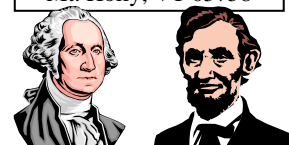




Mount Holly Chit Chat



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February 2016

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

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

1st **Freedom Day- Pres Lincoln approves 13th Amendment Abolishing Slavery 1865**
2nd **Groundhog Day**

3rd Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary Music Room 6:00 pm
Union #39 School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary Music Room 6:00 pm
Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm
Parent Teacher Student Assoc. Meeting, MH School 3:15 pm

5th **John Jeffries One of America's First Weather Observers 1744**

Sun 7th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station 7:00 pm

8th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building **Boy Scouts Founded 1910** 7:00 pm

9th 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

10th Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

11th **Thomas Alva Edison Founder of General Electric Co. 1847**

12th **Abraham Lincoln 1809**

Sat 13th **Boston Latin School First Public School in USA 1635**

Sun 14th **St. Valentine's Day ~ League of Women Voters Formed 1920**

15th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office **Presidents' Day Observed** 7:00 pm

Susan B. Anthony Women's Rights Leader 1820

16th Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford 8:00 pm

17th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 6:00 pm

Sat 20th **John Glenn 1st American to Orbit Earth on Friendship 7, 1962**

22nd Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building **George Washington 1732** 7:00 pm

23rd Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Battle of Iwo Jima 1945** 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

24th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

26th **Levi Strauss 1829**

Sat 27th **US Supreme Court upholds 19th Amendment For Womens' Right To Vote 1922**

28th **Town Meeting & Annual School Meeting, Mt. Holly School GYM** 7:00 pm

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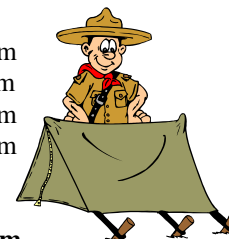
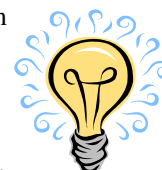
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February Birthdays: 2nd -Justin Bussino (2004) 4th -Chris Charuk 5th -Pat Marro 6th -Candance Bussino 8th -Alyssa Collins * Debbie Pearce 9th -Emma Coldwell 10th -Amy Perrino * Jack Koponen 11th -Mary Desautels 18th -Andy Bolalek * Peggy Taylor 19th -Dennis Turco * Denise Turco 20th -Barbara Palotta 21st -Ben Veysey 22nd -Susan Horsman 23rd -Jerome Brown 25th -Meghan Garrow 27th -Mary Crawford * Steven Radonis



February Anniversaries: 17th -Lisa & Todd Bussino (1990) 23rd - Raymond & Clarise Dana 66 Yr (1949) 27th - John & Carol Delaney 51 Yr (1965) 28th -Andy & Teresa Bolalek

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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Katherine Ida Wade



Katherine Ida Wade, 85, died Jan. 19, 2016, at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury. She was born in Waterbury, January 14, 1931, daughter of Harold and Agnes Jane (Somers) LaMountain. Katherine attended High School in Shoreham and Bristol.

She was a caregiver, 4-H leader in Addison, active in the Addison School Library, EMT on the Mount Holly Rescue Squad, coordinator of Mount Holly Green Up Day.

Katherine was a member of Mount Holly Fire Dept Auxiliary, Mount Holly Grange 513 and Eastern Star Keystone No. 5 holding the Star Point Esther and later to Conductress also a member of the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed baking pies for community events, sketching, painting, sewing crafts, crocheting, making gifts for her family. Her home, family, flowers, birds, nature and the mountains were her greatest pleasures. God's beautiful world was peace and joy, and a wonder to her.

Surviving are two sons Monte Provencher and wife, Donna, of Bridport, Randy Provencher and wife, Wendy, of Addison; a stepdaughter, Andrea Ryan of Pittsford; stepsister, Thelma Dennette of Bridport; her former husband, Harry Provencher of Bridport; 21 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband, Roger Wade, on Feb. 26, 2005; two daughters Holly Ashley and Roxanne Jane Bannister; two sons Wolfson Provencher and Scott Provencher; a stepdaughter, Audrey Spooner; two stepsisters Elsie Delphia and Verna Rosebough.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016, in New Haven United Reformed Church in New Haven. Calling hours will be on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Clifford Funeral Home. A spring burial with family will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Hospital or a [charity of one's choice](#), care of Clifford Funeral Home, 2 Washington St., Rutland, VT 05701.



INTERESTED IN EMS? WANT TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY? WE HAVE GREAT NEWS!!



Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad is announcing an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Class that may be offered at the Plymouth Town Office Building. EMR is the entry level into the Emergency Medical System. Here are the details:

Who: ANYONE can be an Emergency Medical Responder!

When: One evening a week February through May, possibly a Saturday; specific evening to be determined.

Where: Plymouth Town Office Building, Plymouth VT. If Mt. Holly has a strong showing, some classes may be held right here in Mt. Holly.

Cost: \$200.00. MHVRS pays for their members to take the class, and considers reimbursement for new members if you pass, become licensed, and then are a committed member!

Deadline: Friday, January 29th. Class will not run if there are not enough people signed up.

Contact: Sue Poirier at spcolby@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, contact Sue directly via email. Come to a Rescue Squad meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at our building on School Street to join MHVRS or learn more about how you can help and what we do. We'd love to hear from you! Check out these websites: healthvermont.gov (EMS is in there under emergency and public health) or www.oncallforvt.org

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group



The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on February 10th at Jane Hill's on the Tarbellville Road. We will be discussing *A Very Long Engagement* by Sebastien Japrisot. Call Minga at 259-2471 for further information. This is a great time of year to cozy up to a fire with a good book and then come out and meet with friends.
Happy Valentine's.

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.

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, December 2 at Mt. Holly 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 Act 46, and holding the first of several informational meetings the following week. The board also accepted Ms. Cohen's resignation from the school board, with regrets and thanked her for her years of service on the board. The board also appointed Ms. Mary Alberti as a replacement on the board until the elections in March.

The board approved minutes from the last meeting. They also discussed the Act 46 merger study committee work that has been happening, as well as work being done by the Innovations in Learning Committee on the topics discussed at a recent board retreat.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 6 at Black River High School at 6:00 p.m.

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, January 6 at Black River High School's Library Learning Commons. They heard from recent BRHS graduates on how they felt they had been prepared for life after high school. The board approved the minutes from the last meeting, along with authorizing the principal to act on their behalf in regards to a granting a leave of absence to a particular staff member.

The board approved presenting a budget to the voters in the amount of \$1,697,194. The warning for the voters has to include this information plus information on the per pupil spending amount and percentage change. The board also discussed some of the grants that have been received at the SU level that will benefit all of the schools and other grants that are still pending. They also discussed the Act 46 merger study committee work that has been happening.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 2, 2016 with the location to be determined.

Mount Holly Museum Festival of Lights

The MT Holly Museum would like to thank the following donors, who made the Festival of Lights such a great success! We appreciate all who donated an item or decorated a variety of beautiful and one of a kind wreaths and our talented local artists. To those who attended, we were all winners..

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Dear Chit Chat Readers,

One year ago I wrote in this paper a letter explaining my potential value as a school board member. It has been a busy year and big changes are afoot: Act 46 is forcing an educational revolution in reverse and this has consumed much of my attention. Dealing with this law is not what I signed up for when I agreed to join the school board in October, 2014. Yet, despite my persistent criticism of Act 46, I have become the chair of the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) Act 46 Study Committee. My guess is that, by selecting me, a pugnacious skeptic, to chair the committee, the members are tacitly announcing that we in the Two Rivers system owe our allegiance first to the people within our various communities and second to Montpelier. But I cannot speak for the other study committee members or for the Mount Holly School Board. Since I am up for re-election, allow me to sketch my point of view.

