



Mount Holly Chit Chat

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December 2015

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church – SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300
St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161
Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am Proctorsville Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Lourduraja Simeone Ph. 228-3451
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm

	1 st		Rosa Parks Bus Boycott 1955	
	2 nd	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting	7:15 pm	
		Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm	
		Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly Elementary School	6:00 pm	
		Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly Elementary School	6:00 pm	
Sat	5 th	Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season Begins ~ AFL-CIO Founded 1955		
Sun	6 th	MH Snow Flyers, Meeting Belmont Fire Station	8:30 am	
		Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		
	7 th			
	8 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		
		Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		
	9 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		
	10 th	Mt. Holly School Holiday Concert, School Gym		
	11 th		1:30 pm &	
	13 th		UNICEF Founded 1946	
Sun		Muzzleloader Deer Hunting Season Ends		
	14 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		
	15 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		
	16 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		
		Bobcat Trapping Season Ends ~ Boston Tea Party 1773 ~ Battle Of The Bulge Began 1944		
	17 th	Wright Brother's First Powered Flight, Kitty Hawk, NC 1903		
	18 th	13th Amendment Abolishes Slavery 1865		
	21 st	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office		
	22 nd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		
	23 rd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		
	24 th			
	25 th			
Sat	26 th			
Sun	27 th			
	28 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm	
	29 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm	
	31 st	End of WWII 1946 ~ New Years Eve ~ Panama Canal Turned Over To Republic of Panama 1999		

Ruffed Grouse, Gray Squirrel, Raccoon, Mink, Skunk, Red & Gray Fox, Coyote, Opossum, Weasel Fisher Trapping/Hunting Ends

Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden – Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347	P 802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C 802-353-8347	P 802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101



Merry Christmas

USAF Began Strikes of Laos 1964
Merry Christmas

Kwanzaa

George Cayley Father of Aerodynamics 1773 ~ Louis Pasteur 1822

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December Birthdays: 1st-David Hoeh 3rd -Archie Bussino (1942) 4th -Shawn Palmer 5th -Mary Beth Jacobs 6th -Nikita Abrae Howard 8th -Zachary Taylor * Heather Graham (1999) 9th -Carol Skarzynski 10th -Madeline Veysey 16th -Heather Jacobs * Erin Devereux 18th -Alec McCallum 19th -Lia Wortman * Jon Lombardi * Ryan Graf * Sarah Devereux 22nd -Leslie Colm 1960. 23rd -Kateri Collins * Stacey Johnson 24th -Christopher Colm * Joshua R. Wasilewski 25th - Annette Lynch 27th -Richard Lee 30th -John Ely * Jennifer Bussino Graham (1981) 31st - A.J. Labozzo

December Anniversaries: 11th -Joe & Donna McDonald (39 Years) 27th -Dave & Carol Venter (57 Years)

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am

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Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am
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Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett
Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



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The Annual Membership meeting is held on the second Monday in September in the Mount Holly Library at 7 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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Dannielle C. Bussino



Dannielle Christine Bussino, 24, of Mt Holly passed away at her home unexpectedly on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Dannielle enjoyed rides around the Loop hanging out with her friends of which she never met anyone she didn't call a friend. She enjoyed playing Monopoly with Kathy and her mom, her favorite pastime was playing with her tape measure - among other trinkets.

Dannielle had Cerebral Palsy which limited her physical activities yet she never let that stand in her way, she surpassed each and every expectation the

Drs ever had for her, she never complained about anything.

Dannielle loved the outdoors, her family was her world, she loved being with her siblings, especially her Toddy he was her Rock, and she was his, Dannielle enjoyed hunting with her daddy and shopping at Wal-mart with her mom.

Dannielle is survived by her Mother and Father, Lisa and Todd Bussino, Sr. of Mt. Holly, 2 brothers Todd Bussino Jr. of Mt. Holly and Donald Boyd and his wife Melissa of Punta Gorda, FL, a sister Jennifer Graham and her fiancé Ronald Blanchard of Mt. Holly, paternal grandfather Archie Bussino of Mt. Holly, maternal grandmother Ruth Thornton of Cape Coral, FL, paternal grandparents Sandra and Dave Truman of Cape Coral, FL, paternal great grandmother Anna Mae Bellimer of Mt. Holly, 2 nieces Heather Graham and Stephanie Sharp and a nephew Austin Boyd.

She was predeceased by her grandpa Alva Al McCall of FL, her grandmother Mary Bussino of Mt. Holly, and her best friend and Brother-in-Law Christopher Graham.

Friends did call on Friday October 30th from 11 a.m. until the time of the service which was officiated by Pastor Glenn Davis of Village Baptist Church in Belmont at the Aldous Funeral Home in Rutland.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford with Bearers Dale Pennington, Lance, Michael, Jeff and Dennis Bussino, and Nick Turco.

Honorary bearers were her brothers, Donnie Boyd and Todd Bussino Jr..

A reception followed at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont.

Memorial contributions may be made to a [charity of choice](#) for children with special health needs.

Adrien William "Art" Boyer



Adrien William "Art" Boyer, 87, of Wallingford, died Monday at Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 2, 1928, in Mount Holly, the son of Adrien and Anna (Garrow) Boyer.

Mr. Boyer graduated from Wallingford High School and enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Kennebec before his honorable discharge in 1951.

He married Marjorie Drinwater on Oct. 12, 1963.

Mr. Boyer had been employed for more than 30 years at the General Electric Co. before his retirement. He taught blue-print reading at G.E. and Rutland High School.

He enjoyed traveling and crossword puzzles.

Mr. Boyer was a member of St. Patrick Church and the American Legion Post 31.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Boyer of Wallingford; two sisters: Romona Wade and Rita Brooks, both of Wallingford; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Doris Towne.

There were no public calling hours. Funeral services were on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, at St. Patrick Church. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery. A reception will be in the church hall. Arrangements are with the Wallingford-Aldous Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Church, 218 North Main St., Wallingford, or to Wallingford Rescue, P.O. Box 246, Wallingford, VT 05773.

St. Patrick's Church Annual Christmas Bazaar



Saturday December 5, 2015
9A.M. to 2 P.M.



At St. Patrick's Church
28 North Main St., Wallingford, VT

Bill of fare:

Handmade Crafts * Bake Sale

Luncheon Featuring Homemade Soups

Silent Auction With Theme Baskets

Wreaths Will Be Available For Sale Made by Rhonda Levy

You will be able to bid on the items in the silent auction in advance if you can't come to the bazaar

For more information please call Barb Boucher at
446-2216 or 282-9647.

We hope to see you at the bazaar

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The Mount Holly School QUEST Lego Team is looking for donations of Lego pieces (including but not limited to: classic Lego building pieces, figures, tires, windows, doors and giant flat bases). We would appreciate any donations possible for our amazing QUEST creations. Thank you, The LEGO team, Contact the School at 259-2392

Price Chopper Tools for Schools Info

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Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, November 4 at

Ludlow
Elementary
School's gym.

