

# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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April 2012

**Village Baptist Church** – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440

**E. Wallingford Baptist** – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 [www.ewbaptist.com](http://www.ewbaptist.com)

**Saint Patrick's** Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Pastor & Rev James Dodson, Parochial Vicar Ph. 446-2161

**Annunciation Parish** Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu 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

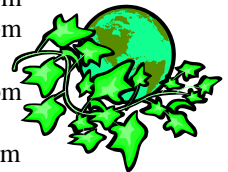
**Town Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391

**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: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm Starting April 4<sup>th</sup> & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm Closed Sunday April 1st**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow	<i>Palm Sunday ~ All Fools' Day</i>	7:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Asso. Meeting, Library	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated 1968</i>	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School		7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School		7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Easter</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Civil War Ends 1865</i>	7:00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	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
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library		3:00 pm
	Mount Holly Grange	<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	7:30 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	 <b>Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth Bass Catch &amp; Release Lakes &amp; Ponds Fishing Season</b>		
	<b>Trout &amp; Landlocked Salmon Season ~ Pan-American Day</b>		
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>America's First School for the Deaf Founded 1817</i>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office		7:30 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	7:00 pm
	M.H. Republican Com. Meeting, MH Town Office	<i>Muskrat Hunting Season Ends</i>	7:00 pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<i>Earth Day</i>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	<i>William Shakespeare born &amp; died this date 1564-1616</i>		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	7:00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>		<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	
27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Nation Arbor Day 1872</i>	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Roast Pork Supper</b> , Benefit MHVF Aux, Odd Fellows Hall	<i>Youth Turkey Weekend</i>	5:00 pm
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bingo</b> , Benefit Mt. Holly Rescue Squad, at Mt. Holly School Gym	<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day ~ Youth Turkey Weekend Ends</i>	12:30 pm
30 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975 ~ Crow Season Ends</i>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm



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## Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or 911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408 259-2211	American Red Cross	773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or 911	Game Warden – Jeff Whipple	773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control Deputy, Rutland County	775-8002	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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net)

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**April Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> - John Seward. 4<sup>th</sup> - Carol Pike. 5<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Surething. 8<sup>th</sup> - Bob Garrow \* Jeff Carrara. 9<sup>th</sup> - Eliza Hudak \* TJ Milks. 12<sup>th</sup> - Jean Palmer \* Carlos Bickford \* Tobi Macey. 14<sup>th</sup> - Mallary Flanders \* Melissa Garrow. 16<sup>th</sup> - Paul Paul \* Jamie Carrara. 17<sup>th</sup> - Noah Koponen. \* Trinity Nye. 18<sup>th</sup> - Robyn Lewis. 19<sup>th</sup> - Joseph Bourgeois. 21<sup>st</sup> - Alexander Bussino \* Melissa Perry. 24<sup>th</sup> - Vincent Turco \* Eric Holt Jr. \* Eric Holt Sr. \* Beverly Stearns. 26<sup>th</sup> - Nicolas Turco \* Samantha Norton \* John Puro. 27<sup>th</sup> - Mary Ellen Jacobs. 28<sup>th</sup> - Danielle McMahon \* Lisa Hendee. 29<sup>th</sup> - Cassie Wilkins \* Michael Ely. \* Ian D.F. Miller.



**April Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Albert & Brenda Cavoto. 10<sup>th</sup> - Maurice & Audreylin Hawkins. 16<sup>th</sup> - Dick & Nancy Tilton. 18<sup>th</sup> - Randy & Tammy Hawkins.