Montpelier's effort to centralize and thus reconfigure a \$1.5 billion state industry is about as revolutionary as it gets. Furthermore, when a state power legislates the abolition of local democracies, it is difficult, especially in this country, and especially in this state, to celebrate such a move as anything but a step backward. It is a revolution ... in reverse. And yet the motives animating this law are commonsense: money, money, money.

Nobody in Montpelier seems to know how to slow the cost of education. By hook or by crook, Act 46 forces districts to merge and so for a few months I thought the law must be about power, not about money per se. Now, I think the law is purely a game of political defense. By centralizing districts, Montpelier will create a more powerful administrative class. Conventional wisdom suggests that these newly empowered administrators will do what they can to cut budgets until Vermont is no longer the most (or among the most) expensive educational systems.

Act 46 might very well be the most complex means ever devised to create a political buffer: administrators will do the dirty work of budget cutting and the legislators will emerge with clean hands. It's the old story of good cop, bad cop. This is just my theory and time will tell but teachers, who constitute approximately 80% of the budgets, will statewide almost certainly undergo a "reduction in force" (otherwise known as "getting fired"). Again these are all my personal forecasts. No administrator associated with TRSU has expressed anything specific about future budget cuts. This is simply my way of making sense of this law.

In my opinion, Vermont should (A) Repeal Act 46. All of the good work we have done at the Mount Holly School can be shared throughout the TRSU without Act 46. Repealing Act 46 is categorically out of my hands. If our representatives do not repeal Act 46, then they should (B) substantially revise it to acknowledge that the TRSU has sufficiently merged already. If our representatives do not make this revision, then we on the study committee should (C) interpret the letter of the law with as much creativity and imagination as we can muster.

Allow me to expand on this point. This dramatic rupture in Vermont's education governance presents those interested in education (and governance) with a potentially great opportunity. If there is any reason to vote for me it is because I can clearly envision not only the looming problems and pitfalls but also a variety of solutions and possibilities. For example, we need to make financial decisions based on cutting edge educational research. It's that simple. No doubt, good education needs to be adequately funded. But what we have now is a funding system based on reproducing last year's model with as few changes as possible. Financial stability and predictability are good values in general but not if the status quo is bloated. Mount Holly School is pretty lean and mean but there is still room for improvement, both educationally and financially. As far as a unification goes, I think it is better to have a plan than not have a plan. It is best to have a great plan. I am going to fight to make a great plan: to design a unified school district that is horizontally collective rather than vertically centralized; to support administrators who take their marching orders from innovative pedagogical research, not from the timid logic of bureaucratic finance; to transform our ho-hum schools into great schools and turn our already great schools into literally the best schools in America. I do think we can transform TRSU into the best collection of public schools in the country and cut the budgets. This is not wishful thinking but it will require all of us to reexamine what our schools are and to re-imagine what they can be. And guess what? If we do make our schools universally amazing, families from all over the country and probably all over the world will relocate to our neighborhood (assuming there are affordable places to house them). If we build it they will come, and we can kiss the declining student population problem good-bye. On one level, Act 46 is pure tragedy. But on another level, by kicking the hornet's nest, Montpelier has presented us with the rare opportunity to make legally sanctioned radical improvements.

By the way, if the State Board of Education quashes our creative attempt then we must (D) resist what by then will have proven itself to be an unjust law. This is where you come in. If you agree with me, vote for me. If you disagree with me, vote for my opponent or become my opponent. We have work to do. Vote for me. Respectfully yours, Sebastian Frank, Mount Holly School Board Director, TRSU Act 46 Study Committee Chair

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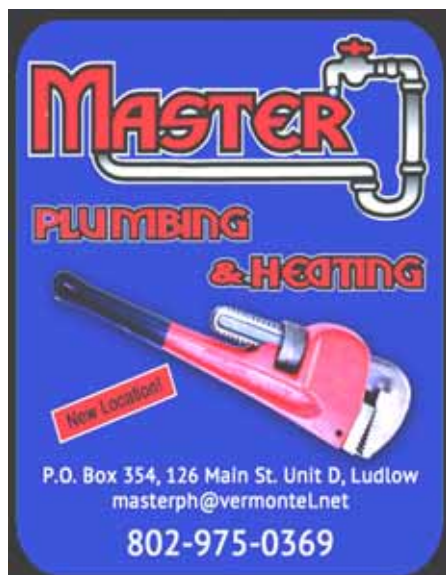
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Child First Advocacy Center

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization, located at 80 West Street in Rutland, dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We serve families of all socio-economic levels and are committed to providing quality services regardless of ability to pay.

CFAC is a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance serving victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency. CFAC channels reports of suspected child abuse cases for investigation and victim recovery. A multidisciplinary team approach allows for a comprehensive and consistent response to



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abuse investigations and the delivery of services to the child and non-offending family members. CFAC acts as a hub coordinating with the diverse professions that address child abuse such as law enforcement, victim advocacy, child protective services, prosecution, and medical and therapeutic services. Collaboration among diverse providers is essential in the reduction of trauma to victims and successful prosecution of perpetrators.

In 2015, the Child First Advocacy Center served 195 children and families in Rutland County. For so many of these children, the impact of this serious crime is felt long after the abuse stops. Understanding the potential lifelong consequences of child abuse and all forms of child trauma on children and their families is key to helping them heal.

The Child First website at www.childfirstvermont.org provides information on reporting child abuse, abuse prevention and education, obtaining services and making a donation. If you have questions, please contact Wendy Loomis, Executive Director at 802-747-0200 or wendy@childfirstadvocacycenter.org

BRACC Update For February 2016

BRACC has a lot going on so here is a quick summary of several items. If you want more information about any of the items, contact us.

BRACC is closely monitoring the discussion at the Vermont

Statehouse regarding legalization of recreational use of marijuana. Youth are influenced heavily by adult behavior and use of drugs and alcohol before the brain matures at age 25 can negatively affect long term health. Our concern centers on the fact that legalization can send the wrong message to our youth that marijuana use is not harmful to their developing brains.

The 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey which surveys youth across the state and country biennially shows that 65% of Vermont's youth got their alcohol from someone who gave it to them, or they gave someone money to purchase it for them, or they got it at home. At Black River High School/Middle School the number of youth who drank alcohol in the past 30 days was 47%, almost half of our students. You can help reduce alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drug use among teens. Don't share -- and lock away liquor and dangerous medications. Med Safe storage boxes can be purchased for \$18.

Prescription Drug Take Back is available every day for drugs that are expired or unneeded. The Ludlow Police Department and the Rutland County Sheriff's Office maintain permanent drug collection boxes. Take unwanted drugs to either spot anonymously any day. Don't let your medicine cabinet be the accidental source of your child or grandchild's misuse of pills.

Our confidential group, Wits End meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Community Room at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow at 6:00. If you have a loved one or friend who is addicted to alcohol or another drug, this group provides an opportunity for you to share your stories, both successes and failures, with others who face issues you are facing.

We encourage smokers to improve your health and that of your family in 2016. Quit smoking. For help in quitting permanently go to the 802 Quits website, 802quits.org. Remember, it is illegal in Vermont to smoke in a car if there is a child under the age of 8 present. Also, vaping has not been proven to be an effective smoking cessation device. Unfortunately, many youth who have never used tobacco are trying e-cigarettes, a cause for concern about their long term health.

Join us at our next BRACC meeting at **Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow at 6:00 on Tues. Feb. 2.** If you are interested in more information about any topic listed here or related one, please send an email to bracc7878@yahoo.com or call 228-7878.

Dessert Throw Down and Silent Auction To Benefit Tedy's Team and it's fight against stroke!