The board discussed the proposed budget for the next school year. Mr. Adams explained that the budget draft was still relying on numbers from the state, which typically come in in mid-December. The board discussed affordable housing and Act 46. During this discussion, the board agreed to hold an informational meeting on December 9. The board also discussed the food service committee work. The board discussed October 7 at the Black River High School Library Learning Commons.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 2 at Mt. Holly Elementary School.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule

St. Patrick's in Wallingford

4:00 pm Christmas Eve

9:15 am Christmas Day

&

Christ The King in Rutland

Christmas Eve

5:15 pm ~ 8:00 pm ~ 12 am Midnight

Christmas Day

7:30 am ~ 9:30 am ~ 11:00 am

&

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in

Ludlow

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

9:00 am

&

Holy Name of Mary in Proctorsville

Christmas Eve Only

7:00 pm

Important Meeting

About your Taxes and Mount Holly School At 6pm

December 9th at Mount Holly School

The new Education Act (Act 46) is proposing some sweeping changes to the way our Supervisory Union and School operates. This law will affect everyone in Mount Holly. Please be there. Mount Holly School Board

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group does not meet in December. We will meet again on January 13, 2016. Look for the announcement in the Chitchat for time and discussion book. Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

COME JOIN OUR 5K—Fundraiser

Turkey trot

Thursday—November 26th—9:00 AM

Start at Dorsey Park—Please bring an unwrapped gift
as a donation

All Donations will go to Toys for Tots.

We welcome runners, walkers, strollers and dogs.

Walkers start at 9:00 a.m. and runners at 9:15 a.m.

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:30 A.M.

Questions? - Call Leslie Boyle at 228-3176



Mount Holly 2017 Calendar Photos

The announcement of the winning photos for the Mount Holly 2017 Calendar will be made in the February issue of the Chit Chat.

But...today is a great time to start taking your photos for the 2016 Photo Contest. November photos have a great chance of getting in the calendar.

AND

Don't Forget to Buy Your
Mount Holly 2016 Calendar

Mount Holly Community Association

This was really a Halloween to remember...*The Monster Mash* (for the children) and *A Midsummer Night's Scream* (for adults) were huge successes!! The streets of Belmont were alive with hoards of trick-or-treaters and their parents...75 – 100 people attended *The Monster Mash*! For next year, we are looking for more folks in Belmont Village to participate and receive trick-or-treaters. If you are interested, please contact Morgan Skiathitis at 259-2755. *A Midsummer Night's Scream*, the adult party held later in the evening, was also a roaring good time! DJ Evergreen (Robert Balewicz) entertained with great dance beats and a smashing lightshow! As always, the costumes were fabulous and who wouldn't have been frightened by that ghoulish group of skeletons who hosted the event... Many thanks to Morgan Skiathitis and Linda Miller, the primary organizers of the parties, and to all of their volunteers who helped make the afternoon and evening the best Halloween celebration in Rutland County!

Upcoming: Another fun-filled event for our children is right around the corner...**Christmas in Mount Holly!** Please join us at the library on Saturday, December 12th at 4:00 pm for the annual skit, the community Christmas caroling with the Mount Holly Folk group, the traditional reading of *The Night Before Christmas* and, needless to say, a visit from "you know who"! Santa will be here to give out the first gifts of Christmas to the children and find out what their fondest wish for Christmas is this year. Refreshments will be served in the Community Room following the festivities. Please mark your

calendars now and, whether you have young children, or if you're just young at heart, you should not miss this event. It is the warmest way to kick off the warmest season of the year...please join us!

Ring in the New Year at the best fireworks display in the Okemo Valley...**New Year's Eve at Star Lake!** Once again the Sno*Drifters will provide the most extensive and elaborate fireworks show in the region on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st. Festivities begin at 8:00 pm with a bonfire by the lake and mulled wine and hot cocoa provided by the Mount Holly Community Association. There is no better way to welcome in the New Year than in the company of family and friends on the shore of Star Lake in Belmont. Even if the air is frigid, the bonfire and the camaraderie of hundreds of people will keep you warm throughout the evening...please join us!

It's time to renew your **MHCA Membership for 2015 - 2016**, if you have not already done so! All of the events sponsored by the Community Association (such as those described above) would not be possible without the participation of *everyone* in the community through your annual membership. It is our largest source of revenue to support all of the activities throughout the year, as well as the maintenance of our beautiful, historic building. Whether you join at the individual level of \$20, or the benefactor level at \$250, your participation is crucial to the vitality of *your* Community Association! A reminder was recently sent out, but if you have misplaced your form, you can pick one up at the library or at the General Store, or contact Beth Latino, our membership chair, at 259-2084. Forgotten whether you've joined or not?! You can get that information from Beth Latino as well. Please join today!!

We would be remiss if we did not extend our gratitude to **Madeleine Fay**, who has been the membership chair for the past five years! She has done a remarkable job and membership revenue, so vital to the MHCA, has increased with each passing year. Madeleine has "turned the baton" over to Beth Latino, who we are sure will follow Madeleine's example. Many thanks, Madeleine!!

The Mount Holly Community Association

Would like to extend

A huge **THANK YOU** to
Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty.

Without their tireless efforts over the past five years, the
Restoration of the Star Lake Dam and beach area
Would not have been accomplished.

It is finally finished and it is beautiful!

Thank you...thank you...thank you...

Ron and Dottie!!!!

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2015 – 2016

Please join to support...Music on the Green-
Mount Holly Day-
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo
Contest-Cider Days-
Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-
Christmas in Mount Holly-
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud
Fling

And the maintenance of our historic
Community Center Building
Please join today!!

(Brochures available in the library, the
General Store, the post offices and the Town
Office.)

Mount Holly School

Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 10th

Student Shopping Fair

Friday, December 11th

The Mount Holly Photo Calendar is now on sale at the General Store and the library. Be sure to pick up the calendars you need for holiday presents as soon as possible. We sell out of the calendars every year and there is a limited quantity left right now! This is yet another way that you can support the MHCA...we are sincerely grateful for all you do!

Special Note: the **Mount Holly Art Group**, which meets on Saturday mornings is now meeting a half hour earlier. They will be gathering at 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Community Room, instead of at 10:30 am. This is one of the best regularly scheduled activities in the Community Room and the Art Group welcomes all comers, whether they are beginners, or professional artists. Come join the camaraderie of fellow artists, who have a passion for drawing and painting!

The Board of Directors of the Mount Holly Community Association wishes to extend its warmest best wishes to all during this season of celebration whether it be Christmas, Hannukah, or Kwanzaa...happy holidays to everyone!

