



MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT

Winter

41/11

January 2016

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 ybch@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	Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln 1863 ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 ~ New Year's Day		
Sun 3 rd	MH Snow Flyers, Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		8:30 am
	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
6 th	MH Parent Teacher Student Asso, Meeting		3:15 pm
	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting		6:00 pm
Sun 10 th	Bobcat Hunting Season ~ 1st Meeting of United Nations General Assembly 1946		
11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
12 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
13 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
Sun 17 th	Benjamin Franklin 1706 ~ Operation Desert Strom Began 1991		
18 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	Martin Luther King Jr's Day	7:00 pm
19 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Robert E. Lee 1807	7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:00 pm
25 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Vietnam War Ends 1973	7:00 pm

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756

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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

Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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January Birthdays: 4th - Jamie Ludwig 8th - Andrew Flanders * Dannielle Bussino 11th -John Ryea (1983) 14th - Kathy Wade 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 30th -Brian Keen 31st - Jennifer Parker * Cole Tarbell * Tiffany Taylor

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

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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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am



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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Frank Borrelli Jr.



Frank Borrelli, Jr. 78, of Belmont passed away peacefully at Dartmouth- Hitchcock Hospital on December 1, 2015. from complications following a fall.

Born in New York City, the son of Dr. Frank and Wanda Borrelli, he lived in New Britain, Ct for many years, moving to VT in 1994, with his wife of fifty-five happy years, Jean Swanston Borrelli. They were married on August 27, 1960.

In the early 1960s, Frank served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Following his service, he began a career in banking which culminated in serving as President and CEO of the Federal Savings Bank in New Britain, CT. He retired to Belmont and enjoyed life in the Green Mountains, snowmobiling, sugaring, fishing, mowing his field, and having his children and grandchildren visit.

The people in his life he loved dearly, along with Jean were his and Jean's five children and their spouses — Heather and Ron Angelillo, Barbara and Jeff Sturgis, Allison and Rick Powers, Frank and Tillie Borrelli, Suzanne and Dustin Robinson, his granddaughters, Bailey,

Kayla, Amber, and Ada, his grandsons, Evan, Carson, Caden, and two grandsons expected in 2016.

He is also survived by his brother Niel Borrelli and his wife JoAnne, his sister Sandra Ricci and several nieces and nephews. Frank is predeceased by his parents, a niece and a brother-in-law.

Funeral services including calling hours, a Mass of Christian Burial, and burial with Military honors were held in New Britain, CT

Donations may be made to the Mount Holly Rescue Squad or the Mount Holly Fire Department in Frank's memory.

Florence E. Flike



Florence Edna Flike, 86 of East Wallingford, VT died December 4, 2015 at her residence following a long illness.

She was born on July 8, 1928 in Pittsfield, VT the daughter of Oliver and Ruby (Demick) Severance.

Mrs. Flike had been employed at the cafeteria at the Barstow School in Chittenden, a waitress at the

Midway Dinner and a seamstress for many years.

She was a resident of Greenwich, NY, Saratoga Springs, NY and in 2004 relocated to East Wallingford.

Mrs. Flike loved to sew and quilt and enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She was a member of the Mount Holly Guild.

Survivors include a son Greg McKirryher of Belmont her former husband Donald McKirryher of East Wallingford, 6 grandchildren, 7 Great Grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by 2 sisters Theresa Curry, Caroline Sousie and 2 brothers Nathan Severance and Jack Severance.

There will be no calling hours or funeral service. Burial will be in the springtime at the Bacon Hill Cemetery in Easton, NY

Arrangements are by the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main Street, Rutland, VT.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holly Guild, C/O Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701.

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Vermont Fish & Wildlife Suggests Waiting to Feed Birds

We are urging people to wait for colder weather and snow before putting up their bird feeders in order to avoid attracting bears.

This year's lack of snow is keeping some bears from going into their winter dens. Thanks to Kris and Norm Senna for the photo. More info here at the following web site <http://tinyurl.com/nm6xjyu>



Star Lake Is Full

Go check out the lake --it is up to capacity and starting to flow over the top of the overflow!!!

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust thanks everyone who contributed to make the damn reality. We are still raising the last \$5,000 if you wish to contribute please send your check to MHCT box 85 Belmont 05730. From: Brigid Sullivan

Chris Hoeh Receives Teaching Awards

Sandra Unterman Hoeh, David Hoeh and Brigid Sullivan, are very proud of our son, Chris Hoeh who has received three awards for his outstanding teaching. Chris, a 2nd grade teacher at the Cambridge Friends School, Cambridge, MA has been named the National Elementary School Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the National Council for the Social Studies. Chris and his wife Laurie Bozzi went to New Orleans to



receive the award at the NCSS annual Conference.

"The annual award recognizes social studies teachers demonstrating exceptional abilities in: developing and using instructional material creatively and effectively; incorporating innovative instructional strategies and techniques into their teaching, fostering a spirit of inquiry."

