolidate choice and non-choice towns? What to do about overly long school bus rides? Whether, and how, to preserve small schools? And, of course, the original question that motivated Act 46 in the first place remains, how to coax school taxes down. Having opposed Act 46, I have no schadenfreude (German word that translates as dark joy, referring to the pleasure one takes in someone else's misfortune. Pronounced "SHA-den-

froyd") about its difficulty. The task now is to make the needed changes to make things work.

Universal access to affordable, quality health care remains elusive. Since this has proven doable in other countries, I can't believe it's actually as difficult as it seems. I think the problem is mostly a lack of political will to go all the way and establish a real Single Payer system. I remain skeptical of the All Payer approach.

The drug epidemic continues to destroy some people's lives and to diminish everyone's. Our best efforts notwithstanding, addiction is rooted in the mysteries of the human psyche, and once established makes its own rules. So, simple solutions don't work. As the "War on Drugs" has sadly proven, we can't arrest our way out of the problem. Neither can we rehab our way out. But, that said, I think we're basically right to treat addiction as a sickness and drug selling as a crime. Limiting access to prescription pain killers is important, but I remain committed as well to ensuring that such limits don't interfere with legitimate pain relief. Feeding an addiction is compulsive behavior over which an addict has no control, or very little control. But starting down the road to addiction is a series of free will acts. We need to head off the first use of addictive drugs. Easier said than done.

Our revenues are chronically inadequate to meet the real needs of the people.

I often hear and read complaints about "out of control spending" but in fact we work hard to keep spending down, and we under fund many important government functions. This gap is likely to become more of a problem as things develop at the national level.

In the coming weeks I will keep you abreast of how these and other issues unfold. In the meantime, I invite your thoughts on these and other issues important to you. Please call, write or come to the State House in Montpelier to let me know what's on your mind. My number is 802-793-6417. My email is dmccormack127@gmail.com. You can also follow along by going to my Facebook Page: [VT State Senator Dick McCormack](https://www.facebook.com/VTStateSenatorDickMcCormack).

**Village Baptist Church
 Belmont**

**Christmas Eve Service
 7:00 pm
 December 24th**

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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting January 10th, 2017. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpctv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD ~ DECEMBER 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ted Crawford, chair. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ted Crawford acknowledged the much larger than usual turnout, and hoped that would continue at future meetings.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were two additions: under Highway, the annual VTrans Highway and Bridge Restrictions notice; under Treasurer's Report, the annual Listers Certification of the April 2016 grand list.

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 2016 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the November 15 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- The annual Town Highway and Bridge Weight Restrictions notice arrived. The Selectboard confirmed the continuation of restrictions on Bridge 61 (Cole Road) and Bridge 66 (Station Road). The latter bridge is closed until

further notice. The restrictions must be entered on the State database before February 10, 2017.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated November 30, 2016 showing cash balances of \$2,937,168. Highlights: The balances reflect the required payment to the State Education Fund. There was no update on the delinquent property taxes (after 12/31). Solid waste (SW) labels are on pace with the budget, but \$600 less than last year. SW Expenses cover 6 tons more than last year. The Social Service agencies were paid in November. Road re-treatment expenses paid, with some left for the spring. Fuel expenses are down, but diesel prices are going up. Otherwise, not much to report.
- External Audit: David has reported that the auditor has received all financial information for the Town, Fire Department and Rescue Squad, although he did call today for the Fire Dept. minutes.
- Plowing Income – The Board reviewed the plowing revenue history for the plowing done for Wallingford and Plymouth. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve keeping the FY18 charges the same as FY17. (3-0)

Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

Monday, December 26, 2016 for Christmas

Monday, January 2, 2017 for New Years Day

Monday, January 16, 2017 for Martin Luther's Jr. Day

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

SATURDAY December 24 - 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY December 25 – CLOSED

MONDAY December 26 - 8 am to 2 pm

SATURDAY December 31 - 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY January 01 – CLOSED

MONDAY January 02 - 8 am to 2 pm

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

- Budget Meeting Date – The Board agreed to set the budget work session on Monday January 2 at 6:30 pm. This will be warned as a Special Meeting.
- Listers Certification – The Board reviewed and signed the annual Listers Certification of no appeals or suits pending for the April 2016 grand list.

5. Transfer Station

- Holiday Hours: This year Christmas and New Year's fall on Sunday. The Board agreed to close the Transfer Station on those two Sundays, but open it on the following Mondays for 6 hours (8am – 2pm). The attendants are in agreement with this. This will be posted in the ChitChat, on the Newsflash and at the Transfer Station.

6. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC): Bill McGrath notified Ted that there was nothing related to

Mount Holly at this month's meeting.

- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): Jeff noted that the next TAC meeting is in January.

7. Other Business

- Auditors Town Report Changes: The Board received only a couple of comments on the changes as posted in the Chit Chat and on the Newsflash. Paul Barton suggested that the auditors also look at the weight of the paper used and the type size to potentially further reduce costs. The Board approved the changes, and will notify the audit
- Aquatic Nuisance Grant for Lake Ninevah. The Board reviewed and signed the Funds Request Form for the State to release the funds.
- Rutland County Proposed Budget – The Town received the proposed budget, which expects the tax rate to be the same, but the actual tax amount could be different based on changes to the grand lists of the towns in the county. It was noted that the large increase last year to cover repairs to the Courthouse is being kept in the budget this year to replenish the capital reserve fund.
- TDI New England – This project, which is a large electrical conduit under Lake Champlain and eventually under Route 103, has received the Presidential Permit, required for electrical facilities connecting at international borders.
- ATV Ordinance – Tim Martin made a statement to start, after reading all of the emails and comments that the Selectboard (SB) received. He noted that he felt that the issue needed to be voted on by the Town as a whole, and the only way to get it there is for the SB to pass the ordinance and allow for a petition process to get a vote in March. That way the decision is made by the town, not just the three SB members. Tim noted that the major complaint mentioned is for people riding on private property, which the ordinance does not condone. If there are problems on individual roads, the SB could close a road. He believes that many people have gotten tickets, when they weren't doing anything wrong, and just happened to be observed by an officer of the law.

Ted then opened it up for comments from those attending, asking people to limit it to 2 minutes, and not be repetitious. The following is a summary of comments made.

- Several people noted specific problems on their road: speed, damage to property and roads, partying
- State laws allow 12 year olds on ATVs, with no driver training as to rules of the road
- Increased liability to the town?
- Enforcement is an issue now; how will it be enforced if opened to more vehicles?
- Constable wrote letter to SB asking them not to go forward with the ordinance
- Lawsuits from accidents now include only the parties involved; this could make the town a party to lawsuits.
- How many towns allow ATVs? 28 towns as of 2 years ago, a few more now.
- The town has already had a fatal ATV accident involving a teenager; never want to see that again
- Many roads have curves and hills that make it difficult to see other traffic on the road.
- The Douglas administration intended to have towns work with VASA to allow access on town roads to a trail system; towns that allow ATVs have trail systems within the town; we have no trail system; Mount Holly would be the first to allow access on town roads without funneling to a trail system.
- SB was asked, are ATVs safe on roads? Tim – yes if ridden safely and responsibly; Ted – my kids rode them safely; Ray – only use them to ride from house to farm; not safe; we already have horses, joggers, bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles and don't need more things on the road.
- Why are we bringing this up again? What is the advantage to having this ordinance? When asked again later, "what is the advantage/benefit to the town as a whole" there was no clear answer to the question. There are benefits to individual people.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call (802) 353-8347 or email pfaenza47@yahoo.com

- A question was raised if the question could be put on the Australian ballot? (The VT statues state if petitioned to disallow, the vote goes to a town meeting (which we hold the night before the ballot). Mount Holly has voted to put only financial questions on the ballot.)
- The town is split on the issue (the survey was 55% against, 45% for). This isn't really about ag use (and if people are getting fined for ag uses, we should get behind them.) You are voting for recreational use of ATVs on town roads with no trails to use. Leave it alone.
- Non-resident property owners do not get it; they think it's the Wild West here and anything goes. Should first determine that the town wants one, then pass a smart ordinance.
- How can you pass an ordinance when you don't know if it can go on the Australian ballot? What will happen if it can't and you've already passed it? Add an amendment stipulating it must be voted on.
- One advocate for the ordinance noted that people use ATVs for multiple reasons, including getting from one property to another; don't stop people from doing what they enjoy doing. Felt people are being watched by state officers and getting hefty fines.
- Another advocate felt that ATVs are as easily seen as hikers, joggers, and bicycles; suggested contacting VLCT for statistics on lawsuits against towns.