Born to Elizabeth and Jeff Chase of Mt. Holly, their first child, an 8 lb 10 oz baby boy on March 21st. He has been named Parker Edward Chase.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1947** ~ Jackie Robinson First African-American major league baseball player, first base for Brooklyn Dodgers

## Local Post Office Hours

**Mount Holly** 802-259-2796

Post Master: Denise Young  
Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 11:30 am  
& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

**Belmont** 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill  
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm  
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

**East Wallingford** 802-259-2829

Post Master: Lynnette Devereux  
Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm  
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am

**Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury** 802-492-3585

Post Master: Barbara Perkins  
Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
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Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am



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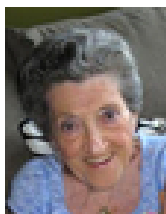
**MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION:** Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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

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## Louise A. Dunne



Louise A. Dunne, 86, of Rutland, died Feb. 15, 2012, at Mountain View Center. She was born in Bronx, N.Y., Sept. 15, 1925, daughter of Louis and Henrietta (Pucci) Germano. She moved to Mount Holly, Vt., from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., in 1985.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorraine Chrystal and her husband David of Hypoluxo, Fla.; a brother, Richard Devereux of St. Petersburg, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Londa Dunne-Maxson of Newburgh, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Shawn Dunne and his wife Tina, Colleen Dunne, Jennica Forrest and her husband Steve, David Chrystal; six great-grandchildren, Noah, Natalia, Isabella, Cassidy, Sierra and Ryder.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas J. Dunne Sr., in 1985 and by two sons, Thomas J. Dunne Jr. in 1996, Robert D. Dunne in 1986.

Friends called at the Clifford Funeral Home with a prayer service. Burial will be held at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain View Center Activities Fund, Haywood Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701.



### ♡ My Curly ♡

Each and Every day with you;  
Made me Smile with so much  
Happiness I would never Trade;  
Side By Side, You and Me,  
Grampa and Kayla,  
"GOD'S" Precious Gift to me,  
"Daddy's Boy"  
Now and Forever in my HE♡RT,  
Until I cross That "Rainbow-Bridge" and  
Never to be separated again.  
My BEL♡VED Curly,  
Now and 4-Ever mine! AMEN  
Always: Daddy, Kayla & Tinker  
Arthur F. Bersaw III



## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, March 14 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School. The board welcomed Mr. Herbst as a new member. The board discussed the home school coordinator position and some changes in funding. They also discussed needing to replace the after school program coordinator since Ms. Pollard has resigned. Mr. Williams reported on the status of the governance process. The board discussed the town use of the school's property and decided to hold a meeting next month and invite the select board to it to discuss the issues.

The board reorganized and re-elected Dave Venter as the board chair and elected Tina Cohen as the board clerk. The board members discussed the school's expenditures and noted that they were in good shape so far this year.

Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the Four-Winds program as well as on the highly attended parent teacher conferences. He also noted that the spring auction will be held soon and the school is looking for volunteers to help. He also reported that the NECAP scores are in for the school and the school beat the state average for proficient or better in reading, writing and math. The school has hired a long term substitute for science and social studies to cover a maternity leave.

The next meeting regular meeting will be held on April 4 at Ludlow Elementary School at 7:00p.m.

**Check out  
Mt. Holly Web Site  
[www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)**

Mount Holly Elementary  
School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, April 9, 2012  
2:00 p.m.—3:25 p.m.



For children who are 5 years old  
on or before August 31, 2012

Please bring the following:

1. A birth or baptismal certificate
2. All immunization records

Children are welcome to attend.  
Please plan on spending time filling  
out the registration form.



A visiting day for future Kindergarten  
children will be scheduled in May.

## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

**Thanks to the Voters:** Thanks and appreciation to the voters of Mt. Holly for voting in favor of the library budget. We are fortunate that in these times of escalating prices we are able to level fund. With the help of the Community Association, fundraising, grants and donations we are able to continue to improve our services without increasing our request from taxpayers. I am sure that the library patrons who use our services are pleased that we can continue to serve them.