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

A Brief History of the Library

- 1914** – C. W. Parmenter donates 277 volumes to establish the Mount Holly Town Library to be administered by the Belmont Improvement Society.
- 1922** – The 34 year old church building was deeded to the town with the understanding that it would house a library and be open as a community meeting place.
- 1929** – Librarians Ara Armstrong (Barton) and her Mother Miriam Armstrong established a policy of circulating books to the 8 little school houses dotted around the town of Mount Holly. Circulation was so successful that the North Village District and the Healdville District were formed with library assistants helping to keep track of the books. The circulation of books skyrocketed during this period and established a pattern of town-wide usage and borrowing that continues today.
- 1978** – The library was reinvigorated by a dedicated group of volunteers determined to keep more consistent hours and encourage library usage.
- 1997** – The present Library Board structure was formed to ensure the continued operation of the library with oversight and standards that would clarify the purpose and mission of the library.
- 2001** – The library was the recipient of a two-year Freeman Foundation Grant. The purpose of the grant was to increase open hours by hiring a part-time librarian with relevant experience who would assist volunteers, organize the collection, increase inter-library loans and develop additional programs and activities.
- 2008** – In May, the Mount Holly Community Association completed a \$120,000 renovation of the library space with money raised exclusively from private and local donations.
- 2008** – A community Folk Club was established where residents gather every Monday to sing and play instruments. This group continues to meet and volunteer their talents entertaining at community events.
- 2008** – The library received the Winnie Bell Learned Grant and received money to purchase picture books, manipulative toys, floor pillows, a storage unit, rug and Mother Goose Science Kits.
- 2008** – Increased open hours to 14 per week year-round, added additional computers and applied for and received a non-profit incorporation with the State of Vermont.
- 2009** – A birth to age 5 Play Group was established on our site by the Rutland County Parent/Child Center and continues to meet every Tuesday at 10 am.
- 2010** – With additional services and open hours the library met Vermont Library State Standards for the first time and has complied each year since. Meeting State Standards is a useful tool for self-evaluation and ensures continued excellence of service to the public.
- 2010** – To increase further usage of the building and increase library traffic the MHCA conducted a capital campaign that raised \$140,000 used to renovate the lower level including a large community space, kitchen, bathroom and storage.
- 2011** – Free internet/computer classes are offered by VTEL and in subsequent years by a CCV Internet Intern program.
- 2012** – Universal Class and One Click Digital downloadable services are offered.
- 2013** – The process of automating the collection is begun and by January 2014 the library is fully automated.
- 2014** – Established our own website (<https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>) and due to automation you can search for books, videos and audio books that are contained in the collection from the comfort of your home.
- 2015** – Applied for and received a 501(c)(3) designation from the federal government. The Mount Holly Town Library has continuously operated for 101 years and the collection has grown to over 9,000 lendable materials.

The 183 Vermont Libraries provide essential services to Vermont citizens and communities. In a small town like Mount Holly the library plays a central role in community-building, in early childhood education and in providing a meeting place and informational center for the town's residents. The first Saturday of May the Library hosts Vermont Green-Up Day. In the early 70s the Library established a summer reading program for elementary school age children and that program continues with 6 sessions dedicated to literacy and reading skills. Children's programs are presented year-round and elementary school visits are coordinated with the school. The library holds many cultural programs and social events throughout the year on a wide range of subjects and community interests. We continue to function in all the ways a library serves patrons. The Inter Library Loan program allows us to draw materials for patron requests from all the libraries in the state. Each year we add programs of technology and offer downloadable services. We collaborate with the Vermont State Library System and attend workshops to improve our services and add programs. The Mount Holly Community Association pays for the utilities and general maintenance equaling \$10,000 per year and along with the library holds community parties and programs in the facility. We maintain an energetic group of volunteers and board members who make it a priority to give time and talents to furthering the library's impact on the community. Each year more library services are added and used. Patronage increases as we continue to be a focal point in the community and adapt our services to the changing times.

Message from the Librarian

Thanks to the countless people who have given so much over the years to continue to provide a library to Mount Holly. My thanks to the loyal volunteers and board members and my best wishes for all Mount Holly families and friends for a joyous Holiday season and a Happy & Healthy New Year!



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE BABY CRIES?

We sing those familiar words every Christmas: "Away in a manger the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus *no crying he makes*..." Do you really think that the baby Jesus never cried? He truly was "God with us" and yet He was also fully human, so he must have cried when he got hungry or got uncomfortable. We tend to idealize it all and think, "Just look at that beautiful little babe in a manger. Surely He's not going to cry, but He does cry and, like any baby, *demand*s our attention. So what DO you do when the baby cries? You absolutely *must* do something with it. You've got to change it. You've got to feed it. You've got to burp it.

Then it grows up. It goes to school and one day stands up in the synagogue and announces: "I've been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to unshackle those in bondage and give sight to the blind." What do you do with Him ...the unique God/man of the universe? Pilate's question rings down through the corridors of time: "What shall I do with this man Jesus?" The question requires a decision.

Likewise the wisemen and the shepherds had a decision to make. You have to walk past Herod to get to the baby. So you have to renounce and reject the glamour of success, the gleam of fame, the glitz of career, the power of gold, you name it... whatever our society deems important and powerful. You've got to walk past all that in order to see that baby that demands attention.

You have to admire the courage of those shepherds who found the faith to say, "It's not the Edomite king on the throne. I'll trust God. It's the *baby*!" That's something that *you* need to be driven by, that *I* need to be driven by, every day of the year.

Why not do what the shepherds did? Worship Him and then proclaim the Good News. After 400 years of silence, suddenly the heavens are filled with the voices of angels singing song after song, in essence proclaiming, "Joy to



Come join us for a few moments of
CHRISTMAS PEACE
 At the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 The Village Church of Mt. Holly in Belmont
 7 PM
 Carols and Blacklight Chalk Artistry

THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
A MELODRAMA
SANTA AND
SONG

STARTING AT 4PM
 MT HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTER / LIBRARY
 Reading Of "The Night Before Christmas"
 By Barbara Pallotta
 The Arrival Of Santa Claus
 A "Boo & Hiss" Melodrama Called
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 Starring The Mt Holly Radio Players
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DECEMBER 12 SATURDAY

the world, the Lord has come!" These common shepherders dropped everything to attend Christ's birth. "Let us go *straight* to Bethlehem," they said. "And they came in *haste*..." (Luke 2:16)

They found the Messiah they had only heard about all their Lives. They met Him up close & personal. Then what did they do? They went *back* to watch their flocks. They went back to the day to day... nitty gritty task of tending sheep... the ordinary, the mundane, but they *never* were the same again. Why? Because they'd seen **JESUS**! You see, it's not what you do with the baby, but rather, what will you do with the baby who grew up to die, open-armed on a cross, crying out, "*This is how much I love you!*"

We all will be going back to something, but having looked into those two-thousand-year-old eyes of love and forgiveness I trust that not a one of us will go back the way we came.

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**In grateful appreciation to
Patricia Nye
who saved Star Lake for generations
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for the 2015 Dam Reconstruction

In addition to Patricia Nye's \$500,000 gift, the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust received donations of almost \$100,000 from over 280 families, friends, Mt. Holly students, local businesses, and Town organizations in support of the "Save Our Lake" fundraising campaign. To date we have raised 99% of the project costs... so yes, we are still fundraising for the last "few" dollars (see below).