Important Notice

March 7, 2017 Town & School Annual Vote

- **January 19th** is the last day to **file petitions** signed by at least 5% of the voters to be on the Warning
- **January 30th** by 5:00 pm is the last day to **file a nomination petition** to run for an office

Ted then commented that he had received a lot of phone calls on this, all but one were against it; only two of the emails were for it. Sorry it wasn't voted before. Tried to make sure people would come tonight to express both sides. Has not heard any compelling benefit to the town, and therefore cannot vote for it tonight.

Ray felt that there was not a benefit to the town and it can't be controlled. He will not vote for it tonight.

Tim said he was sorry that it will not go to a vote, but did bring it up as requested. We should take a formal vote on it.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To approve the ATV ordinance as proposed. (1-2 T. Martin in favor; T. Crawford and R. Tarbell opposed) Motion DID NOT PASS.

8. The Board reviewed and signed the November orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:50 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request

Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting of all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off or e-mailed to:

mthollyauditors@vermontel.net to the Town Office no later than **January 5, 2017**. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: **Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758**

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of MT. Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 2016 - Mount Holly Town Office - Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Berger, Jennifer Jones (Clerk), Bill McGrath, James Seward **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mike Valente, Clinton Woolley **VISITORS:** Ed McEneaney (LPCtv)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Bill McGrath. Discussion of the budget was added to the agenda. Discussion of the Town Plan was moved to the bottom of the agenda.

1. APPROVE MINUTES - October 17, 2016

Peter Berger made a motion to approve the minutes as written for the October 17, 2016 meeting. Jim Seward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Bill McGrath nominated Mike Valente for the position of Vice-Chairman. Peter Berger seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Bill McGrath nominated Peter Berger for the position of Secretary. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Peter Berger nominated Bill McGrath for the position of Chairman. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS: Building Registration Forms

Jason Barnes submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for replacement of an existing 16'x18' deck and portion of house as well as replacement of an existing 12'x19' deck. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Ronald Burness submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 28'x86' home. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Jeff Lienhard submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 22'x32' garage. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Andrew Schulz and Mauri Small submitted a Building Construction Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 24'x24' garage. Bill McGrath signed the form.

Walter Surething submitted a Building Registration Form to the Planning Commission for construction of a 16'x20' pole shed and lean-to. Bill McGrath signed the form.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence - Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Timothy Snyder filed a permit to construct a home on Dam Road, Plymouth/Loop Road, Mount Holly. Mr. Snyder failed to submit a Building Construction Registration form to the Town; the Clerk of the Planning Commission will send him a letter.

Wetland Individual Permit: VELCO care of Tim Follensbee filed a request for a Wetland Individual Permit for construction of a permanent access road to the electrical transmission infrastructure between Wilderness Road and Woods Road.

Mount Holly Town Highway Access Permit Form: Joe Warren submitted a Mount Holly Town Access Permit Form for 135 Greendale Road.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: The RRPC will hold a training session regarding municipal energy planning on December 12, 2016. Bill McGrath and Peter Berger will attend.

Budget: A discrepancy in the expense line of the budget was discussed. Jim Seward made a motion to ask the Selectboard for a budget increase to \$4000.00 to cover the expected costs of printing the Town Plan. Peter Berger seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Peter Berger made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of salary at 7:20 p.m. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 7:24 p.m. Peter Berger made a motion to exit Executive Session. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Peter Berger made a motion to increase the salary of the Planning Commission Clerk to \$16.00/hour. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Town Plan: The Education section was not discussed and will be discussed at a future meeting when more members are present. The Agriculture and Forestry section of the Town Plan was discussed. Maple sugaring was added to the list of agricultural enterprises present within the town, a chart was removed, and several policies were removed or revised.

5. ADJOURN: Peter Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Seward seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Jones, Clerk of the Planning Commission

The LPCtv recording of this meeting is hereby made a part of the permanent minute record of this meeting.

Dear Select Board Members,

In April 1994, when I was a senior in high school, my cousin, Josh Cole, died in a 4-wheeler accident on Tiffany Road. He was 15, a sophomore at Black River. Despite his death & the impacts it has had on my family, I am not against ATV use. However, as their warning labels read, ATVs are not meant for travel on public roads. If you open the unpaved roads in Mt. Holly to ATV use, you will be responsible for significantly increasing the risk of accidents, severe injuries, and fatalities that occur in our town.