Date: Thursday Feb. 11, 2016

Time: 4-7pm

Place: Ludlow Community Center

Event Contact and Organizer: Lora Miele

Lora.miele@trsu.org

(802)353-8802 cell / (802)228-2386 home

Participants will prepare and bring a dessert of choice. Community will be invited to come, purchase tickets and taste provided desserts. Voting Ballots will be provided for tasters to vote on their favorite dessert!

At the same time, there will be a table of silent auction items, including several pieces autographed by Patroit Player Tedy Bruschi.

All money raised will go to Tedy's Team and it's mission of raising awareness and fighting stroke.



Mount Holly Community Association
New Year's Eve at Star Lake, sponsored by the Mount Holly snow Flyers (formerly the Sno*Drifters) and the Mount Holly Community Association was an evening to remember and a wonderful one to share with the Mount Holly community! Many thanks to the MH Snow Flyers for all their work throughout the year raising money for the fireworks and then putting on that great display on New Year's Eve. We are also very grateful to Terri Isidro, who coordinated the mulled wine and hot cocoa, which kept everyone warmed up and in good spirits while they waited for the fireworks to begin. This is a treasured evening in the Mount Holly calendar, as the community gathers together to celebrate the end of an old year and the beginning of the new. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success!

New Year's Eve at Star Lake was the **last MHCA event of the year** until the regularly scheduled MHCA events resume in the spring, but we hope that the entire community will make use of the beautifully renovated Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center Building. Currently, it is used on a weekly basis by the Play Group, the Yoga group, the Mount Holly Folk Group, Bone Builders, and the Mount Holly Artists Group. It has also been rented on a number of occasions recently for anniversaries, showers, and other events. It has become the "go-to" place for *children's birthday parties*, as the space lends itself so well to a large group of children. If you are interested in using the room, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562) or the librarian, Lynne Herbst (259-3707) to check on the schedule.

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 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.)

This will be our last call for **membership in the MHCA** for the 2015 – 2016 year. Reminder letters were recently sent out to a number of people who were members last year, but had not signed up for this year as yet. The MHCA is *your* community association and it needs your support to carry on its work sponsoring events for the entire town and to maintain the beautiful, historic building that houses the library and community room. Membership forms are available in the general store and the library.

Please join us in making this a record breaking year for membership in the MHCA...thank you for your support!!

WINTER PHOTOS!! Mount Holly Photo Contest

There might not be as much snow this year (yet!) – but we always need winter photos. So take advantage of the longer daylight and the warmer temps and be sure to get some good February photos.

Who knows – you could win a prize AND make it into the 2018 Mount Holly Calendar!

Please note: Photos for the 2017 Calendar will be announced in the March ChitChat.

For more information, please call Janet Warren at 802-259-2007.



Annual Snow Ball Ride-In

Join us for food and fun.

Saturday February 6, 2016

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- Sledding obstacle course
- Games with prizes
- Bonfire
- Horse drawn sleigh rides
- Demo sleds
- 50/50 raffle
- 2017 TMA raffle with limited tickets
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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN

LIBRARY

LADIES NIGHT AT THE MOUNT HOLLY LIBRARY

Friday, February 19th at 5:30 pm all Mount Holly ladies (young and old) and their guests are invited to a "night out" with hors d'oeuvres and adult libations. Shake off the winter cold and doldrums and enjoy an evening getting to know the women of our community in our beautiful library setting.

Ladies Night has long been a feature of life here in Mount Holly, with many women opening their homes in the spirit of both camaraderie and woman power. What better place for such a gathering than the library; where everyone in the community can come together to meet new friends and strengthen old bonds. So, please join us for this very special edition of Ladies Night and get connected, reconnected, and just plain enjoy the company of the women of your community!

MOUNT HOLLY 5TH GRADE – LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY

Ms. Vellia's 5th grade history class is going to spend a half day at the Library. Beth Latino and I will plan an afternoon of instruction using some games, crafts and research driven activities that relates directly to the student's Colonial America curriculum. It will be a fun learning experience with lunch provided by the Library.

LIBRARY PROJECT WITH TWO BLACK RIVER STUDENTS

Two bright, energetic 11 grade students, Aiyana Fortin and Bailey Matteson, are helping the Library produce a video about the Library. LPC-TV will loan them the equipment and allow them to edit it at their facility. You will see a number of your

neighbors and friends appearing on the film and we will let you know when it comes out on YouTube.

TIRED OF PAYING FOR THE RUTLAND HERALD

Come to the library and read the Rutland Herald and Time Argus for FREE. We offer free access to both papers through our computers. What a deal...no papers to take to the transfer site and you can still read what is going on in and around the State. Just one more service your Library is providing for the Mount Holly Community.

THREE NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are pleased to announce three new members to the volunteer team. Siri Bahrig is the mom to two delightful little girls and the wife of Mount Holly born and raised Tom Osborne. Beth Latino is recently retired from her teaching job at Chester Andover Elementary School and the wife of Paul Tesik. And last but certainly not least Linda Charuk McGrath. Linda is recently retired from her job as X-ray technician and a long-time resident of Mount Holly. We are pleased that she has also agreed to join the Library Board. She fills the seat that was Joan Bradley's. We will miss Joan and her dedication to the board. Without Joan we would never have been able to complete the huge task of automating the Library and in such record breaking time. Thanks Joan and we are glad you can spend more time now with your Grandchildren.



Tax Dollars Well Spent

As many of you may know, the Mount Holly Library will be asking for an increase in town funds this year. This is necessary in order to keep our doors open, to be able to provide the services on which so many town residents have come to rely, and most importantly, to provide a librarian's salary that is actually commensurate with the work needed to keep our library strong. This increase will result in approximately 6 cents per each \$1,000 of property value. We feel, and hope you will agree, that 6 additional cents is a small price indeed for the quality and level of services we provide.

Please vote yes on Article 7 and please continue to support your Mount Holly Town Library.

W A R N I N G
MOUNT HOLLY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING and VOTING BY BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Mount Holly, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the **Mount Holly School** in said Mount Holly at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 29, 2016, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The polls will open on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the **Town Office Building** in said Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATION HEARING

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Mount Holly School

- Article I:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2015.
- Article II:** To allow the Board of School Directors to borrow money as necessary in anticipation of taxes.
- Article III:** Shall the voters of the Mt. Holly School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$500.
- Article IV:** Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to make available the school district's facilities and equipment to such individuals or organizations for such use at such time as the Board deems in the best interest of the district?
- Article V:** To transact any other necessary and appropriate business.

VOTING BY BALLOT

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Mount Holly Town Office

- Article I:** To elect a Town School District Moderator.
Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (2)
- Article II:** To elect a Town School District Clerk.
Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (3)
- Article III:** Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District approve the school board to expend **\$1,697,194.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,494.65** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.57% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article IV:** Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Directors to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying operational expenses?
- Article V:** To elect officers for the ensuing year

Mount Holly School Board of Directors:

David Venter, Board Chair

Mary Alberty
Mary Alberty, Board Member

Sebastian Frank
Sebastian Frank, Board Member

Robert Herbst
Robert Herbst, Board Clerk

Hannah Anderson, Board Member

Town Plan:

The Mount Holly Planning Commission applied for a grant to assist our community develop a new Town Plan. Unfortunately we were not awarded this grant. The Mount Holly Select Board and Planning Commission have decided that it is important to begin work on the next Town Plan and not wait for the next round of possible grants. To this end, the Planning Commission has appointed a committee to work on this plan with the assistance of the Executive Director of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

The goal is to create a meaningful, reasonable and obtainable Town Plan which will help our community have more control and influence over its future as a rural Vermont community.

The Town of Mount Holly is truly at a crossroads in its history. Second home owners have exceeded 50% of our home ownership. Our elementary school, which once boasted of having 145 students in K-6, has dropped to 67 students (K-6) (per Town Report March 2014) with the same physical plant and number of staff. Irene has taught us that our roads and infrastructure need to be carefully analyzed and a plan to prevent as much flooding as is possible must be created and implemented. Volunteer membership in many of our community organizations is in decline. The State of Vermont has greatly limited our decision making involvement regarding the development/siting of solar and wind “farms”. We are still without cell service and high speed internet throughout the community. The job opportunities in Mount Holly are at a minimum and discussion with our business leaders is crucial.