The Conservation Trust would also like to thank Casella Construction for the excellent work they did to rebuild the dam, beach and boat ramp. In particular we'd like to single out the outstanding work of Mt. Holly resident Jeff Chase who was the project manager. His dedication to the project and his attention to detail were critical for its success.

Thanks also go to the Mt. Holly Select Board and Jeff



Teter and the road crew for their collaboration and support.

For those of you who have not yet contributed, or would like to add to your previous donation, you can contribute online at mounthollyconservationtrust.org or send a check to MHCT at the address below.

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, Co-chairs, FOSL, a committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust
PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 ron@unterman.com 259-2491

A TREMENDOUS THANKS!

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Diana Garrow
and the Mount Holly Chit Chat
for providing such great coverage for the
photo contest and calendar

All of you make it possible for the
Mount Holly Calendar
to be a success!

Janet Warren, coordinator Mount Holly
Photo Contest and Calendar

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

**Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux
for Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury**

As the Legislature approaches our January start, many issues are part of our discussions right now. Our fiscal challenges are clear with annual commitments to fund pensions, education, and increases in Medicaid. The Budget Adjustment Bill will require nearly \$20 million dollars unless the end of December revenue upgrade is encouraging. The ongoing savings that we look for have been elusive. Any proposed reductions in spending have brought cries from each of those affected.

The Education Reform Bill that passed last May has caused much concern from our school boards trying to understand how to best utilize its incentives. At a time when they are working on next year's budget, it would make sense to delay implementation for a year. First, our boards were dealing with a lack of

guidance, and second the spending cap penalties are likely unconstitutional. The absence of the requested study produces no information on the potential savings from mergers. We also need to allow more time with so little agreement on an issue like school choice.

My Committee on Government Operations plans to propose bills that address access to vital records and the creation of an ethics commission. The vital records bill is a renewed attempt to limit access to certified copies of birth and death records. We understand that 47 states already limit who can request certified copies and hope to get this finalized.

There has been a lot of discussion about how elected officials should handle issues that affect themselves. From voting on financial gain to helping a personal cause, we want to have a discussion about policing ourselves.

I want to promote a discussion about a pension plan for new employees to our three publicly financed systems. There is a multi-billion dollar unfunded liability in our pension benefit and retiree health care benefit plans. My goal is to create a hybrid plan, similar to other states that will provide the best advice and keep management fees low to protect the investments.

Many issues will be confronted between January and May, and I hope you contact me about the ones important to you. You can contact me with a message at 802-259-2460 or ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.



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Dear Editor, Good Morning:

I don't very often find myself agreeing with Bruce Lisman, but the title of his op-ed piece in the Rutland Herald November 5 is absolutely right. "There Is No Fixing Act 46." It has to go. In the same edition of the Herald, the Superintendent of Springfield Schools is quoted as saying, "Cost savings? I don't see how it materializes." He is also quoted as saying, that he has a "healthy skepticism" about any cost savings. Many educators who have looked at Act 46 do not see any cost savings, though the law was enacted to save cost. Ridiculously, the study to determine the cost of an adequate education in

Vermont hasn't even been done. (Rutland Herald, November 2) If the cost hasn't been determined, how can any savings be determined? The study is just now beginning. Talk about the cart before the horse. Springfield is also slated to lose, according to the same Springfield article, some or all of the one million dollars it gets from tuition students in Weathersfield and Baltimore. Guess what district Baltimore is in now and, according to the Act, would remain. It is in the current district with Mount Holly, but students there have choice of a high school, and many apparently go to Springfield. That, according to the Act, could change. They could lose their choice. Who thought that up? Where did that come from? Someone sitting in Montpelier just looking at numbers and trying to come up with the mystical number of 900 students while knowing little or nothing about the value of local schools and the educational process.

The Mount Holly School opened its doors in 1956 and since that time the Town has done a good job of educating Town children. The Town has stood the cost of many additions and improvements from the play ground, to the multipurpose room, to the wind tower generator thanks in part to Senator James Jeffords, to most recently the solar panels, just to name a few. All of which helps our students learn and further understand their relationship to, and part in, the world around them. All this time the school has been governed by Mount Holly residents through our local School Board. My wife went to the Mount Holly School, my son and daughter went there and all were well prepared for high school. In fact we have one of the best elementary schools in the State. Now comes Act 46. This would undo much, if not

all of what we, as a town have accomplished. We are in a district with Ludlow, Plymouth, Cavendish, Chester, Andover, and Baltimore. We merged several years ago into the Two Rivers Supervisory Union in which each town has retained its own school board and control of its own elementary school. Under Act 46 the local boards would cease to exist, and our school would be run by a board on which Mount Holly would have only minority representation. This same scenario would probably play out in many other small schools around the State. The current district Study Committee has 15 members with Mount Holly having just 2. We would lose control of our school. Is that what the people of Mount Holly want? Can we be bought off and bribed into giving up control of our school when the State doesn't even know the cost or whether there will be any savings at all? I hope not. I doubt it.

If you want to learn more and feel strongly about Mount Holly retaining control of our school through our own Board, then please come to the information meeting scheduled by the School Board for Wednesday December 9 at 6:00pm at the school. Support our school and the Board, our Mount Holly citizens, who have made our school so successful. Sincerely, Peter B. Smith

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Dear Editor,

We have just completed our move and slowly settling into this beautiful town. We originally came from just outside of Hartford, CT. I am a veteran municipal police officer in Connecticut as well as eighteen years as a professional firefighter, retiring as lieutenant. I am a federally certified as an FFI Fire Service Instructor. Although disabled, I'll be speaking with the peers to be in MHFD and Belmont to see if my experience and skills can be utilized here. I am formerly a medical technician who continues to maintain a supplied trauma bag should any of my neighbors need assistance awaiting advanced EMS support.

My wife Bonnie was a certified CNA, infant, toddler and preschool teacher as well. She had to stop working years ago due to cancer that we're happy to say we beat! As of recent she is always looking for elderly clients she can help as a companion, shopping services and/or light cleaning.

I have been charged as property manager for the original "Gates" farm and several other properties adjacent to. No children at home except my retired police K9 "Devis" who has since been retrained in his new vocation as my Mobility Service Dog. He's not only my best friend but my 24/7 walking partner, helping me with occasional balance issues since debilitating injuries sustained over the years in the line of duty.

Looking forward in meeting all of our neighbors and to offer my/our assistance in any way needed, at any time. We both value our old-time upbringing that includes strong neighborhood ties including the need to help each other whenever necessary. Respectfully, Joseph & Bonnie Elwell

Dear Snowmobilers and Officers.

I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation (this letter was supposed to be presented at the last meeting, but with technical difficulties I had to depart, but those who are close to me knew this was coming). After much thought and consideration I have decided to resign to pursue a new endeavor that will take much of my time. What a better time as we depart from the Sno*Drifters and transition to the Mount Holly Snow Flyers to do this. I feel as though a big weight has been lifted off my shoulders, as I am doing what's right for me.