In 2015 Chris received the Wheelock College Elizabeth Palmer Peabody Award for "exemplifying the mission of Wheelock College: to improve the lives of children and families; as well as a demonstrated commitment to finding unity in all types of diversity."

Birthday Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who came to my 90th Birthday Party. I can't thank everyone enough for all they did to make it a good time. Lots of memories were shared and it was so good to catch up with those I have not seen in a long time.

Thank You One And All
Richard Dawley

Chris was recognized as one of five teachers receiving the Teaching Tolerance Award from the Southern Poverty Law Center in 2014. The award honors "visionary educators who use their abilities to minimize prejudice, advance intergroup relations, and encourage equity in their school communities."

Chris follows in the steps of his Grandmother Semah Unterman of Belmont. As Principal at the Springfield Park Street School in the 1970s and early 1980s, Semah was recognized as the Vermont Middle School Principal of the Year. How proud she would be of him!

Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent and Associate Superintendent Announce Retirements

After several decades each in education, Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) Superintendent Bruce Williams and Associate Superintendent Linda Waite have announced they will retire from their respective positions, effective June 30, 2016. They made their individual announcements to the TRSU Executive Board this fall.

Williams has devoted 42 years to education. He started out in teaching at the elementary and high school levels, in New Hampshire and in Vermont, where, among other things, he mentored Armando Vilaseca, who later went on to become Commissioner of Education in Vermont. After a 16-year tenure as a principal in New Hampshire, Williams became the interim Superintendent of the former Rutland-Windsor Supervisory Union, which evolved into the Superintendency of the TRSU.

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“This was a difficult decision because I still thoroughly enjoy supporting this Board, our constituent Boards, our leadership teams, our staff and, most importantly, our students in the ongoing effort to become the best learning organization we can be,” explained Williams in a post Monday to the entire TRSU organization, adding that he had “benefited from a generous and thoughtful partnership with our Associate Superintendent of Schools, Linda Waite.”

Waite has dedicated 26 years to education in Vermont, as a teacher, principal, curriculum coordinator, superintendent at Flood Brook School, Green Mountain High School, Manchester Elementary & Middle School, the former Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union as well as the Associate Superintendent of TRSU.

Both Waite and Williams were instrumental in helping to create the Two Rivers Supervisory Union, a 2013 merger of the former Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union with the former Rutland-Windsor Supervisory Union that united the schools of Chester, Andover, Baltimore and Cavendish with those of Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Plymouth.

“It has been my pleasure and honor,” said Waite in describing her career in education, “I am ever grateful for the opportunity to lead our schools with such fine administrators, teachers, boards and communities,” adding that while “it will be very difficult for me to end such an important chapter of my life...I look forward to maintaining a relationship with the TRSU community.”

Following Williams's and Waite's announcements, TRSU Board Chair Bob Herbst expressed the Board's appreciation for the breadth and depth of the work Williams and Waite have done for the Supervisory Union, especially during a time of significant change and challenges.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to work with both Bruce and Linda,” said Herbst, “They have provided excellent leadership for the Supervisory Union and our schools. They have consistently guided the boards to decisions based upon improved educational opportunities for our students and prudent financial management. We will certainly miss the insights and enthusiasm they brought to their work.”

Williams noted that while the TRSU had gone through a “remarkable process of creation,” it also was on the “cusp of perhaps even more significant change,” and that the timing was right for a change at the top.

The change to which Williams refers lies in Act 46, the Vermont education reform law passed earlier this year, which calls for larger school districts to be formed with one school board, one budget and one tax rate, with the aim of creating greater and more equal educational opportunities for students and a more cost-effective and sustainable educational system.

The search for a new Superintendent will be handled by an outside search firm. At this time, the TRSU Executive Board has recommended there be no position of Associate Superintendent in the 2016/2017 budget. That recommendation will be presented to and voted on by the full TRSU Board later this month.



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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

A New Year Brings Positive Changes for the Mount Holly Library

Recently, the Library Trustees sent an appeal letter to the Mount Holly Community and we are very appreciative of those who have included us in your annual giving. Thank you! The support of our patrons, volunteers and neighbors is important as the trustees make a renewed commitment to the long-term health and well-being of the Library.

It has been my privilege the last 10 years to help shape the future of this library but it is time for me to retire. I have been able, with the help of many others, to bring the library into the 21st century. This was accomplished mainly through countless hours of volunteer time. In order for us to focus on the future, maintain the level of commitment, continue the outstanding service to patrons and guarantee enduring growth the board will offer a 15 hour a week salary to a librarian beginning June 1st. This will be a defining moment in the library's 101 year history and a way to build on the momentum that was established 12 years ago with more programming, increased patronage, added services and a larger collection. In addition to the appeal letter the board will be asking voters to approve an increase in funds to be raised by tax. You are a stakeholder in this library, as is every citizen of our town, and we ask that you continue to support the library as it seeks to bring more opportunities and enrichment to the people of Mount Holly.

If you did not receive our appeal letter please read a copy in this month's Chit Chat and support your library!