One key to our future is the successful creation and implementation of a realistic/practical and most importantly, obtainable long range plan. To simply review our existing plan and make a variety of changes to it will not suffice. We must engage in a serious and dedicated process to accomplish this. That is why we want to begin now to formulate the next plan which is due in 2018. If we can create this plan sooner than the due date all the better.

There will be a series of meetings to address these and other issues challenging our community. All meetings will be opened to the public and dates and times will be posted at the Mount Holly Town Office, both Post Offices and on Newsflash. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

Sincerely, Bill McGrath Chair, Planning Commission ~ Ted Crawford, Chair, Select Board



Stirring the Pot

WE WERE RECENTLY HORRIFIED TO READ OF 8 DEATHS, very close to home, due to a poisoned “Hollywood” labeled batch of heroin. But yet we’re considering legislation to encourage the use of a gateway drug that can easily open the door to heroin addiction. A steady stream of these drugs is coming through our porous southern border and polluting our state making convenience store break in’s as common as school shootings. Do we really want our young people enamored by big names like Snoop Dogg and Willie Nelson already hawking their own designer brands of weed?



Do we really care about keeping our kids here in verdant Vermont and giving them a great quality of life without drugs? It seems to me Montpelier should be more stirred up about JOB creation than POT legislation! Addictions we have aplenty in this state, from porn to prescription drugs. Do we really want more people “zoned out on marijuana?” Don’t we have enough “dependence” in our state already? Will the people get to vote on this issue? Probably not. As our illustrious former governor said, “Sometimes the people don’t know what’s good for them.” Recently, a colleague mentioned how her husband was working with a tree service company that had trouble finding young workers who didn’t just want to sit around in the company truck and get stoned. Absentee rates have proven to be 75 times higher than non-users. Grass does not encourage ambition or productivity. Think of these individuals cutting trees near residential areas, working with dangerous machinery or driving our state’s roads.

It seems that every day we’re hearing of more politicians and big names falling all over each other to jump on the legalization bandwagon. What’s the big hurry? Especially when Harvard researchers recently did a study of 18-20 year olds, half of whom smoked pot recreationally and half who didn’t. Guess what? Even those who only smoked a few times a week had significant brain abnormalities in the areas that control emotions and motivation. So *is* recreational use safe? Preliminary findings are saying no, this is not a safe drug. And since when has smoking been considered an accepted method of administering *any* medicine? *Never*.

Have we not learned *anything* from watching COLORADO? Their legislators have forced advertising of the Wacky Weed out of airports and points of entry to discourage the state from becoming known merely as “the Marijuana State.” Are *we* going to replace the Maple Leaf with the Marijuana Leaf? The black market continues to thrive 3 years after legalization in Colorado. What does that tell you? Our revenue starved politicians, maximizing the government” take” by imposing heavy taxes, can easily make this thing backfire, making it harder for legal cannabusinesses to replace their black-market predecessors.

My main concern is the children of our state whom I’ve had tell me, “I got started with drugs smoking pot with my parents.” The stats say 42% of high school seniors have tried marijuana and 6.5% smoke it daily. Recent studies show an 8-point decline in IQ scores. So what happens to those numbers if we throw the doors wide open to *legal* pot? Oh, ... and by the way, CO media recently reported marijuana dispensaries phone ads were soliciting kids. So what’s wrong with this picture?

The common decent people of our state ought to get a little stirred up over the fact that our beautiful state is quite literally going to pot. *Pastor Glenn*

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

January 5th was the first day of the 2016 Legislative Session. The temperature here in Montpelier was -9 degrees in contrast to -20 degrees last year on opening day when I was sure my car wasn't going to start. The Menorah and Christmas tree are brightly lit and still on the Capitol steps. The Representatives and Senators are the same this year as last year as we are elected for two year terms. All bills introduced last year and the new ones this year will have a remaining chance to pass over the next five months or die. If a bill doesn't pass and someone still wants it, it will have to be reintroduced by the next elected Legislative body.

On the Appropriations Committee we immediately began work on the Budget Adjustment bill which is the mid-year check to address financial needs that didn't turn out as expected when we left the State House last May. Health care and all Medicaid programs are consuming the most money.

In the Judiciary Committee where I also serve, we are moving forward with Senate bill 155 which speaks to a number of issues intended to enhance privacy protection. Addressed in the bill are drone usage by law enforcement, medical records, automated license plate readers and electronic communication devices. Subpoenas, search warrants and "Sting Rays" are all a part of this interesting bill. We all thought of swimming in the ocean and the old Corvette model at the Sting Ray mention but in fact it is a device to intercept information in real time from a user's device. This bill will be on the Senate floor for a vote next week and if it passes will go on to the House for their review. Law enforcement, privacy advocates and many others have participated in the development of this bill.

The Governor gave his State of the State address today and covered an array of concerns and goals of his administration for the state. The Governor started with a quote from a speech given 75 years ago by George Aiken, our Governor at the time, and from Putney as is Peter Shumlin. "Vermont, in common with the rest of the nation, has experienced changes and put into practice new functions of government that were either unforeseen or in the visionary stages a few years ago. Our task has been to apply these innovations in a practicable manner". It is an appropriate quote for the times.

There was mention of 17,600 new jobs over the last five years; expansion of health care to 19,000 who had no insurance when the governor took office; 70 new manufacturing jobs at GW Plastics in Royalton; BHS Composites of Quebec expanding into VT; farm successes with locally grown foods; cheeses and beers winning awards and expanded treatment for drug treatment and a long way still to go. In the audience were two young women who are having success in conquering their addiction problems with the help of the Lund Program. They received an immediate standing ovation and we wish them the best. Thirty five new staff members are proposed for the Department of Children and Families where the number of children in care has doubled, most of it due to heroin addiction. Much more is in the address and it is available on line and likely will be in several newspapers as well.

It was quite a coincidence that in the early evening of January 13th when many people around the country as well as many Vermonters were still buying Powerball tickets for the drawing later that night, I found myself in a "promotional seminar" for the Vermont Lottery and new games. The invitation was titled, "On Line Games and Gaming". Doug Pollard of Pollard Banknote LTD, the Canadian company that produces VT's scratch tickets and is the second largest producer of instant tickets in the world was one of the speakers. His company which started out as a family printing business in 1907 is now traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and all they print now are lottery tickets. Also speaking was Terry Patterson of Intralot USA with offices in East Montpelier employing thirty people who provide support to the VT and NH lotteries. In 2010, Intralot won the "on line" lottery bid and has established new devices for sales such as the self-service products in 25 restaurants and bars around the state. Credit cards cannot be used in these machines nor can they be used to purchase instant tickets. The credit card ban has been in place since 2006 for instate sales but is not in place for interstate sales.

In 1978, the first Vermont Lottery tickets were sold and profits generated started going to the state's General Fund. In 1998, the Legislature voted to have the profits go to the Education Fund and this continues to date. In 2014, \$22.6 million was turned over to the Ed Fund and this amount has been steady for a number of years.

In 2015, twenty million was spent by persons buying tickets in VT. By 6:30 pm on 1/13, three million in sales of Powerball tickets had occurred in VT. What was interesting was that at the same time it was calculated that if the drawing occurred at 6:30 pm and the winner was a VT resident, the state would receive 100 million in tax revenue. I'm not sure if a ticket machine was showing this calculation or where the number came from but VT surely could have used the money. With more "gaming" happening on line and on mobile devices the revenue from the VT Lottery is expected to flatten out if different types of games and ways to play are not developed. In 2012 Illinois and Delaware started selling tickets over the Internet and several other states have now joined them. Fantasy sports in the US and Canada has attracted more than sixty million people and spending has exceeded twenty- seven billion. The average age of a scratch ticket player is fifty whereas the average age of a mobile player is thirty-eight. A young man who was described as a "VT Game Player" tried to educate legislators at the event about games he enjoys and where he spends his playing money within some of these games such as World of Tanks, Legal Legion and Candy Crush. (I hope I have the names right.)