**Four Shillings Short - Celtic/Folk/World music:** The duo Four Shillings Short will be performing at the **Mt. Holly Library on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.** They are 21<sup>st</sup> century bards that play over 30 world instruments and have a great story to tell. They have been touted as "One of the most unique, eclectic and fascinating acts out there". They perform Celtic/Folk/World music Traditional & Original music from Ireland and Scotland, Indian Ragas, Folk Ballads, Old-Time songs, Medieval & Renaissance instrumentals and a cappella numbers. Their talents are amazing on a fantastic array of instruments including Hammered Dulcimer, Mandolin, Mandola, Bouzouki, Tinwhistles, Recorders, Medieval and Renaissance Woodwinds, North Indian Sitar, Charango, Bowed Psaltery, Banjo, Bodhran, Guitar, Percussion, vocals and even a Krumhorn. Celebrating their 17<sup>th</sup> year together, the husband/wife duo, are independent folk-artists with 9 recordings, perform 150 concerts a year and live as the Troubadours of old traveling from town to town performing at music festivals, theatres and all types of public community venues. Don't miss this entertaining evening. Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, Vt. For more information call 802-259-3707 or check them out at [www.fourshillingsshort.com](http://www.fourshillingsshort.com).



**Acupuncture Program a Success and Back by Popular Demand:** On March 10 a group of community members gathered for a wonderful program on Community Based Acupuncture. Participants seemed to enjoy the clinic so much that Virginia Voronin, a licensed Acupuncturist, Plant Spirit Healer & Yoga Teacher with her own private practice agreed to return. On **Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** Virginia will give a half hour presentation on Community Based Acupuncture. The effect of being treated in a group is that the benefit to the group is larger than the benefit would be if each client were treated individually. At 6:30 people from the first session are invited to return for the clinic. She will apply needles to each ear and participants will relax for 30 or more minutes. Learn how you can relax, release and restore your well being with this 5,000 year old method. Treatments are free or by donation!

**Plant Sale Fundraiser:** It's time for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual plant sale. On Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (the day before Easter) between 10 am and 1pm we will set up at the Belmont Store and Shaw's in Ludlow.

As in other years we will have small potted grape hyacinths, daffodils and primrose. For only \$4 they make a great Easter gift or the perfect way to bring a bit of spring cheer to someone. Be sure to stop by early....we sold out by noon last year.

**April Volunteer Appreciation:** The Mt. Holly Town Library Board (Susan Presson, Joan Bradley, Minga Dana, Debbie Costa, Nelda Holden, Stephanie Smith, Joan McCallum and Candy Neary) and librarian, Lynne Herbst, are inviting all our volunteers to come to a tea in their honor on April 22<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. We encourage each volunteer to bring a friend or two that would like to hear more about our volunteer opportunities. We also encourage anyone in the community who may wish to learn about the library and possible ways to improve our services to have tea with us. Please RSVP to Susan Presson at [tiffarm@aol.com](mailto:tiffarm@aol.com) if you wish to join us. Libraries enrich lives and communities. Come be a part of your library.

### Mt. Holly Mentors

The Mentoring Program at the Mt. Holly School is looking for donations of gently used games and puzzles for their program. We could also use some art supplies if anyone has paper / paint / markers, etc. that they no longer need. Some specific games we are currently hoping for include: Bananagrams, Scrabble, Uno, Pictionary, and Chess.

If you would like to donate an item, please call the school first so that we do not end up with more than we can handle or duplicate games. Ask for Lily French at 259-2392.

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# 2012 RIVER VALLEY EMPLOYMENT FAIR

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**SEASONAL AND YEAR-ROUND JOBS**

Come meet with representatives from dozens of employers with  
quality, entry-level positions available in Windsor County.

**\*\* Part-time & Full-time \*\* Seasonal & Year Round Jobs \*\***

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

**1:30pm – 6:00pm**

**River Valley Technical Center**

307 South Street, Springfield VT

**Would you like to be part of the fair?**

Contact Jaynie Smith: 802-591-0163 or [jsmith@ssdvt.org](mailto:jsmith@ssdvt.org)

This event is sponsored in part by the Vermont Department of Labor and  
Vermont State GEAR UP, a federal College Access program.