A Review of the Programs You Enjoyed In 2015

- Folk Club every Monday
- Playgroup every Tuesday at 10 for children birth to 5
- Inter Library Loan service
- One Click Digital Audio and eBook service
- Universal Class online courses
- Yoga instruction
- John Steven Gurney, well-known children's illustrator entertained Mount Holly School children
- Mount Holly resident Matthias Weiter talk on the Middle East
- Southern Vermont Nature Museum program about animal "Heroes"
- Home delivery service
- 6 Summer Reading Programs for children Kindergarten through 6th grade
- Children visit Chief Hawkins and the Mount Holly Fire Department - talk about "Community Heroes"
- "Hero" Trooper Joe Duca with K9 Buck talk and demonstration for kids
- Art lesson for kids, Ericc Cram, Comics, Colors, and Everyday Super Powers
- 4th grade came to research the history of the library
- 6th grade came to a screening of the movie "Strange Land" and a talk with the filmmaker
- 3rd graders came to hear Angelo Centini speak about his experiences immigrating to the United States
- Author/photographer Ed Rubin gave a talk on his book Vermont: An Outsider's Inside View
- Screening of the movie "The Great Confusion"
- Filmmaker talk and prevue screening of the movie "Thomas Chapin: Night Bird Song"
- Filmmaker talk and screening of "Strange Land: My Mother's War Bride Story"
- Hosted Green Up Day
- Vermont Humanities speaker, Rick Winston presented a program celebrating film director Alfred Hitchcock
- Screening of "39 Steps" a follow-up to Rick Winton's program about Alfred Hitchcock

*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.

Although this is a warm December –here's the silver lining - it makes it great for November photos! And hopefully there will still be plenty of snow to catch the magic of winter over the next few months.

There isn't much time left to buy your 2016 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 now only at the Belmont General Store.

Best wishes for a very happy 2016 –
Janet Warren, Calendar and Photo Contest Coordinator

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet on January 13, 2016 at Minga Dana's on 1040 Straight Road, Belmont, VT. We haven't selected a book yet, but call Minga at 259-2471 if you would like to attend and need more information. Have a New Year filled with good friends, joy and unlimited possibilities.

- FREE entrance to Vermont State Parks facilitated by the Belmont Store
- The Rutland Youth Theater presented Romeo and Juliet

Even More Programs and Services Are Already Planned for 2016

Value the Impact Your Library Has On Your Town and It's Residents



Dear Neighbors and Friends...

Nearly 4,000 visits from adults and children. Over 2,000 items...books, DVDs, audio books....in circulation. Library visits from the Mount Holly School children, a weekly play group and a summer reading program. A dozen adult programs presented. Literally untold numbers of people using our 24/7 Wi-Fi. Green Up Day and State Park use facilitated. That is just SOME of what the Mount Holly Library was able to provide in one year. Over its 101 year history, the Mount Holly Town Library has evolved into what all libraries should be - a place of community, learning, and a portal for access to the wider world.

Now the library finds itself in a period of transition. The Library Board of Trustees has taken steps to manage this transition including expanding our outreach and fundraising, and, crucially, with our new 501c3 certification. Such IRS certification will make all donations to the library tax deductible. Thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, and working with the Vermont Community Fund, we have also been able to establish an endowment to help ensure the library's long term future.

But, just to maintain our current level of service, we need to enlarge our funding base. And, it is to you, our friends, our patrons, our neighbors that we now turn to help us continue to offer all of the day to day library services you have come to enjoy. The reading material, computers and Wi-Fi access, DVDs, children's events, adult programs and Vermont Humanities Council speakers; all the things we do that have come to be an integral part of our community's fabric.

The Mount Holly Town Library was woven into the core of Mount Holly from many threads; from the efforts and dedication of core town families, summer people, winter enthusiasts, and dedicated volunteers. All of them understood and believed in the value of libraries to the civic and cultural life of every community. We hope you will help us continue in that tradition - for our next 100 years!

Thank you for your support,

Susan Presson, Chair
Mount Holly Town Library Board of Trustees

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Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Hello Snowmobilers!

As the holidays are approaching we have our fingers crossed that we get some snow! Snow or not, we have some great events coming up soon!

Fireworks: 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!

Snow Ball: The Snow-Flyers is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its annual Snow Ball, dinner with dancing to follow. Tentative date is **Saturday February 6th** at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. We are hard at work planning the details. Please check our Facebook or website for details to follow.



Trail Passes: You may get your TMAs in person at Turco's Yamaha, The Belmont General Store, and the Poulin Residence. You may also get them from our website by following the instructions. 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.