Please consider carefully the information presented in the articles listed [on the Mt. Holly blogspot <http://mhnewsflash.blogspot.com/>] you decide whether or not Mt. Holly's unpaved roads should be opened to ATV use. The authors of the various articles range from experts in the fields of vehicle & highway safety to doctors of emergency medicine to statisticians and policy analysts. After looking at nationwide data, all of the authors conclude that ATV use on public roads (both paved & unpaved) is significantly more dangerous than riding off-road. Furthermore, the "data reinforce the importance of laws restricting ATV road use and the need for effective enforcement, as well as the need to increase user education about ATV road-use laws and the dangers of riding on the roads" (from article 1).

Most of Mt. Holly's unpaved roads are connected via paved roads and though riding on paved roads will remain illegal, the numbers of ATVs on those paved connecting roads will predictably increase--especially since we have minimal ability to enforce either this proposed ordinance or the existing traffic regulations. This is troubling, especially in light of research that shows, since 1998, ATV-related deaths have increased at twice the rate on paved versus unpaved roads. However, even if my prediction is incorrect and ATV use on paved roads does not increase, 42% (nationwide average) of all on-road ATV deaths occur on unpaved roads (see article 2). Sincerely, Amanda Frank, Belmont, VT

Act 46 Study Committee Makes Preliminary Decision Ludlow Town Hall, December 14

Facing a packed Ludlow Town Hall, the Two Rivers Act 46 Study Committee on Wednesday, December 14 moved toward concluding its work. With all active members present, Chester's Alison DesLauriers moved "that the committee develop a proposal that goes down the path of Option 2, recognizing that the towns of Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Baltimore are advisable towns and that we plan with the districts' attorney exactly what the process will look like to put that proposal before the voters in all the communities." Mount Holly's Dave Venter seconded the motion, a discussion ensued, and the committee voted 12-2 in favor of the motion.

What does it all mean? In essence, Option 2 dissolves the Mount Holly-Ludlow union, Mount Holly merges with the newly unified Mill River District, and Ludlow, Cavendish, Chester, and Andover (and maybe Baltimore) merge into a unified Two Rivers District. This option provides the lowest tax rate for all towns, better opportunities for all students, and ensures reasonable transportation times. The catch is that Black River Middle School/High School would probably have to close.

There are many who feel very strongly that Black River should not close. With these people, I completely sympathize. Nobody wants to close a school. As chair, I have spent the past two months mulling over this dilemma and I now firmly believe the following three things. First, the Committee's job is to offer the public our very best solution to a very complicated problem. Our job is not to predict how the electorate might vote so we can craft the most popular solution. Second, the law requires us to think about what will improve student equity and opportunity. The law does not encourage the closing of schools, but if maintaining a school is interfering with equity and opportunity, then clearly the needs of the student should come first. Third, if the Committee fails to create a good proposal or if towns fail to approve a good proposal by July 1, 2017, the penalties are profound and potentially devastating.

We are moving toward an excellent proposal and already we are considering how to make it amazing. A few months ago, I couldn't have dreamed we would have something this good. Is it perfect? Of course not. The law has made radical demands that require everyone to make some sacrifice. But, until Option 2, the dominant plan was expensive, involved bussing some or most of Mount Holly students to Green Mountain -- a 46 mile round trip -- and probably meant closing Black River. It was our best effort and it was pretty bad. And then, thanks to the genius of Steve Dale, we severed the Gordian Knot. Legally speaking, Option 2 is complex and unprecedented, but it knocks 10 to 20 cents (per hundred-dollar assessment) off everyone's tax bill and halves the Mount Holly bus ride.

It has been made abundantly clear to me by some from Ludlow that to have publicly contemplated the closing of Black River, the Study Committee has violated some taboo. Concerning Black River, I have been personally attacked and completely misunderstood more than once. I could enumerate why Option 2 is the best deal that Ludlow could ever reasonably hope for. And if I must, I will. But for now, Merry Christmas everyone, and happy New Year! Sebastian Frank, Chair, TRSU Act 46 Study Committee

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

December Chamber Corner Submitted by: Marji Graf, CEO

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with Family and Friends. Our region was busy in November and December! We thank Okemo Mountain Resort for hosting our November Chamber mixer at Jackson Gore Inn. Our Holiday Party and "Let's Make A Deal" mixer will be on Wednesday, December 14th at the Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern in Chester from 5:30-7:30pm.

We congratulated the Inn at Weathersfield for being chosen as November Members of the Month. December Members of the Month will be Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts and they will receive their plaque at the December 14th mixer.

We held another "lunch and learn" at the Pot Belly Pub re: solar incentives. We thank Sun Common and the Good Farm Community Solar for the informative presentation. You can learn more by watching our show on <http://lpctv.org/okemo-valley-your-place-vt-272>.