The Vermont Lottery has a staff of 21 and has oversight by five appointed commissioners. They are looking to the future and are committed to contributing all proceeds to the Education Fund.

Feel free to contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting February 9th, 2016. 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 BUDGET WORK SESSION ~ January 5, 2016

Ted Crawford, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Ted Crawford, Raymond Tarbell, and Tim Martin, Select Board members, met with David Johnson, Town Treasurer, to prepare a FY 2017 budget. Also present were Susan Covalla, Rhonda Rivers, Don Richardson David Hoeh, Jeff Teter, Christine Pratt, Carol Garrow-Woolley, and Nicole Griffin..

1. The Board reviewed a line item worksheet prepared by David Johnson showing the FY14-15 budget and actual and the FY15-16 budget, and developed a proposed

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.

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.

budget for FY15-16.

Most items are pretty straightforward and standard from year to year. There was some discussion about the Town Report books, and whether they need to contain as much information. The only item required is the auditor's report; other items could be provided via handouts. Sue noted that the Town Auditors are looking into this. Ted thought it should be discussed at town meeting.

The Board also discussed moving the indirect education expenses (such as grounds maintenance, rubbish removal and others) and the truant officer salary back to the school budget. It

was felt that they are really education expenses and that the majority of taxpayers do not benefit from this. Ted will contact the School Board.

Under Highway expenses, Jeff Teter noted that we have 13 miles of paved roads, only some of which are covered by State paving grants. The paving funds were increased slightly.

2. Social Service requests were reviewed.

3. After reviewing all expenses, the Board agreed to add \$20,000 of fund balance carryover to the revenues. The resulting budget would be an increase of about 1.07%. The budget will be reviewed again at the Regular meeting on January 12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD ~ JANUARY 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Ted Crawford, chair. Ray Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** There was one addition to the Agenda, which was to set a date for the special meeting to sign the warrant.

2. Minutes:

- The minutes of the regular meeting of December 08 and the special meeting of January 05 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the December 08 minutes. (3-0)

VOTED: To approve the January 05 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- The Board reviewed and signed the annual Highway Mileage Certificate required by the State. There were no changes to highway mileage this year.
- Tarbellville Road culvert – All invoices have been received. The Board reviewed and signed the TA65 and TA66 forms, to request the grant funds from the State.
- The Town received a culvert assessment report developed by the Nature Conservancy in conjunction with VT ANR, VT River Management Program and the VT Dept of Fish & Wildlife. The report provides information on geomorphic compatibility and aquatic organism passage for each culvert in town, which the town can use when upgrading culverts. A total of 44 towns in the Lewis Creek, Little Otter Creek and Otter Creek basins were in the study.
- Traffic Ordinance Amendment re Lake Ninevah Road – Ted read the ordinance amendment, which limits traffic speed to 35 mph on the entire length of Lake Ninevah Road. This had been discussed at prior selectboard meetings. There was no further discussion either by the Board or by the public in attendance. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the Traffic Ordinance Amendment as read. (3-0)

A copy of the amendment is attached to these minutes. The Amendment will follow the process outlined by statute for the passing of ordinances (public notice, notice in newspaper, etc.). The ordinance takes effect in 60 days, unless disallowed per the statutory process.

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.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated December 31, 2015 showing cash balances of \$2,342,038. Highlights: Delinquent taxes: about ½ of total outstanding taxes have been collected as of 01/06, including the largest amounts due. Solid Waste label sales running about ½ of the budgeted amount. Forestry receipts shown were stated 'for prior year', so more will be expected later in the year. December Casella bill not received yet, so Solid Waste expenses are thru November. Winter road materials expenses are for only 4 loads so far, vs. 9 loads last year.
- VT Division of Property Valuation and Review. David noted that the State set the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA – compares the town's grand list value to the State's estimate of fair market value) at 114.92% (versus 114.41% last year). The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD – a measure of the uniformity of appraisal for all properties in town) is 17.60 (versus 15.448% last year). Neither of these values will require a town-wide reappraisal; however David noted that the COD can be volatile.
- External Audit – David noted that Jeff Bradley and staff collected necessary data two weeks ago. David has not heard back from him for any additional information needed, and hopes to get a first draft by the end of next week.
- Warrant – The Board agreed to meet on Thursday, January 21 at 5:00 pm to sign the warrant for the March town meeting.

5. Proposed FY17 Budget.

- David provided a formal copy off the budget produced at the January budget work session. There were no changes from the meeting. David Hoeh asked if the school board had been notified of the changes regarding the indirect education expense (which were in previous town budgets, but were deleted from the FY17 budget). Ted said the school board had been notified, and stated again that they were not relevant to the provisions of Act 68, so they should go back to the school budget. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve FY17 budget as presented. (3-0)

6. Star Lake Dam – final report

- Ron Unterman presented the final report on the dam reconstruction project, which is done. There is a small leak (1.5 gal/min) that will be monitored, though is not of concern. The entire project cost came to \$630,000, of which \$2000 has been retained until the spring for final beach area reseeding.
- Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) raised \$628,000 (so there is still time to add your donation to complete the last \$3000 needed). He spoke again of the incredibly generous give of Pat Nye, which allowed this project to go ahead, as well as the donations of about 280 families. This has been a great example of public/private collaboration, with the efforts of the Town, Pat Nye, MHCT Board, and the highway crew, to get it all done.
- Last item is the canoes, which will be legally noticed as abandoned property and sold in the spring. Responding to the suggestion of just putting them back, Ron noted that only a few are in good shape. He hopes that this will open up an opportunity of better tracking of canoes that may be placed there in the future.

7. Transfer Station –No items this month. Ted noted that at the budget session the Board had discussed and decided not to change to price of the stickers. He also noted that as more requirements are placed on the town, the town will be spending more and more.

8. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission: and 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 also noted that the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC), which meets next on Jan 28, will be watching the bridge replacement projects, especially for Bridge 7 on Route 155 near maple Hill Road.
- David also noted that he is working on the Village Center Designation for Belmont, which must be renewed this year. He hopes to present the application at the next meeting for the Board's signatures.
- Municipal Planning Grant Update – As noted last month, Ted and Bill McGrath met with Ed Bove, Director of RRPC to determine how we can proceed with the plan and at what cost. RRPC has agreed to provide 25 hours of assistance at a budget of \$1875. The Planning Commission has appointed a committee off 5 to work with RRPC to work on the plan.

9. Other Business – None

- The Town received notice from the State of Local Investment Financing Proposals, available through May 13, 2016, which can provide debt financing for projects in areas such as housing and energy, transportation, municipal infrastructure and financing post-secondary education.
- VLCT/PACIF (Property and Casualty Insurance Fund) has announced the availability of Equipment Grant and Scholarship Programs, for items generally related to enhancing workplace safety and/or improving risk management.
- Aquatic Nuisance Grants – Both FOSL (Star Lake) and the Ninevah Foundation (Lake Ninevah) plan to apply for these grants. The applications are being prepared and will need the Selectboard Chair's signature when completed. The Board agreed to sign the applications for both groups when ready..

10. The Board reviewed and signed the December orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:03 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Mount Holly Planning Commission ~ January 19, 2016 ~ Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill McGrath, Jim Seward, Michael Valente Public Present: Bill Rose

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Old Business: Minutes from December approved with minor corrections. Motion made by Mike Valente seconded by Jim Seward

Frank Bickford Sub division extension letter was moved to February meeting.