Meetings: Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Belmont Fire Station, on the upper level. Our next Meeting is Sunday January 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Finally, I am pleased to announce a new Mount Holly resident and future Snow-Flyer, Mackenzie Janet McAtee. She was born on December 11, 2015 at Rutland Regional Medical Center. Parents: Melanie Blais McAtee and myself, Michael McAtee

Have a safe and happy holidays from the Mount Holly Snow-Flyers and Think Snow! Sincerely, Michael McAtee Secretary (802)298-0035

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Year rider was born

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Signature

Date

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believe! While the children anxiously awaited Santa's arrival, the Folk Club led the group through lively renditions of some of the well known Christmas carols. Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for... Santa's arrival! The children delighted in sitting with Santa and letting him know what they had on their Christmas lists. Thank you one and all, who made this memorable afternoon possible for the children of all ages from Mount Holly!

We are all looking forward to *New Year's Eve at Star Lake*. Come join us and see the newly renovated dam and beautifully landscaped area of Star Lake beach. (Actually, we are hoping you won't see much of the latter due to huge snowfalls between now and then!) Hot cocoa and mulled wine will be provided by the MHCA and the fire works display is compliments of the Mount Holly Snow Flyers. 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. See you there!!

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 2015 – 2016 year, please do so as soon as possible...we need your support! Membership forms can be obtained at the library, the general store, the town office, and the post offices, or by contacting Beth Latino, Membership Chair (259-2084).

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

Mechanicsville Cemetery Request For Bids

The Mechanicsville Cemetery is accepting bids for mowing of its grounds for the 2016 season. The contract includes trimming around markers, trees and walls to maintain the historic quality of the cemetery landscape. First mowing to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. If you are interested, please submit a bid for the entire season, along with a Certificate of Insurance. If there are questions please contact David C. Hoeh, 259-2274 or DCHOEH@AOL.COM

Submit bids on or before 4 pm, Monday, April 11, 2016 to: David C. Hoeh, P.O. Box 99, Belmont, VT 05730.

Mount Holly Community Association

Christmas in Mount Holly was the ideal way to get into the Christmas spirit and was a joyful occasion for all who attended. Many, many thanks to Penny Coldwell and her talented cast for their wonderful rendition of *"The Villain and the Toy Shop"*, a melodrama complete with a nasty villain, Abe Leber, a heroine played by Morgan Skiathitis, and a hero, Sebastian Frank. The toys (Emma Vastola, Lisa Kelley, Kaelin Kennedy and Olive Skiathitis) saved the day, or rather the toy shop, when they all came to life thanks to Fairy Godmother Penny Coldwell. Mike Smelser and Linda Miller played the heroine's befuddled parents, and Suzanne Kennedy and Beth Latino were the bankers, who squashed the Toymaker's only hope concerning a loan. Great fun was had by all, audience and cast alike, as they booed and hissed their way through this delightful little bit of Christmas cheer. All of the actors are to be congratulated for stellar performances! The celebration of *Christmas in Mount Holly* would not be complete without the reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Barbara Palotta. The children were spellbound as Barbara read this beloved poem for children, as well as all adults who truly



Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2015 – 2016

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200 Years Ago: "Eighteen Hundred-And-Froze to-Death"

LAST MONTH'S GLOBAL SUMMIT was much in the news, but the year 1816 was a remarkable year mostly for the fact that there was no summer. As a result of an Indonesian volcano literally blowing its top, weather patterns were disrupted worldwide, allowing for excessive rain, frost and snowfall throughout New England and Europe in the summer of 1816.

Tambora killed 10,000 inhabitants instantly and belched 25 cubic miles of volcanic gas, ash and debris into the atmosphere, dwarfing 1981's 1 cubic mile of ash from Mount St. Helen. Both created some exquisite sunsets.

In Cabot, Vermont, 18 inches of snow fell on June 6th and a Bennington farmer wrote in his diary that "it rained all night then began to snow from 8 am. To 2 p.m." In fact, our state had a hard frost every month that year. Crop failures caused hoarding and huge price increases. There were reports of people eating raccoons, mackerel and pigeons. Three quarters of the corn crop was lost. Vermonters foraged for nettles, wild turnips and hedgehogs to eat.

Members of Congress seemed insensitive to the suffering of the people and voted to double their own salary. That didn't go over well, as 70% of incumbent U. S. representatives were voted out of office (including Daniel Webster.)

No one seemed to have a clue as to the cause of the weird weather. One wrote.. "General opinion has been that the cause... was a sudden and rapid rolling of the sun by some violent disturbance, and many believe that the end of all things is at hand."

Subsequently, church attendance rose. Many were convinced that this was the beginning of the end. As terrible as the Year Without a Summer was, it did not signal the end of the world.

Crisis does, however, have a way of shaking us out of our complacency. It reminds us that this world is not our home and encourages us to be godly. Peter says it well in his second letter "Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life? Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that day but we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way, ready for the promised new heavens and the promised new earth, all landscaped with righteousness." (2 Peter 3:11-13)

When it feels as if our personal world is coming to an end, we should focus on living for eternity. Trusting God can turn a crisis into a treasure. *Pastor Glenn*



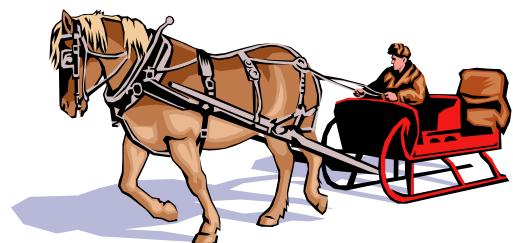


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A Prayer

Lord, in this new year, my desire is to live for You whether circumstances are good or bad. Help me to focus on Your purposes. Show me today in Your word what You want me to do.





Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting January 12th, 2016. 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.

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.

SELECT BOARD ~ DECEMBER 08, 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 no additions to the Agenda. Tim Martin requested that any issues which would require a vote be moved to the beginning, as he would not be able to stay for the entire meeting. This was determined to be the approval of minutes and the Rescue Squad. The Mount Holly Library item was also requested to be moved higher on the order of the agenda.

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2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of November 10 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the November 10 minutes. (3-0)

3. Rescue Squad. Kristin Vesey noted that the Rescue Squad came with information the Selectboard had requested and came in force to show their commitment. (There were a number of members of the squad in attendance.)

- Number of calls: Kristen reported that since January 1, the squad had been toned 83 times, with the squad responding 55 times (66%). She noted that the day time is the most difficult coverage time, due to volunteers other commitments (jobs, etc.). Of the 28 calls that were covered

by mutual aid, 18 of them were Monday – Friday during the daytime.

- Regional Ambulance: Vicky Seward reported that Regional is all for the squad remaining a transporting squad. They have to cover a large area now, and would rather not come down as the transporting squad for the town.
- Ludlow Ambulance: Carl Matteson (of LAS) said they felt the same as Regional. Their services are stretched now as well, and Regional would likely be better able to absorb another 100 calls than LAS would. He did not present any cost numbers: LAS is under the Town Manager, who would be involved in developing the numbers, if necessary.
- New ambulance cost: Kristin noted that MHVRS has chosen the ambulance and put a deposit on it to hold it, pending the Selectboard's decision. Denise Young reported that the new ambulance was built before the State EMS new lift requirements took effect, saving \$25,000. The total cost (including trade-in values and some additional items) would likely be about \$130,000, which is within the reserve fund balance.
- Ted noted that the Town had voted the money in the fund for an ambulance, so it is the squads' money. To use the funds for another purpose would require a vote by the Town. Also, not releasing the funds would probably not be a good message for volunteer recruiting purposes. Ray noted that he is for a new ambulance, and understands the issues of volunteers responding to calls. Had the squad tried to have the electronic issues in Unit 1 fixed? Yes, but apparently not successfully. Issues with the new state radio system were noted (the State does not always hear MHVRS responding; the Fire Dept. also has noted problems). Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To release the reserve funds for a new ambulance. (3-0)

At this point, Tim Martin left the meeting.

4. Highways

- Tarbellville Road culvert – Jeff noted that there will need to be a second paving in the spring. At this point, we are waiting for all the bills to come in so we can request the State funds for the project.
- Lake Ninevah Road – Ray noted that there will be 6 signs needed for the posting of the road. Paul Nevin noted again that he felt sure funds could be

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.

contributed by the Ninevah Foundation and the Wilderness Community to cover some or all of the costs. The Board will determine what the actual costs of the signs would be and agreed to move forward with a formal amendment to the ordinance for the January meeting.

5. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated November 30, 2015 showing cash balances of \$2,975,908. The \$800,000 decrease from last month is due in large part to the first payment to the State Ed fund (\$383,000) and the culvert bills (\$152,000, pending reimbursement). Highlights: Delinquent tax bills have gone out. Solid Waste label sales were \$10,000 as of 12/02, up slightly from last year. Workers comp insurance will be about \$1500 over budget. Rutland County proposed budget could result in a \$22,000 bill versus the \$18,500 budgeted. November Casella bill not received yet, so Solid Waste expenses are thru October. Highway equipment repairs will do not show the new tires needed for the loader.
- Plowing revenues. The Board reviewed the revenues from Wallingford and Plymouth for the roads we plow for them. The Board agreed to raise the rate from \$5500 to \$5700. The two towns will be notified, for their budget process.
- External Audit – David noted that Jeff Bradley will be here next week to take a download from his computer to begin the audit process.

Special Select Board Meeting For Budget Work Session

Has been changed to Tuesday, January 05, at 6:30 pm.
The official agenda will be posted during the week
between Christmas and New Year's.

the computers and network in the office. He has provided a proposal for what he felt the town needed to do, which could include consistent email addresses, better security and backup procedures and upgraded computers. The Treasurer's computer is the most in need of upgrade. This will be reviewed further before taking any action.

6. Transfer Station –

- RCSWD proposed FY2016 budget was received by the town. The public hearing date has not yet been finalized, will likely be after Christmas

7. Planning Commission

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.

shows all the town roads, rated high, med, or low, and said the RRPC is looking for feedback from the town on the accuracy of the map. This road inventory is the first step in the process to be done over several years, and will include creating a prioritized plan to mitigate road erosion problems. Jeff will contact Kitt Shaw at RRPC regarding the map.