I will be happy to help with the transition of my duties so the club can continue to function smoothly. I will never forget the hard working volunteers, the fundraisers, BBQ's, Poker and Radar Runs and of course the snowmobiling adventures.

I have enjoyed every single minute of my years as Secretary and the few years I was the Treasurer for filing both jobs, not to mention planning and organizing all those fine events. I hope the club will let me continue with the basket fundraiser I created for Cider Days. This is my way to connect with most of you and give back to the community, raising money for the New Year's Eve Fire Works Celebration. The basket fundraiser has also given youth the opportunity to provide Community Service to fill their High School requirements. Snowmobiling has been my passion, but the comrade is heartfelt.

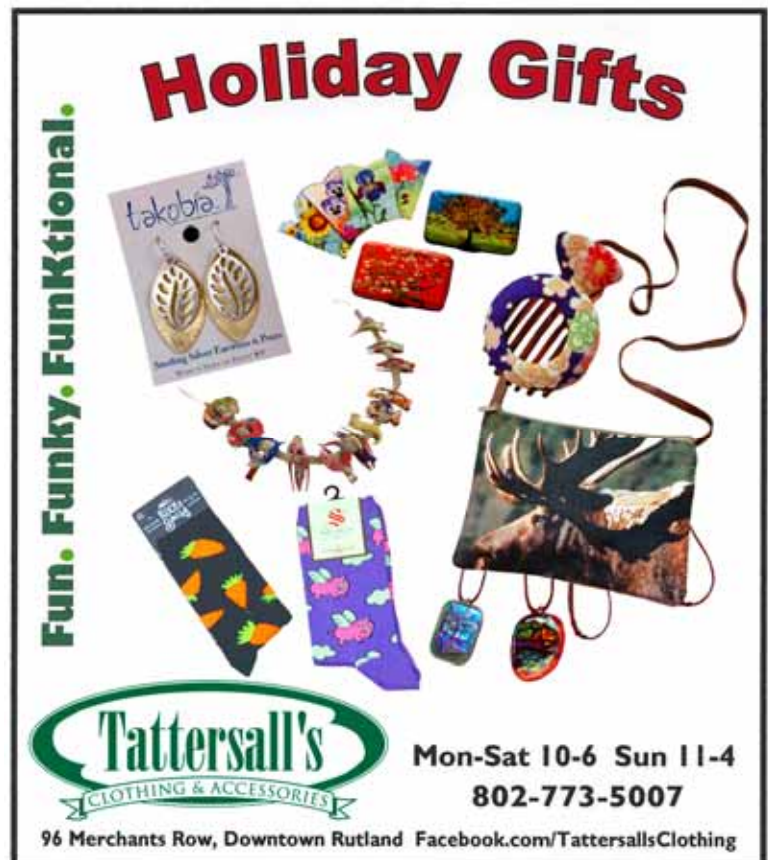
I wish the club officers and all its members the best and I am looking forward to seeing you on the trails and snowmobiling with many of you, yes I am a snowmobile addict. The advice I want to give to the club officers is to follow Roberts Rules of Order and the By Laws, using these as your bible will guide you. I want to give many of you sincere thanks for the love and support you have given me, especially the last two years when I felt crippled and was traumatized by a few significant events that happened in my life. I am at peace with this decision, yet so grateful for a wonderful opportunity during my life.

Happy Trails, Think Snow and my signature motto – Do the Snow Dance!!!! Love and peace to all, MARY ALBERTY, AKA Queen of the Sno*Drifters (I was just was blown away and blushed when many people said this to me over the last few years, LOL)

Letter to the Editor Diana Garrow,

Thank you, as a half Vermonter and half Berliner/ Germany, I really enjoy all the information from Belmont.

Happy Thanksgiving from Berlin **Manuela Malaszkiewicz-Weiter**





Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting December 8th, 2015. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were three additions to the Agenda: Under Highways, a GMP Petition for Pole and Wire Location (Belmont Rd); under Other, Announcement of FY16 Building Communities Grants and the Rescue Squad asked for time.

- GMP Petition for Pole and Wire Location – GMP is requesting an easement for electric service to run under Belmont Road to provide service from the Monroe property to the Bothers property. Ms. Bothers is selling her property and the easement to allow the power is required by the purchaser. GMP does not yet have the easement signed by the Monroes. The Board did not take any action, preferring to wait until the other easement is obtained. The Board also noted that if the power goes through, GMP must bore under Belmont Road, not dig it up.
- Rescue Squad – The Rescue Squad is considering purchasing a new ambulance, consolidating to one unit (selling both of the current units). Unit 1 failed to pass a recent State ambulance inspection, and the State recommended going to 1 unit. David Johnson confirmed the \$15,000 for the equipment fund voted last March, there would be \$143,000 in the fund, although some is in a CD and there would be some penalties taking it out. The Squad hopes that with the fund money and some other cash on hand that they would be able to pay cash. (The Squad later estimated that a new ambulance would cost \$150 - \$175,000. In the past the Town has signed for any loan, so that the more favorable municipal rate can be obtained.) The Squad was not sure what current call volume is, but historically it has been between 50-125 calls.

Ray Tarbell noted that listening over a scanner, there are many times when the Squad doesn't respond and either Regional Ambulance (Rutland) or Ludlow Ambulance covers the call. He suggested maybe the town should go to no local service and just contract with one or both agencies. Don Patch said that within 5-10 years, all volunteer services (fire and rescue) will likely have to consolidate due to declining volunteerism. As a taxpayer, he suggested that the town check with Regional/Ludlow to see what it would cost, with our local people becoming First Responders working for Regional or Ludlow.

Ted said that the Board can't act on this tonight, as it needs to be warned on an agenda so residents have a chance to weigh in on this. The Board agreed to put this on the next agenda and allow some time to hear from those who wish to speak. The Board also asked the Squad to provide more current info on the number of calls and ambulance costs.

- FY2016 Building Communities Grants – The State has announced the availability for these grants which can be used for a variety of purposes under the broad categories of Recreational Facilities, Regional Economic Development and the Human Services and Education Grants. Grant applications are due November 20, 2015 and can be applied for by municipalities and organizations within the town. More information is available at the Town Office and on the State website.

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 13 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was VOTED: To approve the October 13 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- Tarbellville Road culvert – Jeff reported that it will likely be another week or so before the road is open. The new standards from ANR are much higher than in the past, and there were some changes required by the State. Cost-wise, it should all work out with the budget planned, along with the structures grant the town received last year.
- FEMA December 2014 storm – The final payment from the State has been received.
- Lake Ninevah Road – Ted Crawford thanked Paul Nevin for his efforts getting all the signatures from residents on the road. Ted noted that in reviewing State requirements, the town can post speed limits without conducting a traffic engineering study, but there are 4 requirements that must be met. Then the Town must follow the same process to amend the existing ordinance as adopting a new one. The cost of MUTCD-required signage is likely to be \$200-400, although Paul Nevin felt he could raise funds to cover that. The Board asked Ray Tarbell to conduct the required inspection and report back to the Board. The Ordinance Amendment will be warned on the next agenda.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated October 31, 2015 showing cash balances of \$3,393,045. Highlights: The town has collected \$3,920,467 in property taxes, with 236,000 delinquent (4.9%). This is higher than last two years, but lower than two years prior to that. Solid Waste label sales were \$8,717, up \$2000 from last year. Health insurance benefits are under budget. Highway equipment repairs are "modest". Summer Outside expenses (trucking for materials) are higher, and may limit expenses next spring.