This allows us to offer it to you at **NO CHARGE** to the employers or the public



Black Fly Ball 2012 is offering you a 1 in 200 chance to win a brand new 32Gb iPad HD 4G/Wi-fi, compliments of Landscape Constructions in Rawsonville. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting [littleschoolfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:littleschoolfundraising@gmail.com) or Christine Anderson at [michael@sugarrock.com](mailto:michael@sugarrock.com). The lucky winner will be announced at the 2012 Black Fly Ball - Saturday, May 5th @ the Landgrove Inn. You do not need to be present to win, however the Black Fly Ball is wonderful evening of fun. This year we are featuring food from Solo Farm & Table, The Garden Cafe and The Landgrove Inn. In addition to a wonderful sampling of food, there will be a live and silent auction and entertainment by Chester local, Emily Burkland! Join us on Saturday, May 5th, 6pm at InView Center for the Arts at the Landgrove Inn. Tickets are \$40 per person (\$45 at the door).

## Easter Sunrise Service/Breakfast



East Wallingford  
Baptist Church,  
7AM

Call for Directions or  
Visit our Website  
259-2831 [ewbaptist.com](http://ewbaptist.com)



schedule you'd like--some children come to camp for only a couple of days on one week, while others are with us through the entire summer. Summer camp rates and more information can be found at <http://www.littleschoolvt.org/#!summer-camp-rates>

Come for a visit, observe our classrooms, and learn about our programs. Just give us a call, or contact the school by email and we can answer questions, provide information & set up a date to visit.

Call 802-824-3405 for more information about The Little School or contact Jessica Citera, at [admin@littleschoolvt.org](mailto:admin@littleschoolvt.org). Visit us at <http://www.littleschoolvt.org/> for more information and photos of our school!

## Open Enrollment for 2012/13 School Year:

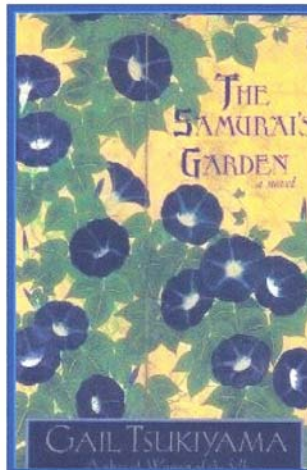
The Little School in Weston is excited to announce that our Open Enrollment has begun and we are now registering children for next year. We have openings in all three of our classrooms for 2-5 year olds. We invite you to visit the school and meet our teachers! Tuition rates and more information can be found at <http://www.littleschoolvt.org/#!enrollment>

The Little School provides high quality early childhood education programs and believes that children learn naturally through play, especially when that play is supported by qualified adults who create a program based on the children's differing developmental capabilities and interests.

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), The Little School's program goals and curriculum have been developed to promote the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of each child. Through daily activities, children are provided with extensive opportunities to explore their surroundings and to learn and develop their maximum individual potential. The Little School maintains high educational and training requirements for staff. Financial aid is available, and there's a significant tuition reduction for residents in Windsor SW Supervisory Union via the Preschool Collaborative (Chester, Andover, Cavendish, Baltimore, Landgrove, Londonderry & Peru).

The Little School was established in 1976 in a historic schoolhouse landmark dating from 1861. Serving approximately 60 children from 10 surrounding towns, The Little School is proud to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing program that is responsive to various developmental needs and accessible to all families.

**i Raffle:** The Little School is also thrilled to announce our 2012 iRaffle!!



## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY READING GROUP

Meets Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm

Mary Anderle's home  
2475 East Clarendon Road  
Clarendon, VT

The book is *The Samurai's Garden*  
By "Gail Tsukiyama"

Please join us for a very interesting  
evening!