The InnDulgence Tour was a great success with 100+ people going through 10 Inns that were decorated for the Holidays and offered food samples.

The businesses on the Green in Chester are staying open late every Thursday evening from 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22 for your shopping pleasure.

December 10th is a busy day:

- Okemo is offering Moonlight Snowshoe Hike
- Ludlow is hosting Holiday on Main Street with events beginning at 4:30pm. Santa arrives 5:30pm at the gazebo.
- Mount Holly is hosting Christmas party at 4pm-6pm at the Mount Holly Library.
- Plymouth is hosting Coolidge Holiday Open House from 10-4pm

11/26 – 12/23 from 10am-3pm Friday – Monday and Wednesday, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts has their Christmas Craft and Gift Shoppe open and 12/17 don't miss their cookie sale.

12/27 is Okemo Torchlight Parade & Fireworks.

For more events and information please visit our website's Calendar of Events!

Our new Regional website is about to be launched www.YourPlaceInVermont.com

We're working on next years Regional Guidebook. It will be available May 2017-May 2018. We're adding Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury and Weathersfield to our Towns.

The Chamber wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule & Services

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve

10:00 am Christmas Day

&

Christ The King in Rutland

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm ~ 8:00 pm ~ 11:30 pm

Christmas Day

7:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am

&

A nnunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

in Ludlow

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm w/Christmas Concert at 4:30pm

& 9:00 pm w/Christmas Concert at 8:30 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 am w/Christmas Concert at 9:30 am

&

Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville

Christmas Eve Only

7:00 pm

&

Belmont Village Baptist Church

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm

With Blacklight Chalk Drawing



Congratulations to Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts for being chosen December Members of the Month
Criteria used:

Contributes to community

Hosts and/or co-hosts mixers

Current on dues

Donations (door prizes for mixers/events) Participates in shows.

Packages with other businesses

Participates in "Just Between Us".

Advertises/promotes & participates in guidebook and co-op advertising.

Contributes in monthly committee meetings.

Is an ambassador for the chamber and region.

pictured l-r: Marji Graf, Layne Herschel, Susan Chadwick

What the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce offers member businesses:

Our Chamber serves the Towns in South Central Vermont ~ Andover, Cavendish/Proctorsville, Chester, Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly/Belmont, Plymouth, Weathersfield and Weston as well as the surrounding communities.

MARKETING/PUBLICITY

1. Free listing on our website.
2. Free listing in our annual regional guidebook (May 2017-May 2018) Option to purchase ads.
3. Free placement of your brochures in our welcome kiosks in Ludlow, Chester, Weston & Londonderry.
4. Marketing and promotion of your business.
5. Events publicized on our Statewide Calendar.
6. Story ideas submitted to the media.
7. We blog your stories and accomplishments on our website.
8. Free help wanted postings on our website.
9. Free ribbon cutting.

NETWORKING:

10. Free monthly chamber mixers (2nd Wed. of the month from 5:30-7:30pm).
11. Free educational programs (Members teaching members).
12. Referrals and personal introductions.

SAVINGS:

13. Member to member discounts (this benefit alone will pay for your chamber membership).
14. Insurance savings on: Dental - Accident-life - Vision

ADVERTISING:

15. Co-op Advertising opportunities (Yankee Magazine, VT Life, Vermont Vacation Guides, Google, Madden story program, SharedMall e-commerce)

EVENTS:

16. The opportunity to participate in:
 - Buy Local Festival, July 8 & 9, 2017;
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 - Golf Tournament September 2017;
 - Big E September 2017;
 - Your products displayed in our case twice a year at the Guilford Welcome Center July & September
17. Other member benefits include for you **AND** your employees:
 - a. Free Chamber Day at Okemo Mountain Resort Adventure Zone in July
 - b. Chamber night at the Weston Playhouse (discounted tickets) in August
 - c. Free fall foliage train ride from Chester-Ludlow-Chester for members and their families in September
 - d. Discounted Okemo ski season passes for members and their employees

New chamber members also receive the following savings on newspaper ads:

Common News - New Chamber members can purchase 3 2x2 business card size ads (in color or black and white) at our weekly rate and get a 4th ad for free. This is an introductory one time offer for new members. Friday is the deadline for the following Wednesday.

Message for the Week - 2 free 1/8 page ads for new chamber members who have not been an advertiser in the message in the last 6 months.

The Vermont Journal - New chamber members will receive 2 free business card ads.