Mount Holly Listers Hours

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 9:00am-12:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager **786-4404**, or leave a message on his cell at **802-353-8347**.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at mhconstable@yahoo.com.

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Thursday before the meeting.

- Delinquent Property Tax Issue – There is a property in town which is in bankruptcy. The town tax collector, through David, has suggested hiring an attorney to file a Release from Bankruptcy so that the Town could have a tax sale, covering the two years delinquent (approx. \$2300, most education taxes which the town must send even if not collected). Cost to file is estimated at \$370. The Board felt more information was needed on the process, and Ted will follow up.
5. Insurance
- Rhonda reported that the health insurance premiums will go up 5.2%, but changes for Medicare-eligible employees previously voted will result in total costs increasing only about \$1000. Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) usage seems to indicate the current amount is reasonable (any unused funds come back to the town). Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: For 2016, provide insurance premium coverage up to the cost of the BCBS Platinum Plan level and to continue HRA funding at the current level. (3-0)
6. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project – Ron Unterman
- The project is done. The State has certified the dam and issued the fill order. The State has also agreed that we can cut some from the berm near the Odd Fellows, to allow flat access to the beach area. The boat ramp needs some grading to decrease the steepness. The town now has control of the flow valve, and the State recommends it be opened and closed 1-2 times per year. A small amount of money will be held back for some final reseeded of the area next spring. Funding will be a few thousand shy, so fundraising will continue (send donations to Mount Holly Conservation Trust, PO Box 86, Belmont, VT 05730).
 - Canoes: The cost to run the required notice of abandoned property will be about \$300, so the sale of the canoes will not make a profit, as hoped. The Board agreed that MHCT should proceed with the ads and sale. The possibility of a sign to prevent leaving canoes at the beach will be considered later.

Town Report Postcards

Please return the postcard to the town office if you wish to have the town report mailed to you in the future.
Thank you.

7. Transfer Station –

- Electronic recycling is becoming an issue (throughout the State). We may have to start paying for the pickup some of the items, as much as \$.13-.15 per pound. For older TV sets, this could be a considerable amount based on weight. There is no firm information on this, as talks are ongoing. Jeff noted that we have not been charging for scrap metal, or other items such as 20-lb propane tanks and these items do have a cost to the town. If metal continues to provide no revenue, perhaps a charge may need to be applied. The Board agreed that all costs and charges may need to be reviewed and will keep this open,

especially regarding the electronics.

8. Planning Commission

- Two terms expire in November. The town received three letters of interest from Jim Seward, Clinton Woolley, and Amy Warren. Ted read all three letters, and noted that he had spoken with Ms. Warren, who moved to Mount Holly last March and always like to volunteer in the town she resides. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To appoint Jim Seward and Clinton Woolley to three-year terms for the Planning Commission, terms expiring November 2018.
- Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Don Richardson reported that the RRPC has primarily been involved in working on the VT Comprehensive Energy Report and review meetings that have taken place recently.
- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council – David Hoeh is away and Don Richardson as alternate reported that there were nothing impacting Mount Holly at this time.
- Alternative Energy Moratorium. Ted Crawford read a slightly updated moratorium request from the Planning Commission, clarifying residential systems as 15kW or less, and specifying the end date as two years, or until a new Town Plan including alternative energy is adopted. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To adopt the following:

“The Mount Holly Planning Commission requests a moratorium on all solar, wind and hydro-electric projects that are not residential (15kW or less). This moratorium will be in effect for two years from the date of adoption or upon the adoption of the new Town Plan, whichever comes first. All alternative power produced by said residential projects must be owned and operated by Mount Holly residents.” (3-0)

9. Cell Phone and Internet Access

- The carrier is not responding to the property owner, so it seems likely that the plan is not moving forward.

10. Other Business – None

11. The Board reviewed and signed the October orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:31 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

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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

Mount Holly Planning Commission ~ November 16, 2015 ~ Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill McGrath, Jim Seward, Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley and Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Ted Crawford, Jon Wasilewski, Barry Gagner and David Hoeh.

Meeting Came to order at 7:00 pm

Old Business: Minutes from October meeting needed correction on public present.

The planning commission received the state application for the septic system for Daniel Adams property. The planning commission is still waiting on the approved permit. Bill McGrath and Tim Martin will be visiting site to ensure the septic has not been installed until permit has been acquired. They will also be looking to see if the well or septic may be on abutters land.

The Planning Commission has not received a mylar from Jeff White on the Munro sub division.

New Business: The Planning commission was informed of a driveway that was made through a buffer zone on Jon Wasilewski's land from camp Flying Lead. They sent a letter requesting presence at Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Wasilewski informed the planning commission that the driveway would be fixed by the end of deer season. He also noted he would be back at a further dated to try to get the buffer zone amended on his property. The planning commission gave Mr. Wasilewski until December 25 to repair the stone wall.

Septic Permits: The planning commission received Patrick and Pamela McLaughlin permit application to replace the failed septic system.

David Hoeh informed planning commission the next transportation committee meeting would be Dec 3rd, 2015.

Planning commission officers were elected and Planning commission chair is Bill McGrath, Tim Martin was voted Planning Commission Vice Chair. Michael Valente was voted as planning commission secretary.

At 7:20 Bill McGrath motion to enter executive session to discuss Administrative Assistants wages. Nicole Griffin was asked to stay. Executive session was motioned to end at 7:25pm.

The planning commission voted to recommend to the Select Board for a raise for Administrative Assistant for exceptional performance and knowledge increase of planning process.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm Nicole Griffin, Mount Holly Planning Commission, Administrative Assistant

Tarbellville Road Culvert

Update on the Tarbellville road culvert project. This has been a very big project and we are glad to report that we hope to pave over the culvert Tuesday November 24th weather permitting. There will still be some clean up and guardrail installation that needs to be done, so we expect to see the road open in the first week of December or sooner. Jeff Teter, Mount Holly road crew

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce November Member of the Month

- We are testing our new website before going live in December. It is now connected with the State of Vermont, so if you enter an event on our site, it will automatically post Statewide to vermontvacation.com! Thanks to everyone who sent in their pictures and text on time.
- We had a great mixer at the newly renovated Sitting Bull Lounge at Okemo Mountain Resort. Big thanks to Okemo for hosting us!
- Our holiday party is December 9th at The Hartness House in Springfield from 5:30-7:30pm. Tour the facility, especially the telescope!!
- Member spotlight chosen was Irene Berry of [Calm Moments Massage](http://CalmMomentsMassage) in Ludlow.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in our Small Business Saturday on November 28!
- Due to the holidays the committees are meeting on 12/4 instead of the last Friday of the month. 9am Membership. 10am Marketing and 11am Energy. We meet at Java Babas in the Okemo Marketplace, Ludlow. Feel free to join us.