Jeff White sent the planning commission a milar and fees for Donald Munro sub division on Route 155. Additional fees are needed and Bill will be in contact with Jeff White on the sub division process.

The septic permit was received for Daniel Adams property, and moved to February meeting while waiting on State sub division.

New Business: BCR received for Jason Yerke for basement recreation room and shed for generator.

Randy Hawkins is sub division 2.2 acres of the 171 acre parcel on Packer road. Milar and fees will be presented at The Public Hearing for Hawkins sub division on February 15 2016 at 6:30 pm at The Mount Holly Town Office. Abutters will be notified prior to meeting.

Appeal process for Administrative Officer discussed with proposed possible wording provided by the Planning Commission

Mike Valente made a motion to suggest Bill for the position of Administrative Officer

Jim Seward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Planning Grant discussed and further contact to be made with Ed Bove about chairing a committee to address the town of Mt Holly to have more of a say about solar/wind construction in our town

Peter Berg, Allison Blodgett and Tom Veysey have offered to make up the proposed board.

Mike Valente made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Seward and passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm Nicole Griffin, Mount Holly Planning Commission Clerk



**TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE**

On January 12, 2016, the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, adopted amendments to the "Traffic Ordinance" pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 1007 (Local Speed Limits). This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of these amendments and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove this ordinance.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Mount Holly by regulating the speeds of all vehicles upon any state aid, town road, street or highway and provide penalties for violations.

Principal Provisions

This amendment adds Town Highway 44 (Lake Ninevah Road) to the list of roads with a speed limit of 35 m.p.h.

List of Section Headings Amended

Section II. (lists roads with a speed limit of 35 m.p.h.)

FULL TEXT

The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE

Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the amended "Traffic Ordinance" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption. Note that such petition applies only to the amendment adopted, not the entire Traffic Ordinance.

PERSON TO CONTACT

Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Town of Mount Holly, Town Clerk, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, or by calling (802) 259-2391 during regular office hours



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Mount Holly Chit Chat Letter From The Editor

The first issue of the Chit Chat came out in March 1974 from the efforts of Lucile Priest, Gladys Hudak Betty Merlin, and a few others. It was the result of many residents' suggestions and helpful hints but most importantly through the need for a Civil Preparedness (Defense) Unit, in its infancy. Our community did not have any direct media for communication of significant news other than the telephone with party lines or a chance meeting of neighbors while at the store or post office. The Chit Chat was designed to give all citizens a chance to be heard, to also help to serve the town officials, appointed authorities, school personnel, various organizations and businesses besides the residents at large. Miles and Mamie Richards were there from the beginning to help with the Chit Chat. Miles stayed with it until 2004 a total of 30 years and then handing the reins over to me officially in June of that year.

We went from 425 copies per month to 965 copies which are distributed to the town's residents of Mount Holly, Belmont, East Wallingford, Shrewsbury, other towns in Vermont as well as 114 of those copies going to folks from out of State. As the paper is listed on the Town web site we have many who look forward to seeing it there each month in Color.

A First for the Chit Chat was to have the March 2014, issue the 40th Anniversary edition printed in full color thanks to Don Reiser of Express Copy. Don Reiser and his company Express Copy have been printing the Chit Chat for more than 20 years. He has been most helpful to have it printed in one day and delivered to me so it can be out to all of you the very next day.

Two years ago we asked for an increase in the appropriation amount to \$2500 because of the rising costs of postage, printing larger editions of the paper and other costs associated with the production of the paper. Due to many years of operating at a deficit we the Chit Chat board felt it was time to ask for an increase. This has helped tremendously and now we have set aside a future expenditure account to help with equipment costs.

With your continued contributions and cost saving efforts on our part we plan to bring you the Chit Chat one of Vermont State's longest running town publication for many years to come.

If by some chance you are not receiving the Chit Chat, please let me know so you can be added to the mailing list and those from Mount Holly and Belmont if you are not receiving it please let your Post Office know so they can make sure it is placed in your box at the post office.

In closing many thanks to all of you for your continued support be it in the form of articles, poems, advertising, donations or a simple thank you for the paper. You help me make the paper happen for you. We make a great Team!!! Happy Valentine's Day, Diana Garrow, Editor

The Little School

The Little School of Weston Vermont would like to extend a generous thank you to all who supported their Annual Appeal Campaign this year. "Our Annual Appeal continues to be an important source of funding for our school as well as a way to connect with our community" confirms Little School Director, Meghan Meszkat. "Each year we are so impressed with how many members of our community are dedicated in supporting our school. This year donations will go to support our scholarship fund as well as our upcoming school initiative to improve our outdoor space." states Meszkat.

In addition to the funding collected from their appeal The Little School was also the recipient of a generous contribution from The Thrifty Attic to support scholarships for students from the Mountain Town RED. The Little School gives out scholarships annually to students in all of their classrooms based on need.

The Little School, located in Weston, VT, is an NAEYC accredited nonprofit early childhood program that welcomes over 50 young children ages 2 through 5 years and their families. Beginning in 1976, the educators at The Little School have offered full-

day and morning preschool programs with a curriculum that has been carefully structured to promote the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of each child. For more information please contact administration at [802-824-3405](tel:802-824-3405) or admin@littleschoolvt.org.

ATLANTIC CROSSING RAISES THE ROOF

For nearly two decades, the Vermont band *Atlantic Crossing* has been thrilling concert audiences and contra-dancers with traditional songs and acoustic instrumental music from New England--music which has deep Celtic roots in the British Isles and in French & Maritime Canada--together with original compositions inspired by these traditions. On Sunday January 31 they will perform in Proctorsville's Raise the Roof Concert Series at Gethsemane Church. The high spirited quartet, popular in the Vermont acoustic music scene, will fill the rafters of the acoustically perfect little church with their lively mix of tunes that get toes tapping and hands clapping. Between them they play fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, bouzouki, foot percussion and African djembe drum. Their concert will be a great way to spend a winter afternoon. Gethsemane Church is on Depot Street, the music begins at 4:00 and admission is \$10 at the door. If you're coming from the south, don't forget to take the quick Rte. 103 detour into downtown Proctorsville to get to Depot Street!





PEGTV Offers 19th Annual Courcelle Scholarship

PEGTV, Rutland County's public access television station, is pleased to announce that we will once again offer two Courcelle scholarships in 2016. Two Rutland County high school seniors who exhibit a high level of proficiency and interest in visual arts and intend to pursue post-secondary education have the opportunity to win a \$2000 scholarship.

The 19th annual PEGTV Courcelle Scholarship honors the memory of Joe Courcelle for his pioneering work for public access television in Rutland. Joe Courcelle was an active member of the original board of directors, a dedicated independent producer and an integral part of the establishment of Rutland's PEGTV.

A special selection committee will review the applications and interview potential candidates. Applications have been sent to Rutland County high schools for distribution to interested candidates and are due by May 1, 2016 with personal interviews conducted in mid-May.

Anyone interested in receiving an application may contact their high school guidance office or call Bryn Williams, Channel 20 program coordinator, at PEGTV at (802) 747-0151.

PEGTV is comprised of Comcast Channels 15, 20 and 21 and VTel channels 163, 164, and 165 and is available throughout Rutland County to all cable subscribers. Streaming programming, hyper-local weather forecasts, and video on demand services are also available online at www.pegtv.com.

Sixth Annual Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival

Dear Friends of Okemo Mountain School,

I wanted to take a moment to invite you all to the **Sixth Annual Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 from 7 – 10 pm at Willie Dunn's at the Okemo Valley Golf Club**. There will be a great sampling of wines and beers, as well as hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants. We will have great silent auction items up for grabs and, new this year; the DJ will be playing dancing music to add to the fun!