Ludlow Rotary Donates Chili-Cook-off Proceeds To BRV Senior Center

In keeping with its tradition of donating the proceeds from its 26th Annual Chili Cook-Off, the Ludlow Rotary Club presented a check in the amount of \$3,195 to the Black River Valley Senior Center in support of its "Meals on Wheels" program that serves the Black River areas of Ludlow, Plymouth, Cavendish, and Proctorsville. According to Richard North, Executive Director of the BRVSC, these funds will help underwrite the "Meals on Wheels" program that delivers more than 17,000 fully-prepared meals annually to area residents. Various volunteers deliver the meals during the week. Pictured above are, from left to right, Richard North of the BRVSC as he receives the check from Suzanne Garvey, co-chair of the Chili Cook-Off for the Ludlow Rotary Club. A special thank you to our community sponsors and volunteers for another successful event as Rotary continues to perpetuate its "Service Above Self" goal.





BROADWAY ACTOR/DIRECTOR JOINS WESTON ARTISTIC TEAM

Michael Berresse appointed Associate Artistic Director of Weston Playhouse Theatre Co.

Vermont's Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces the appointment of award-winning actor/director Michael Berresse to the Weston staff. Berresse, who has worked with the company over five seasons, will become its first Associate Artistic Director in January.

A Tony and Olivier-nominated actor and OBIE award-winning director, Michael Berresse's numerous Broadway acting credits include *A Chorus Line*, *The Light in the Piazza*, and *Kiss Me, Kate* (also on London's West End). His directing credits include (*title of show*) on and Off Broadway, *Now. Here. This*, for New York's Vineyard Theatre, and *The Last Five Years* for ACT in San Francisco.

For Weston, Berresse has directed such diverse and celebrated productions as *Next To Normal*, the world premiere of Paul Gordon's *Analog and Vinyl*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and Alan Ayckbourn's *Round and Round the Garden*. He will open the company's 2017 season as director/choreographer for the Vermont Premiere of the Tony-winning musical *Once*.

"Michael Berresse has become an indispensable member of our company, and we are thrilled to add him to our artistic team" comments Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler. Berresse will assist Stettler in designing new programs and building relationships with artists, theatres, and producers as Weston prepares to open a new year-round studio theatre in the fall of 2017, while maintaining his own active career.

"Weston has become a true artistic home for me," says Berresse, "and I look forward to helping to grow its family and its contributions to the field. There is something very special happening in this place, and I'm excited to be a part of its ambitious plans for the future."

Now celebrating its 80th year of professional theatre, the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company produces a 7-show summer season on 3 stages as well as year-round Education and New Works programs. Winner of Actors' Equity Association's Rosetta LeNoire Award and the New England Theatre Conference's Moss Hart Award, the company is building programs in incubation, innovation, and inspiration that will bring artists to its rural campus year-round.

For more about Weston, its 2017 season, and its future plans, visit westonplayhouse.org. Weston Playhouse Theatre Company, 703 Main Street Weston, Vermont 05161, Admin Office: 802-824-8167, Box Office (Open June - Sept): 802-824-5288



Weston Playhouse's Weston 101 Returns to Fill Winter Evenings

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's Weston 101, a series of entertaining and interactive classes in anticipation of the productions in its 2017 season, returns for its second year with reduced prices and an array of artists participating live and via video link.

Hosted by Weston Director of Education/Artistic Associate Piper Goodeve and featuring artists from the theatre's summer productions, Weston 101 will be held on select Thursday evenings in January, February, and March in the Hunter Seminar Room at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester and live streaming via your home computer. Engage with members of the upcoming productions, such as Directors Michael Berresse, Malcolm Ewen, Tim Fort, and Steve Stettler, Actor Susan Haefner, Musical Director Larry Pressgrove, Choreographer Michael Raine, and more to be announced.

"Last year's inaugural series was a great success, with dozens of class members joining us both live and online," comments Goodeve. "We've reduced the price this year to reach even more theatre lovers, and registration can be done online 24/7 via our website." Participants can take individual sessions or the entire series at a discount, with access to online materials, an optional reading list, and archived video of all classes.

Each 90-minute session will include an introduction to the play and playwright(s), live reading and listening, informal discussion, and Q&A. Guest artists talk about their visions of the plays and their parts in bringing them to life. Best of all... no homework, no tests, no grades, and you can take any class you want from the comfort of your own home.