<http://www.littleschoolvt.org/#!support-our-school>

**Summer Camp 2012:** Now is the time to begin planning for Summer Camp. The Little School has an amazing summer program geared especially to young children, ages 3 to 7 years old. Each child who attends TLS summer camp is in a nurturing, creative and relaxing environment, where he or she can make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy a summer of fun. Our wonderful Vermont summer weather allows us to spend most of the day outdoors on our huge, grassy play space surrounded by the beautiful hills of Weston. We also will be planning trips to the Weston Recreation center for swimming and other outdoor activities.

Camp starts mid-June after our school year program ends and runs through the end of August, 5 days a week, 8:30 am to 4 pm. You can choose whatever

## Green Up Day is May 5th!!

East Wallingford Residents Can  
Visit  
East Wallingford Baptist Church  
For Bags and Refreshments



from 9AM-Noon  
259-2831 [ewbaptist.com](http://ewbaptist.com)







## CAMP MAPLE LEAF

A fun day camp experience that focuses on social thinking & leisure/relaxation skills development for children and adolescents diagnosed with: Nonverbal Learning Disabilities, Asperger's Syndrome, High Functioning Autism, PDD-NOS

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

2012 Summer Sessions

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 3:00pm

July 9-13 (6 - 9 yrs.)

July 16-20 (10 - 13 yrs.)

July 23-27 (14 - 17 yrs.)

JOIN CAMPERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

For more information & camp brochure please visit our website:

[www.MapleLeafClinic.com](http://www.MapleLeafClinic.com)

Maple Leaf Clinic

Phone (802) 446-3577

Fax (802) 446-3801

email - [MapleLeafClinic@vermontel.net](mailto:MapleLeafClinic@vermontel.net)

## Wallingford Elementary School and The Thrive Center Fill the Table for the Hungry

During the weeks of February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, The Wallingford Elementary School and the Thrive Center of the Green Mountains sponsored a food drive to benefit the Community Cupboard.

This was the 5th year that the two have worked together on this project, perfectly timed before the children were off for Winter break.

At the school, the drive was lead by Third Grade with the goal to fill a table for the hungry. The table gradually filled with lots of food. At Thrive, donations were also brought in and vendors of retail products, normally available at the health center, also generously contributed ~ namely: Woodstock Cookie Company, Vermont Herbal General Store, and Honey Gardens in Vergennes. It truly created a win-win-win for everyone and its good business citizenry. A sincere thank you to everyone who participated to make this collection happen.", further adds, Lisa Donohue.

There was a great variety of items including cereal, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, bathroom supplies, and many canned goods. This year, we collected 343 items. While building a pyramid with the food on the table was great fun in an attempt to keep all the food on the table, the reason for the project is a serious one. Thousands of families in Vermont go hungry and with tough times upon us, that number is growing.

The Community Cupboard has seen a decrease in donations overall with more and more people needing support. It is a resource for individuals and families throughout the area, including Wallingford residents. If you need assistance, you can contact the Rutland Community Cupboard [RCC] at 747-6119. For more information about the Rutland Natural Food Market ~ "The Co-op" and their healthy food vouchers

## Food Drive



available to [RCC] shoppers; as well as, the indoor, Saturday Farmer's Market located directly behind the Co-op, call 773.0737.

Many thanks go to all who helped in this food drive. Every little bit helps. For more information about this effort and to get involved next year, contact Patty Bartlett @ 446.2141 or Lisa Donohue the Thrive Center @ 446.2499.

## Mt. Holly Community Association

Spring has arrived with a vengeance and the Mount Holly Community Association is ready for it. Our annual Mud Fling will be held on Saturday, April 21st at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Get ready to rock the night away to the sounds of Fry Daddy, a truly amazing band from Skunk Hollow in Hartland, Vermont. On another note, Madeline Fay has been holding Drawing classes through the month of March. These classes will take a bit of a break, and then begin again closer to the summer months, so watch for their return. These classes are free, and lots of fun! Also, a reminder that the Community Room is available for functions. It makes a great place to have baby or bridal showers, birthday parties, workshops, or classes.