Don Richardson noted that the RRTC is also working on bridge prioritization and the accelerated bridge replacement process to mitigate issues with detours and heavy traffic on town roads. Mount Holly is scheduled for a replacement bridge on Route 155 near Maple Hill Rd soon.

- Municipal Planning Grant Update – The Town did not receive the grant. Ted and Bill McGrath are scheduled to meet with Ed Bove, Director of RRPC to determine how we can proceed with the plan and at what cost.

- Budget Work Session – tentatively set for Thursday, Jan. 07 at 6:30 pm (will be warned as a Special Meeting). The budget will be reviewed again at the regular January meeting (01/12) with another final opportunity for changes when the warrant for town meeting is signed (01/21).
- Town office computers – Ted noted that the Town has had Larry Gold (who works for a number of other towns) come in and review

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.

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Don Richardson reported that the RRPC meeting was very informative. They introduced all the RRPC staff members and their current projects and status.
- Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council – David Hoeh reported that the State (VTrans), Better Back Roads, and regional planning commissions are undertaking a study to determine the water erosion status of all roads in all towns (part of the Lake Champlain water cleanup act). Mount Holly is scheduled for 2016. He presented a map, created with new GPS-based technology) which

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8. Other Business – None

- Rutland County FY2016 Budget – The public hearing on the proposed budget (up 16.7%) will be on 12/17/2015 at noon at the Rutland County Courthouse.



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- Selectboard Clerk Job Description – Ted noted that the Board is working on developing job description for all town positions; this is the first one to be done. They will be reviewing it further. No action was taken.
- Renewable Energy: Ted wanted to respond to recent newspaper articles. The Town is not 'struggling' with renewable energy; it is struggling with the lack of input in the process. He noted that the recently finished 35-year Energy Plan for Vermont was done with no input from communities. With the Moratorium (passed last month), the Board is trying to put the Legislature/State on notice to include the communities.
- CPG Application for Star Wind Turbines project – The town received a copy of the CPG (Certificate of Public Good) Application for a wind project on Hedgehog Hill Rd. This would be a 96kW net metered system, with 4 turbines. The application, which includes location maps, noise and shadow information, is available for inspection at the town office.
- TDI New England project – The town received notice of permits issued (storm water, water quality, lake encroachment, etc.) for this project, which is the electric transmission line running under Lake Champlain and Route 103 down to Ludlow.

9. 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 8:26 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, 2016**. 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

Update on the Tarbellville road culvert project

This has been a very big project and we are glad to report that we have paved over the culvert Tuesday November 24th. There will still be some clean up and guardrail installation that needs to be done, so the road opened the first week of December. Mount Holly road crew

We are very fortunate to live in a town that takes such good care of our roads. Cheers to our great road crew! Liz F.

Wunderground

The Mount Holly town garage now has a small weather station and is part of the

Underground home weather network. This is a very good tool to understand the temp profile across town for road maintenance. If you have had the VTEL fiber upgrade then this site works great to see the weather and temp from thousands of home stations across the world. Make sure the box is checked for weather stations then use the + to look closer. The Road Crew

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January 2016 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.



Weston Playhouse Launches New Education Program!

In anticipation of its 80th performance season, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company plans to launch "Weston 101" in February 2016. This groundbreaking educational program will bring the excitement of the summer productions into the off-season with a series of Thursday evening classes held at Burr and Burton Academy's Manchester VT campus AND broadcast via live-stream to participants' laptops and home computers.

Led by Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler, known and loved for his popular lectures at GMALL, Osher Institute, and on Weston's annual London Theatre Tour, the 90-minute classes will cover six of Weston's summer shows, with special guests from each of the productions. Participants can sign up for individual sessions based on interest in a particular show, or subscribe to the entire series.

Each session will include an introduction to the play and playwright(s), reading and listening, a discussion, and Q&A. Learn about the history of the plays and why they were chosen for Weston. Hear about the vision, cast, and creative teams. Online materials, links, and recommended reading (available through Northshire Bookstore) will be posted for those who want to learn even more, and all classes will be archived for future viewing.

Sessions and topics are scheduled as follows: February 11 *Man of La Mancha*, February 25 *Forever*, March 10 *Round and Round the Garden*, March 24 *Mamma Mia!*, April 7 *Murder for Two*, and April 28 *All My Sons*. Then, in the summertime, a special "Weston 101" post-show talkback with Treat Williams and the cast of *Man of La Mancha*, accompanied by a private backstage tour.

As lead instructor of the new series, Stettler invites students of theatre and theatre fans to join the fun. "No grades,



no tests, no homework - just the joy of delving into six great plays and musicals with the artists who will be bringing them to life on Weston's stages," he says. With degrees in English and Drama from Kenyon College, an MFA in directing from Catholic University, and an MLitt in Theatre from Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English, awarded at its program at Lincoln College, Oxford. Stettler has also been recognized for his work as a frequent adjudicator for the Vermont State Drama Festival and the New England Region of the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival.