As a special bonus, all Weston 101 participants are invited for a class reunion in the summer, including a post-show talk back, a private backstage tour, and a sneak peek at Weston's new second stage, slated to open in the fall of 2017. Weston 101 is sponsored by the Northshire Bookstore and offered in partnership with Burr and Burton Academy and the Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Dates/Times: January 19 (*Buyer and Cellar*), February 2 (*Tenderly*), February 16 (*Lost in Yonkers*), March 2 (*Once*), March 16 (*The Music Man*), March 30 (*Long Day's Journey into Night*). All classes from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Location: Hunter Seminar Room, Burr and Burton Academy, Manchester, VT AND live streaming with password provided for all class members.

Cost: \$20/person for individual sessions, \$100/person for all 6 sessions. Group/couple rates also available.

Registration: www.westonplayhouse.org or contact Director of Education/Artistic Associate Piper Goodeve at pgoodeve@westonplayhouse.org

For further information about Weston 101 and Weston's 2017 season, visit westonplayhouse.org.

FOLA Introducing "Streaming" in 2017 Program Schedule



As it plans its programming schedule for 2017, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) has decided it will introduce the ability to "stream" live programming for the benefit of its audiences.

"Streaming" is essentially the process of presenting live events, such as Broadway musicals, sporting events, and national public interest events, as they actually are occurring. FOLA plans to acquire the various equipment needed to present selected events that are carried over the Internet. This will give it the advantage of having many entertainment and public interest venues available to it at a reduced cost.

According to Ralph Pace, FOLA Chairman, the first year's activity will concentrate on Broadway musicals and selected plays and events that will benefit the local education system. Among the Broadway musicals that will be included in the 2017 FOLA calendar are "Gypsy", "Cats", "Kiss Me Kate", and "Phantom of the Opera" - all with Broadway casts.

In order to enable this feature, FOLA will seek to raise funds for the quality equipment necessary to provide a streaming capability.

Plans are also afoot for a musical revue that will be called "Your Hit Parade of 1927", a musical presented in the format of an old radio show featuring the songs from 1927 such as "Stardust", "Some One to Watch Over Me", "Thou Swell" and "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover". The show will be produced in conjunction with the Ludlow Rotary Club, which was founded in 1927 and will mark its 90th anniversary in 2017.

FOLA movie plans will also call for a continuation of its month-long programming covering specific motion picture topics. In 2017, the programming will feature a series of classic films from the 1950, beginning with a speaker outlining the character and films unique to that period. Featured movies will include: "On the Waterfront", "Sunset Boulevard", and "The Killing".

The Silent Movie Festival, scheduled for April, will highlight Charley Chaplin's classic, "The Kid".

Other films scheduled for 2017 will include:

Ice Age2 - Bridge of Spies - Brooklyn - Inside Out - The Martian - Elsa and Fred - Eye in the Sky - Long Day's Journey into Night - King of Hearts - Spectre - City Slickers and Blazing Saddles

FOLA will also sponsor the annual "Community Christmas Celebration" in concert with the local schools. Other events will be announced as they are prepared.

More information about the 2017 will be appearing in FOLA's web site, www.fola.us.

Caption to photo:

Pictured above is a scene from the 50's Movie series, "On the Waterfront", starring Marlon Brando and Rod Steiger. This will be part of a series of films that highlight the "golden age" of 1950 movies sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium).

Special Broadway Musical, "She Loves Me", Featured Dec. 28 in Ludlow

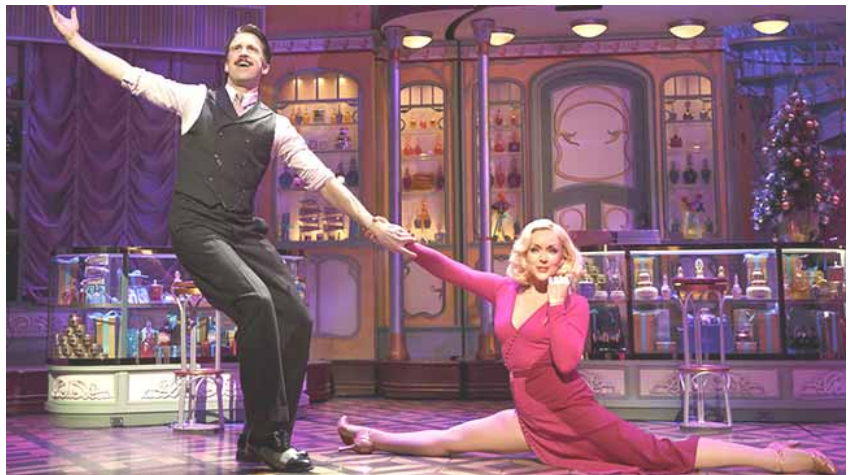
FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will offer a bonus for the holiday season by streaming the hit Broadway musical, "She Loves Me" during the Christmas week on Wednesday, December 28 at 7 PM at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

This musical is a charming story of two co-workers in a perfume store in Budapest have great difficulty dealing with one another - yet, neither one realizes that they are the same penpal lovers brought together by a lonely hearts club.