It is a casual evening meant for mingling with friends, old and new, and enjoying great food and drink. Tickets are \$20 in advance (available at OMS, Okemo Guest Services and Administration, and the Wine and Cheese Depot) or \$25 at the door and include the wine and beer tasting. We will also have wine and beer available for purchase. Bring a friend (or ten!). This event is most appropriate for adults only. Hope to see you all there!

Okemo Mountain School is a 501(c)3 and donations are tax deductible. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and makes a great impact! Please fill out and detach the form at the bottom and return it with a check made payable to Okemo Mountain School to Mariel Meringolo at Okemo Mountain School, Kim Nania in the Competition Center at Okemo or by mail to:

Okemo Mountain School, Attn: Winter Festival Fundraiser, 53 Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149

Hope to see you all at the Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival at the Okemo Clock Tower Base Lodge on Saturday, February 13th from 7 – 10 pm!

I hope to see you all on February 13th! With warm regards, Mariel Meringolo, Head of School Okemo Mountain School

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50% off an OMS 2016 Summer On-Snow Camp, recognition at the 2016 Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival and via the OMS Website and Facebook

\$2500

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Two OMS one-week Winter Training camps, recognition at the 2016 Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival and via the OMS Website and Facebook

\$1000

Olympic Silver Level

One OMS one-week Winter Training camp, recognition at the 2016 Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival and via the OMS Website and Facebook

\$500

Olympic Bronze Level

Recognition at the 2016 Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival



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Checks should be made payable to Okemo Mountain School.

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

We wish you and happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. The Chamber was busy last year.

- 52 new members joined the Chamber.
- We held quarterly educational programs. Thanks to our presenters; Carrier Allen from Heritage Family Credit Union, Ross Gibson from The Richards Group, Kim Dixon from Insights and SBA Encore Entrepreneurship.
- Legislative luncheon
- Monthly lpctv program
- Print and online advertising included the inside front cover of the Vermont Vacation Guides and Yankee Magazine.
- We had two display cases at the Guilford Welcome Center and Chester Train Depot
- Our guidebooks were distributed at the NY Times Travel Show; wedding bags; Big E; around our Region; 5 welcome centers; fall foliage trains, VT Challenge, Antique & Classic Car Show; Home, Garden & Recreation Show; and mailed out to inquiries.
- Our [new website](#) went live on December 9th. It is now connected with the State of Vermont, so if you enter an event on our site, it will automatically post Statewide on [vermontvacation.com](#)! Just think of all this additional exposure for our Region!!
- We have a new vendor for our Regional Guidebook - Hawthorne Creative! You will see the new design in May.
- Restaurants: We are highlighting you as part of our monthly [lpctv](#) program.
- We're getting ready to go to the New York Times Travel Show to market our region
- NEW this year: We are producing a 2017 Country Store calendar for our Region. We will use this as a scavenger hunt for the Iron Adventure Run too.

Upcoming Programs:

- **January 12** Marketing education program at Newsbank Conference Center in Chester. Two sessions: Be Heard 10:30-12 and/or 1-3 pm followed by free Email Marketing Training from 3:30-5:30pm with Kim Dixon. Click on the times you would like to attend.
- **January 13** [Outback Pizza](#), Ludlow Mixer 5:30-7:30pm



- **January 27** Homestyle Hostel [Lunch & Learn](#). Join us for our next lunch and learn series about heat pumps brought to you by our Energy Committee, NeighborWorks, HB Energy Solutions and Paquette Plumbing.

Ribbon Cutting:

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Benson's Chevrolet to their new location on 25 Pond Street in Ludlow.

Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Christie Patterson of Seventh Heaven Salon & Spa to the Chamber. Pictured left to right: Marji Graf, Christie Patterson, Nicole Patterson and Gene Jennings.

They specialize in haircuts including shampoo and blow dry, hair styling, colors, highlighting, texturizing, specialty styles, nails (manicure, pedicure, gel polish, eyelashes and facial waxing. 802-228-1717. Open Tuesday – Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-3pm and Sunday by appointment for lashes only.

Be My Valentine



Black River Good Neighbors

The staff and clients of Black River Good Neighbors would like to thank all of those who donated goods, money or time to help this year's holiday food distribution. The process begins early in the year, but gears up in earnest with the annual Stuff-a-Bus in Ludlow, followed by the Okemo Cares and Shares food drive. Thanks go to all who worked at the Stuff-a-Bus, especially the town of Ludlow for providing the school bus and the Black River High School Interact Club who helped stuff it. BRGNS also thanks all those who worked at the Okemo food drive, especially the Mountain Ambassadors and Okemo employees. And thanks to all those who donated food or money at either event.

On December 17th some thirty volunteers gathered at Fletcher Farm to pack boxes with the ingredients for an all-inclusive holiday dinner, complete with turkey or chicken, stuffing, vegetables, bread, milk and more than a dozen other food items. The boxes were destined for the tables of those families who might not otherwise enjoy a holiday meal. In addition, and in the spirit of the season, toys and presents were packed for families with young children.

Then, on December 22nd, over 70 volunteers descended on the distribution center and fanned out across the area, carrying boxes and bags to 112 households. Thanks go to Lee Potter and Jane Pixley who coordinated distribution of the goods. In all we delivered 243 boxes of food and over 75 bags of toys to 262 people, of whom 69 were children under age 13. This project has been a centerpiece of the Black River Good Neighbor Services' program for over twenty years. It has grown substantially, although the staff and volunteers wish it wasn't needed. In addition to those who packed and delivered, many people gathered the food and toys during the previous months. This was an area-wide effort.

Thanks go also to Okemo for donating turkeys, to Black River Produce for giving fruit and potatoes, to Lavalley's for donating supplies, to Shaw's Market for their help, and to numerous individuals who gave cash, which was used to buy perishable and non-perishable food items.

Ludlow Rotary, Heritage Credit Union, United Church of Ludlow, Annunciation Church, Ludlow Garden Club, Friends of the Library, St James Methodist Church, Ludlow Women's Club, Tyson Lady's Aid, Ludlow Town Employees, Berkshire Bank, CMT Media, and Ludlow Elementary School donated toys and deserve deepest thanks. Special thanks are due to Okemo and above all to Claire Walker for her superb coordination amongst all of these organizations.

Lastly, the Fletcher Farm School gets special thanks for donating space for all of this to happen. This is truly a community effort, and the BRGNS' officers, staff and clients deeply thank all of the many individual volunteers and donors who make this program possible each year. Peter J. LaBelle, Board President

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Jane Hart Discusses "The Hidden Children" Feb. 4 at Auditorium



On February 4 at 7 PM in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, Jane Marks Hart will present a discussion on her book, "The Hidden Children". The book is the story of many Jewish children who, in order to survive the Nazi Holocaust, were sheltered by other families, often having to adopt the religion of the family and constantly at risk of being discovered by Nazi officials. Jane indicated she would like to open her presentation up to a group discussion about the consequences the survivors encountered as they matured.

"The Hidden Children" explores the lives of 23 men and women whose courage and ingenuity as little children, and extraordinary luck allowed them to survive when the odds were entirely against them. It recounts the unusual and often horrific ordeal of the children living secretly in forests, under barns, and even a Polish sewer, the deeply confusing aftermath, the psychological baggage these children carried forward—and most compelling of all—the remarkable healing, sometimes decades after liberation.

Robert Jay Lifton, M.D., Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at CUNY Graduate Center, noted "The Hidden Children provides us with previously hidden stories—stories that are as compelling as they are necessary for us to hear. The pain is there, but equally important are the resilience and the healing. The book is an important contribution to Holocaust literature and to the human future."

This will be an especially interesting event for local students and churchgoers as they learned the roles played by the various people who risked their own lives protecting the children.

Jane is now a licensed, board-certified art therapist, facilitating the first-ever art therapy group with offenders in a men's maximum security prison. She is also a portrait artist, specializing in dogs, cats, horses, pigs, cows—and humans. Jane is the proud mother of a Proctorsville firefighter and the proud mother-in-law of one Ludlow Elementary School's finest teachers.