"Weston 101" is sponsored by Northshire Bookstore and offered in partnership with Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning. For more information visit westonplayhouse.eventbrite.com or contact Weston Director of Education Piper Goodeve at [802-824-8167 x104](tel:802-824-8167) or pgoodeve@westonplayhouse.org.

FOLA's Movies Raffle

This is your chance to win some great movies - and help FOLA continue providing great movies in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium!

Below is a set of 13 movies shown by FOLA in 2015. FOLA is raffling off this great collection of films. We will draw the winning ticket number at our January 20, 2016 annual meeting and immediately ship this collection to the winner. The movies include:

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"Inside Llewyn Davis"	Blu-Ray		"All is Lost"	Blu-Ray
"Captain Phillips"	Blu-Ray / DVD		"Touch of Evil"	Blu-Ray
"The Grand Budapest Hotel"	Blu-Ray		"12 Years a Slave"	Blu-Ray
"Nebraska"	Blu-Ray / DVD		"The Judge"	Blu-Ray / DVD
"Philomena"	Blu-Ray			

You can purchase your raffle tickets using our PayPal link below (it accepts all major credit and debit cards) or by mailing your check with name and address (please include your email address) to FOLA, 1 Whispering Pines, Ludlow, VT 05149.

All of the proceeds from this silent auction will be used to purchase future movies to be displayed by FOLA

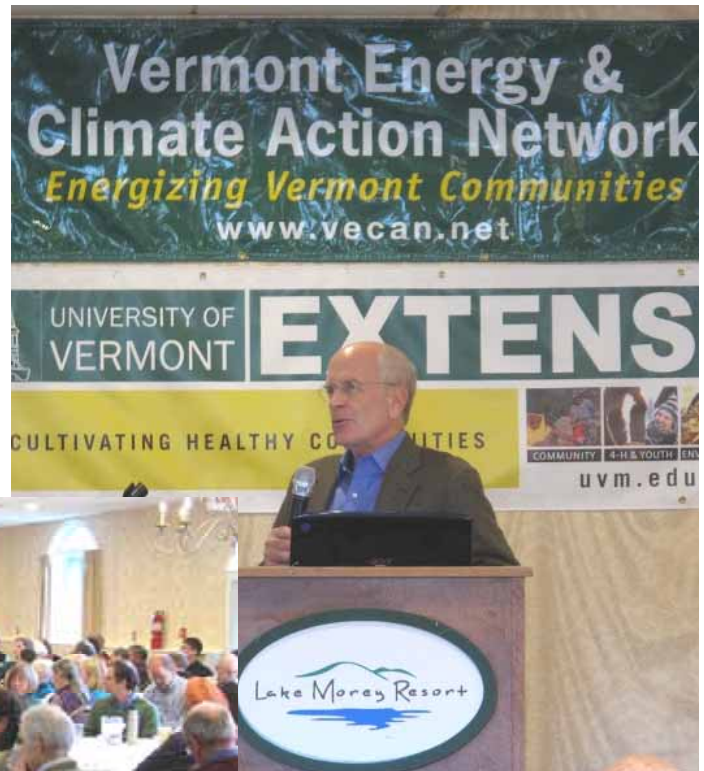
Boardman Hill Solar Farm Created by Mt Holly Residents Awarded 2015 VECAN Energy Project of the Year

The Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) has given its 2015 Best Energy Project Award to Boardman Hill Solar Farm, a project pioneered by Mt Holly residents, Roland Marx and Marcy Tanger.

BHSF is recognized by the Vermont Natural Resources Council and the Vermont Law School as a particularly good model for community solar, and it is currently being replicated in Randolph, Waitsfield and other Vermont communities.

BHSF is member-owned, member-managed and entirely financed by its panel owners; it's got low low costs, a lot less than others; and it's VGVG –Vermont Grown and Vermont Green – truly green because RECs are held and not sold.

The plaque reads: "Boardman Hill Solar Farm is innovative, inspiring and essential. It has achieved real results through lowering the cost of going solar in Vermont,



maintaining fully green credentials, and serving as a model for others as Vermont moves toward getting 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050."



UVM Extension Master Gardeners

The Rutland Chapter of the UVM Extension Master Gardeners is pleased to announce that we will be awarding two \$200 scholarships to two residents of Rutland County to be applied toward fees for the 2016 Extension Master Gardener course being held on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-9:00pm on February 2 – April 26. The UVM Extension Master Gardener Program aims to educate home gardeners about responsible and effective horticultural practices for landscaping and food production in our region. It begins with a thirteen-week course presented in online webinar sessions lasting 3 hours each. To achieve Extension Certified Master Gardener status, graduates are required to fulfill an internship where they put their classroom knowledge to work by participating in established Extension Master Gardener projects in their communities. Interns have 2 years to complete the required 40 hours of volunteerism. Extension Master Gardeners can take advantage of gardening workshops and tours sponsored by their chapter and also receive information that will keep them up-to-date on horticultural research, current gardening techniques, and enjoy the opportunity to network with seasoned EMG volunteers.