- Welcome New Members: Seventh Heaven Salon & Spa, 66 Route 100 North, Ludlow
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- Congratulations to Scott & Leslie of the Southern Pie Company for being chosen by your peers to be the November Members of the Month! Criteria used was:
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 the region. Above Pictured left to right: Marji Graf, Scott & Leslie Blair



Congratulations Big Eyes Bakery on 1st Year Anniversary

Left Pictured Left to Right: Paul & Brigid Faenza and Marji Graf

MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER

You are invited to The Festival of Lights Silent Auction and Dinner, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum. This annual event will be Sunday, December 6th. It's a fun and festive way to begin the Holiday Season.

Beautifully decorated one of kind wreaths, creative gift baskets and a array of donated items will be auctioned. The monies raised will support the development of new exhibits and contribute to the upkeep of museum facilities. Most importantly it supports the educational programs for Mount Holly students and other local communities and schools.

This year's event will be at Harry's Cafe in Ludlow. The silent auction and Hors d'Oeuvres begin at 6pm with a bountiful buffet dinner to follow. In addition to the silent auction there will be a raffle for wine and cheese baskets plus door prizes!

There is limited seating so paid reservations are required. \$45 per person/cash bar. For more info and to make a reservation visit www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org or call Linda Guerrero at 259-2136 or Doris Reiser at 259-2722.

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 5. Free educational programs
 6. Member to member discounts (this benefit alone will pay for your chamber membership)
 7. Referrals
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 - So. VT Home, Garden and Recreation Show in June 2016;
 - Free booth space at the Iron Adventure Run event at Okemo last weekend of July 2016;
 - Antique & Classic Car Show the last weekend in August 2016;
 - Golf Tournament in September.
 10. Marketing and promotion of your business.
 11. Events publicized on our Statewide Calendar
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 15. Free ribbon cutting.
 16. Insurance savings on:
 - Dental,
 - Accident-life,
 - Vision
 17. Other member benefits included for you AND your employees:
 - Free Chamber Day at Okemo Mountain Resort Adventure Zone
 - Chamber night at the Weston Playhouse (discounted tickets)
 - Free fall foliage train ride from Chester-Ludlow-Chester for members and their families in September
- Discounted Okemo ski season passes for members and their employees!



What Does This Moratorium Mean?

As reported in the un-adopted minutes of its November 10 meeting, the Select Board voted to adopt a request by the Planning Commission for

"a moratorium on all solar, wind and hydro-electric projects that are not residential (15kW or less)... in effect for two years ... or [until] the adoption of the new Town Plan"

Unexpectedly, the moratorium extends to out-of-state landowners.

However, no matter the scope of the moratorium, the Select Board acknowledges that it cannot be enforced.

The reason behind the moratorium, as stated by the Select Board, is to put developers on notice that projects in Mount Holly are "not wide open". What this means is not clear, as other Vermont towns that have gone so far as to pass ordinances against commercial projects (above 15kW) have seen developers continue to make application to the Public Service Board - which is the only body with power of approval.

A second reason given by the Select Board for a two year moratorium "is to give the town time to determine what locations in town are best suited for commercial projects and which are absolutely not."

This seems like the Planning Commission will - in the new Town Plan - establish zones suitable for commercial energy projects. However, such designations, without accompanying zoning regulations, will be unenforceable.

Maybe the Select Board and the Planning Commission believe that the moratorium will strengthen their arguments at Public Service Board hearings. Unfortunately, their testimony might be inadmissible, as the Planning Commission appears to have violated the Open Meeting Law: 1. It did not reach its decision in an open meeting; 2. It did not record a vote; and 3. It went into Executive Session to draft its letter to the Select Board.

In addition, citizens of Mount Holly could argue that their opinions have not been sought in the decision-making process.

Maybe our town officials, who plainly seek to do the best for the Town, might appoint a committee to document citizen concerns, to study options, to disseminate information, and having determined the sense of the Town, to recommend appropriate action. Annette Lynch

Christmas Bells - Poem

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Hello Snowmobilers!

Winter is getting closer everyday! Lots of great things have been going on around town with the club! We have been busy getting over fifty miles of trails ready, the website upgrades for the club's new name, new officials, and much more. We are looking forward to another great season of snowmobiling in beautiful Mount Holly!

The trails are looking pretty good, a lot of hard work has been happening this fall! The Healdville trail re-route is complete as well as a new bridge on that section. There is also a new bridge north of Salt Ash. Volunteers have been very busy preparing the trails for the season. A big thank you goes out to everyone who has helped!

All of these improvements would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. We would especially like to thank Bob Beardmore, Mike Poulin, Mike Mattson, and the Garity's for supplying their time and heavy equipment for trail upgrades. Thanks goes out to Mike Poulin and Dale Sutherland who have been working hard on the new grooming equipment barn, Claire Poulin for her commitment in managing the sales of the trail passes (TMAs), and Steve Forrest for his work with the legalities of the club merger and the name change. We appreciate everyone else who has helped prepare for this season!

The Snow-Flyers has an updated web presence! You can find us at: www.mounthollysnowflyers.org. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for Mount Holly Snow Flyers. Feel free to contact us via e-mail at our new e-mail address: mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com. A big thank you to Carol Mattson who has volunteered her time for the website updates.

Trail Passes: For your convenience, The Mount Holly Snow-Flyers are now accepting credit cards for the trail passes (TMAs). Please follow the instructions on our website and mail the appropriate forms back to us! You may also get your TMAs in person at Turco's Yamaha, and The Belmont General Store. **Get your TMAs before December 15th for the early bird discount!** If anybody would like to help out by giving an extra donation to help with grooming expenses or our fireworks event, please add it to the total on your TMA form. For questions, contact Claire Poulin, Treasurer at (802)259-2399 or e-mail us.

Events: December 31, 2015. 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!

Meetings: Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Belmont Fire Station, on the upper level. Our next Meeting is Sunday December 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome!

After many years of hard work, Secretary Mary Alberty has resigned from her position. The club would like to give her a huge thank you for her years of dedication, fundraising activities, and service. She is eager to still be a big part of the club while pursuing other endeavors. Her passion and dedication has led to the club's success. We look forward to continue working with her.

At the November 1, 2015 meeting officer elections were held. The results are as follows:

- President - Steve Forrest
- Vice President - Dale Sutherland
- Secretary - Mike McAtee
- Trail Master - Steve Howlett
- Treasurer - Claire Poulin



Hopefully we will get snow early this year. As a reminder, early season riding can be very dangerous. With thin cover, rocks, ice, and other water hazards may appear. Please stay tuned to our website or Facebook for updates as it snows. Think Snow! Sincerely, Michael McAtee, Secretary, (802)298-0035

Mount Holly Snow Flyers

798 Hortonville Road
Mount Holly, VT 05758

Credit Card Authorization Form

To pay with credit card please complete, sign and return this form with your TMA registration form(s) to the address above.