## Mount Holly Farmer's Market Seeking Vendors and Talent for 2012 Season

Plans have begun for the 2012 Mount Holly Farmers' Market season. The Market will begin Saturday, June 9, 2012 on the Belmont Village Green rain or shine and held each Saturday through September 29, 2012, for a total of 17 weeks. The hours are set for 10am to 1pm. We are looking for any local vendors and talent that would be interested in participating in the Market this year. We would like to set up a schedule of entertainers throughout the season. Some of our musicians from last year are already planning on joining us on the green. Any potential vendors or musicians are encouraged to contact Stephanie Smith at 259-2322 or [ssmith@vermontel.net](mailto:ssmith@vermontel.net) or Millicent Johnson at 259-2386 or [pappynmammy@vermontel.net](mailto:pappynmammy@vermontel.net) for further information. The Market is hoping to attract vendors offering Vermont grown agricultural produce, crafts, baked goods or other items that may be offered. Look for future information in the Mount Holly Chit Chat or on the Mount Holly Newsflash. The Market is looking forward to another exciting season in 2012—hope to see you there.

## BINGO

MT. HOLLY VOLUNTEER  
RESCUE SQUAD

April 29, 2012

Mt. Holly Elm. School  
School Street, Mt. Holly, VT

Doors Open @ 12:00 P.M.

Games Start @ 12:30 P.M.

\$20.00 for 20 games ~ 9 cards per game

CASH PRIZES

Refreshments will be on sale

Questions Contact

Vicki Seward - 802-259-2810

E-Mail - [MHVRS@AOL.COM](mailto:MHVRS@AOL.COM)



## ROAST PORK SUPPER

**April 28, 2012**

**Settings 5:00 P.M. till Gone**

**Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont, VT**

**Benefit**

**MT. Holly Volunteer Fire**

**Department Auxiliary**

**Roast Pork Supper**

**Mashed Potatoes, w/gravy, Veg.,  
rolls, and homemade pies**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT - HOME STYLE**

**ADULTS \$10.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS \$5.00**

**More info Call 259-3445**

### Community Guild of Mt. Holly

#### Award Scholarships

#### CONBRATULATIONS!

Felicia Turco, who is attending Community College of Vermont (CCV) and Sarah Hawkins, who is attending Castleton State College, were both recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship by Bessie Centini, who is representing the Community Guild of Mt. Holly. Felicia and Sarah are both 2011 Graduates of Black River High School.

**Pictured:** R-L Felicia Turco, Bessie Centini and Sarah Hawkins

## KRUEGER ENGINEERING

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- \* Subdivision Permits
- \* Structural Engineering

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April 2012 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

### Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Cycles Along On

May 19th, 2012

Contact Persons / Co-Chairs: Ann & Russ Lattuca, 802.446.2693,  
[anpincushn@vermontel.net](mailto:anpincushn@vermontel.net) / [thimble\\_quilt@yahoo.com](mailto:thimble_quilt@yahoo.com)

Rodney Ward,

[Rodney.Ward@ge.com](mailto:Rodney.Ward@ge.com)

On Saturday, May 19th, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host it's 14th. Annual event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers. As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, MA. For more information and / or to get involved contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Russ Lattuca at 802.446.2693, and / or Co-Chair Rodney Ward at 802.446.3672.



### Mount Holly Bone Builders will now be meeting 3 days a week

**Tuesday 9:00 Mount Holly School Gym**

**Thursday 9:00 Mount Holly School Cafeteria**

**Saturday 9:00 Community Association Building basement**

Bone Builders is a low impact exercise program done with weights. The purpose of the program is to build bone density, strength, balance and flexibility. You may attend any or all three days. There is no fee. If you have not attended the classes before please call Cathy Chadburn (259- 3665) to register.