For information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit our web site at www.fola.us

"The Imitation Game" Comes to Ludlow, Saturday, February 6

"The Imitation Game" will be FOLA's next movie in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, February 6 at 7 PM.

Based on the real life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, "The Imitation Game" portrays the nail-biting race against time by Alan Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II.

The Imitation Game is a 2014 historical drama thriller film directed by Morten Tyldum, with a screenplay by Graham Moore loosely based on the biography Alan Turing: The Enigma by Andrew Hodges. It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as real-life British cryptanalyst Alan Turing, who decrypted German intelligence codes for the British government during World War II.



The Imitation Game was a commercial and critical success. By April 2015, it had grossed over \$227 million worldwide against a \$14 million production budget, making it the highest-grossing independent film of 2014. It was nominated in eight categories at the 87th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor (Cumberbatch), and Best Supporting Actress (Keira Knightley). It won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay. It garnered five nominations in the 72nd Golden Globe Awards and was nominated in three categories at the 21st Screen Actors Guild Awards, including Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. It also received nine British Academy of Film and Television Arts nominations, including Best Film and Outstanding British Film, and won the People's Choice Award at the 39th Toronto International Film Festival.

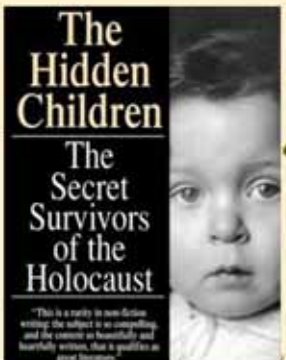
As with all FOLA movies, the event is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by the Berkshire Bank; FOLA will offer water. For more information call (802) 228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site, www.fola.us

FOLA Follies Presents "Comedy Tonight" Musical Revue Feb 27

The FOLA Follies returns to the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 PM.

Featuring a large cast of area performers, the show will use "Comedy Tonight" as its theme.

The show is open to everyone and is free, donations are appreciated. For information, call (802) 228-7239 or www.fola.us.




The Hidden Children
The Secret Survivors of the Holocaust

Jane Marks Hart presents an evening about the children who survived against all odds


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Please Help Me In The Fight Against Stroke

Dear Family, Friends and Supporters,

The day I opened up my email and read, "Good afternoon and congratulations on making the 2016 Boston Marathon Tedy's Team!" I knew I was embarking on an exciting journey! I never imagined how amazing and fulfilling it would become for me personally.

Tedy Bruschi suffered a stroke in February 2005, just after winning his third Super Bowl with the New England Patriots and returning from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. He was unaware of the signs of stroke and did not understand what he was experiencing. After discovering he had suffered a stroke, he joined forces with the American Stroke Association and created Tedy's Team, a group of runners training and raising money to complete races, such as the Boston Marathon, and support the American Stroke Association. Together, runners have raised over 3.5 million dollars for stroke research, education, and awareness. Through the American Stroke Association website, they have supported 6 million stroke survivors and caregivers, and given 76% of Americans access to quality and timely stroke care. As 1 of only 35 chosen to be a member of Tedy's Team, and the only one from Vermont, I am honored to be a part of such a worthwhile cause.

My inspiration for joining Tedy's Team is my friend Liz, who suffered a stroke several years ago. She has become a partner, a supporter, and a cheerleader for me. She is an amazing stroke survivor and friend. Her partnership keeps me focused, motivated and driven in both my training and fund raising.

The following are some stroke statistics of which you might not be aware:

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Since I was named to Tedy's Team, I have learned that there are so many others affected by stroke that I have been unaware of: high school classmates, local doctors, and parents of several people I know. This new knowledge, also, fuels my desire to succeed and do all that I can to help this fight against stroke. I am honored to be participating in this year's 120th running of the Boston Marathon on behalf of many who aren't able to do so as a result of stroke. Please join me in reaching the finish line of my fund raising goal of \$10,000 and help fight stroke.



Liz: stroke survivor, friend and inspiration

TOGETHER, WE CAN BEAT STROKE!

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Please help me in the fight against stroke

All checks should be made out to the "American Stroke Association" with my name on bottom of check after "For" _____

You can also make your donation on line at my personal webpage:

<http://tedysteam2016.kintera.org/loramiele>

Thank you so much for helping support this cause and my efforts. Your way of "running with me" as I train and prepare! It is a huge help knowing I have support behind me! Already the support I have received, and continue to receive, have shown me how very blessed I am! If you are able, I encourage you to come and be a part of the 2016 Boston Marathon as it is a life-changing experience. My family will be at heart break hill and I will be so very happy to see their smiling faces! Join us on Patriots Day, Monday April 18, 2016. Much Love, Lora

Signs to watch for:

Face-ONE SIDE DROOPING

Arms-ONE ARM DRIFTING DOWN

Speech-IS SPEECH SLURRED?

Time-CALL 911

2016 Tedy's Team which I am so proudly pictured with as a member





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The YOGA sessions will start at 2:30 PM (unless otherwise noted*), and will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School Gymnasium, 126 School Street / Route 140 East, Wallingford. The investment (Fee) is either: \$10.00 per class and \$20.00 per workshop. Pricing subject to change.

Our Sunday (3/20) workshop will be a "field trip" held @ Therapydia, 155 Woodstock Avenue, #2, Rutland, VT, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

For further detailed information and to register call 802-446-2499 or email: uthrive@vermontel.net, today! Dress WARMLY for movement; bring a mat, blanket, and water. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the: Wallingford Elementary School ~ Winter Sports Program, as well as, the Gilbert Hart Library.

~ Payments can be brought day of, dropped off, or mailed to: Thrive Center, c/o: Lisa Donohue, 68 South Main Street, P.O. Box 539, Wallingford, VT 05773 ~ (with checks payable directly to each instructor.) [Please denote the date(s) you are registering for. Refund-ability on checks paid, will be the discretion of the instructor.]

Join Us ~ Experience the Region's Dim Sum of YOGA!

*** RE: inclement weather potentials ~ If you do not hear from us directly ~ the workshop or class is still being held!

RAVNAH Community Health Clinics – February 2016

January Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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

Wednesday, 02/03/2016,	Wallingford,	Wallingford House,	10:30 am
Thursday, 02/04/2016,	Rutland,	Parker House,	10 am
Thursday, 02/04/2016,	Rutland,	Bardwell House,	12:30pm
Wednesday, 02/24/2016,	Rutland,	Godnick Center,	12:30 pm

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.

Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic!

RAVNAH is the region's resource for comprehensive and safe travel health services including vaccines and individualized disease prevention plans to international travelers. For more information call Cathleen at 802.770.1536 for a personal appointment or email gohealth@ravnah.org.

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, February 27th from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOCN at 802-770-1682.



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.

Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat _____

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Stephanie Stouffer, Studio & Gallery Gift Shop 259-2686

Bakeries - Catering - Restaurants - Stores

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Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 228-6656

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Clifford Country Bed & Breakfast www.cliffordcountry.com 259-2269

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Bob Campbell- Home Improvements bob4u@aol.com 353-1489
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Auto Cad Drafting – T. Brent Thompson 259-2801
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*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
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Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

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Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab gduargin67@gmail.com
Joe's Garage – Small Engine Repair 259-2688
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852
Turco's YAMAHA Service & Sales www.turcosyamaha.com 773-8650

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364
Butler's Lawn Care & More, Johnny Butler Cell 802-282-2656 259-2465
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Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

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Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management & Mowing 259-2364
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086
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Fuller Brush & Rawleigh Products – Diana Garrow 259-2314

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Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 259-3989

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Plumbing & Heating

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Patrick.mclaughlin@evusa.com Cell 203-994-6768 802-975-0338

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Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202

Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

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Kevin@belmontseptic.com

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Tree Services


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Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899
Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663

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