The cost for the 2016 Extension Master Gardener course is \$395.00, with an additional fee of \$55 for requests of a printed manual (optional). The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the applicant's interest in the program and willingness to commit to participation in EMG events and projects. The students need to have convenient internet access.

For a scholarship application, please submit your request to jsarno49@gmail.com. Completed applications must be sent by 5:00 p.m. 1/4/16 to jsarno49@gmail.com, and awards will be announced the week of 1/11/16. Scholarship recipients will be asked to authorize use of their names in public announcements about the Extension Master Gardener program and its activities. Further information about the Extension Master Gardener program is available from their website, <http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener>

The Greater Importance of the Town Plan

At the Select Board meeting on December 8, 2015, the chair, Ted Crawford, announced that - despite the news that the town had been unsuccessful in its application for a grant to rewrite its Town Plan – he would lead the effort to find resources to get the job done.

Mr. Crawford mentioned the parts of the Plan – written in 2008 – that were in urgent need of revision, particularly areas like Energy and Education where new state laws have enormous impact on towns.

It is good to step back and look at the changes that have increased the importance of town plans since 2008.

The first is that courts have ruled that town plans, because they state a town's position regarding its future, should guide the town's laws, its ordinances, and also its testimony in hearings before entities such as Act 250 and the Public Service Board.

The second is that in this increasingly complex world, state governments pass laws that rely on local governments for implementation, e.g., creating larger school districts, or that affect towns, e.g., increasing solar and wind operations without town control.

I think the question is: Do we need a new way of writing town plans? An outside writer, supported by a grant, will not know enough about Mount Holly to write a specific and appropriate plan. A Planning Commission with five volunteer members could write a plan specific to the town's needs, if it has time to master the details of subjects such development, economics, housing, energy, education, conservation, long term capital investment, emergency management, preservation, agriculture, culture and the arts.

Other towns have used ad hoc committees to work on the details of plan re-writing. Mount Holly is noted for its volunteer civic organizations and for the diverse skills of its residents and property owners; maybe our town government could call on those resources to develop a new town planning model: one that uses volunteer talents for research and writing while keeping all citizens in the loop – informed and able to have input. Annette Lynch

Vermont's Climate Economy Summit Will Transform Ideas into Action

"Ideas to Action" is the theme for the second Summit on Vermont's Climate Economy, to be held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph on February 22, 2016. Anyone interested in the goal of reducing carbon emissions while stimulating economic development opportunities in Vermont is encouraged to attend. Participants will review a platform of actions towards this goal that are being developed by the Vermont Climate Change Economy Council (VCCEC). Breakout groups that day will consider strategies for implementation and the partnerships that will be needed to move them forward.

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) is producing this event to bring together innovative business, non profit, and community leaders, elected officials, public policy advocates, students, and interested residents to advance this platform into action.

"We are leading this Climate Economy Initiative with the premise that confronting climate change through innovative economic development can be a competitive strategy," explains VCRD Executive Director Paul Costello. "One that will build national reputation, create jobs, and attract youth and entrepreneurship."

VCRD hosted the "Creating Prosperity and Opportunity Confronting Climate Change Summit" earlier this year to launch the initiative, founded the VCCEC, and gathered input at three statewide public forums this fall. The VCCEC -- composed of leaders in business, economic development and public policy -- serves as a non-partisan center point for the development of a pro-active public policy around this central issue.

More information on the Vermont Climate Economy Initiative and the Summit can be found through VCRD's website at www.vtrural.org or by calling 802-223-6091. Registration will open after January 1, 2016.

VCRD is a non-profit organization charged by the federal farm bill to act as a neutral convener at both the local and policy lever supporting the progress of Vermont communities.

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Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Community Health Clinics – January 2016

January Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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



Wednesday, 1/06/2016,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 01/07/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,	10 am
Wednesday, 01/13/2016,	Rutland, Templewood Court,	10 am
Wednesday, 01/20/2016,	Rutland, Sheldon Towers,	9 am
Wednesday, 01/20/2016,	Rutland, Linden Terrace,	11 am
Thursday, 01/21/2016,	Rutland, Maple Village,	10 am
Wednesday, 01/27/2016,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,	12:30 pm
Thursday, 01/28/2016,	N. Clarendon, North Clarendon Community Center,	12:30 pm

Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.



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Vermont Ostomy Group

A support group for individuals with bowel and bladder ostomies and continent diversions will meet at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice on Saturday, January 16 from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOCN at 802-770-1682.

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Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

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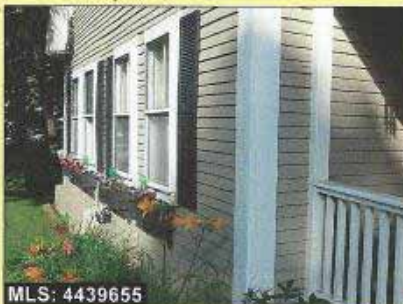
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