Payments made with a credit card will incur a **\$5.00 processing fee for EACH TMA pass purchased.**

I authorize Mount Holly Snow Flyers to use the following credit card number as payment of the included 2016 Trails Maintenance Assessment -TMA(s).

Total charge amount \$ _____

(Must be equal to the TMA balance due plus \$5.00 for EACH TMA pass requested)

___ Accept ___ Decline

Credit Card Type: Amex ___ MasterCard ___ Visa ___ Credit Card# _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code/CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Cardholder Name (print): _____

Cardholder Email: _____

***Please review all details for accuracy to avoid processing delays.**

Please fill out all information completely.



Trails Main (annual Assessment) (Trail Pass)

REGISTERED SNOWMOBILE INFORMATION

Manufacturer

☐ Arctic Cat ☐ BRP ☐ Polaris ☐ Yamaha Other: _____

Snowmobile Serial Number

First Name (Registered Owner)

Middle Initial

Last Name

Year

Please Print Clearly

Reg. Number

State, Province

Country

THIS IS THE STATE THAT
SLED IS REGISTERED IN.

Please print clearly – this is your LEGAL mailing address and where your Snowmobile Vermont Magazine is delivered.

P.O. Box or House Number and Full Street Address, etc.

Mailing Address

Physical Address- (For paper copies, please print clearly.)

City / Town

Email

Snowmobile Club

County

Rider / Club Member Information (if different than registered owner)

Year rider was born

_____ born after July 1, 2012 All snowmobiles born after 12/1/83 must have a Vermont Snowmobile Safety Certificate or equivalent

☐ Male

☐ Female

Rider/Member First Name

Middle Initial

Last

EARLY BIRD AND FAMILY ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 12/15/15



EARLY BIRD-REGISTERED IN VT

Choose if this snowmobile

\$100 ea. is registered in VT.



EARLY BIRD-REGISTERED OUT-OF-STATE

Choose if this snowmobile

\$130 ea. is NOT registered in VT.



FAMILY-REGISTERED IN VERMONT

Choose if this snowmobile

\$84 ea. is registered in VT.



FAMILY-REGISTERED OUT-OF-STATE

Choose if this snowmobile

\$107 ea. is NOT registered in VT.

REGULAR SEASON AVAILABLE AFTER 12/15/15



REGULAR-REGISTERED IN VERMONT

Choose if this snowmobile

\$135 ea. is registered in VT.



REGULAR-REGISTERED OUT-OF-STATE

Choose if this snowmobile is

\$175 ea. NOT registered in VT.



VOLUNTEER - ALWAYS AVAILABLE

(Check with club to learn how to qualify)

FAMILY TMA REQUIREMENT: FAMILY TMA'S ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL DEC. 15, 2015. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FAMILY TMA ENTRY AT RIGHT

In order to protect landowners who make their lands available for recreational uses by members of the public, the State of Vermont has passed legislation limiting the liability of those landowners to members of the public who use the land for recreational purposes. This includes the use of property for snowmobiling. Because a landowner has made land available without consideration for recreational purposes, there is no assurance that the land is safe for recreational uses, nor does it create any duty on a landowner of land to inspect the land to discover dangerous conditions. Thus you as a member of VAST when using any of the trails which constitute the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS) use these trails knowing that you have no assurance that the trails are safe or have been inspected. You must take care to use them with caution for yourself, and for your safety and that of others using the Trails. You are deemed to have assumed all of the risks attendant, the land on which the (SSST) is laid out and all of the risks inherent in snowmobiling. As a member of a VAST snowmobile club, I the undersigned, owner of the snowmobile described above, declare that I am liable for the use of a VAST trail as part of the (SSST) in accordance with the snowmobile laws and rules of the State of Vermont.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I declare that I am well aware and accept that snowmobiling is an inherently risky activity. As an off-road experience, trail conditions may change without warning and trail signing is not a legal requirement. When signage is provided, it is used for directional purposes only. I assume all risk of personal injury, death or property loss resulting from any cause whatsoever, including, but not limited to the risks, dangers and hazards of snowmobiling. VAST shall not be liable for any such personal injury, death or property loss, and I waive all claims with respect thereto. I also waive, release and forever discharge VAST and any of its directors, officers, agents, servants and successors from any and all claims for loss, damages, costs, contributions, indemnification or any other instance whatsoever on account of, or in any way growing out of all personal injuries, death or property damage of any nature arising out of the use of the (SSST), unless the same is the result of willful or wanton misconduct. I also pledge that I will inform any person to whom I would lend or rent the snowmobile that I own, of the risks mentioned above and will advise them that VAST, club or the landowner of the trail does not assume any responsibility for the damages they could undergo while using a VAST trail.

Signature

Date

To be filled out by issuing Club or Agent

DECAL MUST BE DISPLAYED ON LEFT SIDE OF SNOWMOBILE

Issue Date

TMA No.

Alpha Numeric

Volunteer TMA	FREE
TMA TOTAL (from left)	\$ _____ .00
Local Club Dues	\$ 15 .00
Club County Dues	\$ 3 .00
Lost TMA \$10.00	\$ _____ .00
Transfer \$10.00	\$ _____ .00
TOTAL	\$ _____ .00

Family TMA

+ FAMILY TMA: Must show two TMAs purchased at Early Bird price and registered to the same address, must list TMA numbers.

TMA No.

1. _____

2. _____

TMA REPLACES

TMA No.

Limited Liability Statement and Personal Liability Insurance

Liability Insurance: Every individual operating a snowmobile in Vermont is required to have personal liability insurance. (Additional details continued on reverse).

Riders must carry proof of insurance and safety certificate with them at all times while riding.

Do you own land that hosts a VAST Trail? ☐ YES!

This document and TMA decal entitles you to access the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System. Carry this form in this snowmobile at all times.

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Community Health Clinics – December, 2015

December Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.

Wednesday, 12/02/2015,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 12/03/2015,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Thursday, 12/03/2015,	Rutland, Bardwell House,	12:30 pm
Wednesday, 12/30/2015,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30 am

Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.

RAVNAH also offers Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month:

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Wednesday - call 802.775.0568 for an appointment.

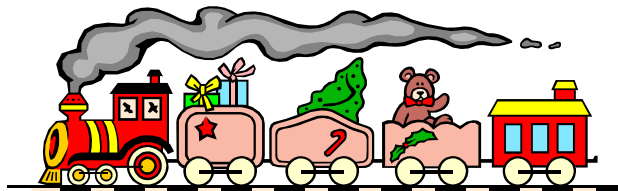
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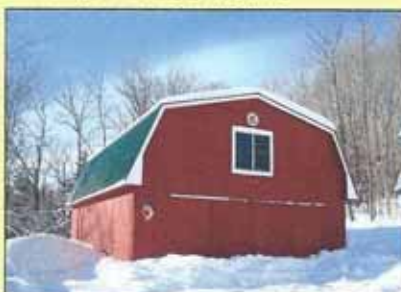
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