With a book by Joe Masteroff, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and music by Jerry Bock, the musical is the third adaptation of the play *Parfumerie* by Hungarian playwright Miklós László, following the 1940 James Stewart-Margaret Sullivan film *The Shop Around the Corner* and the 1949 Judy Garland-Van Johnson musical version *In the Good Old Summertime*. It surfaced again in 1998 as the Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan feature *You've Got Mail*. The plot revolves around Budapest shop employees Georg Nowack and Amalia Balash who, despite being consistently at odds with each other at work, are unaware that each is the other's secret pen pal met through lonely-hearts ads.

The musical premiered on Broadway in 1963. *She Loves Me* was revived again on Broadway in 2016, and the production became the first Broadway show ever to be live-streamed.

The event is free; donations, of course, are appreciated to underwrite the costs of the production. For information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit www.fola.us.



Lou & Sue Flego's Visit with Nephew Ted Allegra



Marine present (here pictured with US Ambassador to the UN Geneva Pamela Hamamoto (2nd from left), USMC Sargent Major (far left), and the youngest United States Marine present (far right).

Lou and Sue Flego of Belmont recently visited their nephew, Ted Allegra, the US Delegate to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. (Ted spent several summers growing up in Belmont with his parents at their rental home on the former property of Tino Balestra.)

There they attended the 241st US Marine Corps Birthday Ball where Lou was honored as the oldest



Left: US Ambassador to UN in Geneva Pamela Hamamoto

Right: US Deputy Permanent Representative to UN Geneva Ted Allegra


Lou & Sue Flego with USMC contingent US Mission to the UN, Geneva, Switzerland at the 241st USMC Birthday Ball in Geneva. Nov 2016



Dear Editor,

First I want to thank Diana for all her hard work keeping the town informed and producing such a wonderful paper that I brag about to everyone from other towns-we are very lucky! However last month I was appalled by the *poem* that appeared (about Christmas) that was not attributed to anyone and probably offended half the town because of its religious and political nature. Unlike the author of that poem, I always wish people a Happy Holiday because not everyone is Christian. I stopped going to church years ago because so many Christians seemed

to forget that we are called to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit those in prison- whatever you do for the least of these you do for "Me"...and lest we forget Jesus was a Jew, a refugee and a prisoner. Marcy Tanger



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- * Supporting & Promoting Net Zero Homes through "Alternative Energy" Education
- * Providing the essential Information needed to make prudent decisions about our lifestyles and their effect on our "Living Costs" including the "Planet Earth".
- * Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources"
- * Learning what the "True Costs" are for the use of "Alternative Energy Sources".
- * Realizing the benefits of a home with a "NET-ZERO" energy cost.
- * Participating in, "Workshops": That will address, current "Market Conditions", affecting "ALTERNATIVE ENERGY" sources, and usages

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Working collectively within our communities to promote the "Effective" use of "Alternative Energy Sources"

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RRMC MEDICAL ONCOLOGY UNIT DIRECTOR RECOGNIZED AS PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER

Fred Garrow, of Mt. Holly, VT, Director of the Medical Oncology Unit at RRMC in Rutland, was recently presented with the U.S. Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award. David Wheel, representing Vermont Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presented the award for the unconditional and continuous support that Garrow has given to his employee and citizen-service member, Jennifer Kavanaugh, from Rutland, VT. Kavanaugh works full-time as a medical oncology unit nurse at RRMC, but serves as a Staff Sergeant Combat Engineer with Detachment 1, A Company, 572d Engineers, of the Vermont Army National Guard in White River Junction.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a U.S. Department of Defense organization that promotes, recognizes, and enhances civilian employer support of citizen service members. ESGR also facilitates meaningful employment opportunities for citizen warriors, all veterans, and military spouses.

Pictured: Fred Garrow, award recipient, and Jennifer Kavanaugh, RN, who requested the award.



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