## Take-Back Day Counters Growing Dangers of Rx Abuse

More Americans are currently abusing prescription drugs than the numbers who use cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Help reverse this dangerous trend by taking part in another National Take-Back Day on April 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be collection sites around the state coordinated by the County Sheriff's Departments and staffed by state and local police and members of the region's prevention coalitions. The nationwide event is being organized by the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Your participation will be anonymous and free. Please bring only pills and capsules; no liquids, inhalers, or syringes.

Our local drop off site is the Ludlow Police Department on West Hill Rd. You can find other collection sites by visiting [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov), clicking on "Got Drugs?", and entering your zip code.

During the last National Take-Back Day in October, Vermonters turned in 47 pounds of prescription drugs in Rutland County, and 37 pounds in Windsor County.

The coalition would also like to take this opportunity to thank all Mount Holly residents for approving our request for funding. April is also **Alcohol Awareness Month**, and we will be hosting a prevention day at BRHS on April 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by dinner at 5:30pm at the Ludlow Community Center. All parents and community members are invited to join us. Dinner will be followed by a short presentation by Steve Waldo, Vermont Department of Liquor Control. For more information please call Paul Faenza or Brigid Sullivan at 228-7878. Visit our Facebook page: **Black River Area Community Coalition** for upcoming events.

## Mount Holly Community Association

Everyone's calendar should have Saturday, April 21st marked off in capital letters...**SPRING MUD FLING!!** Yes, the season's best opportunity to shake off the mud season blues and dance the night away is the MHCA's annual Spring Mud Fling. The doors will open at 8:00 pm and, once again, we will be welcoming Fry Daddy to the stage at the Odd Fellows hall at 9:00 pm. There will be a lot of foot stomping going on until midnight, so don't miss the evening we all look forward to all winter. Admission in advance is \$10 (tickets at the library and the Belmont Store), or \$12 at the door. The party is BYOB...see you there!

The **Community Room** in the Library and Community Center Building has been well used this winter. We want to remind you that the room is available to all non-profits free of charge and to others for a nominal fee. Please contact Carol DeVine (cgosedevine@yahoo.com), Penny Coldwell (penny@vfp.org), or Lynne Herbst (lherbst@vermontel.net), if you would like to reserve the room for a small event or party.

Many thanks to Madeleine Fay for offering **drawing classes** in the Community Room throughout February and March this winter. She would like you to know that the classes will end the last Saturday in March and will resume again in the fall. **Reminder:** students who have been attending the classes should arrive at the Community Room no earlier than 10:15, as it is booked until that time for Bone Builders. Thanks!

The Community Association would love to make the best use possible of this lovely **Community Room** and are asking for suggestions from everyone in Mount Holly for possible activities that we could sponsor there (e.g., weekly card parties, other classes, etc.) Please contact Kathy Leber (kleber@vermontel.net) with any ideas you might have. This is *your* Community Room...let's make the most of it! Thanks!



## Springfield Chorus To Sing in Ludlow, March 31

The Springfield Community Chorus, a group of about 40 singers, is in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of bringing choral music to the Springfield, Vermont, area. This is the first year we've been invited to sing at the newly refurbished Ludlow Town Hall, at 39 Depot Street, and the Chorus is excited about this opportunity to expand our audience. The Chorus has several singers from Ludlow, who are happy about singing in their own town. On Saturday, March 31, at 7:00 PM, the Chorus will be singing a spring concert featuring great choruses from operas and stage musicals. Our Director, Ken Olsson, is in his second season with the Chorus. His favorite kind of music is musical theater – opera and musicals, and he brings to the Chorus an excellent command of this genre of music. Our piano accompanist will again be Vladimir Odinkikh, who lives in

New Hampshire. Among the opera choruses the Chorus will be performing are "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Tannhauser, by Wagner; "Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore by Verdi; "Butterfly's Entrance" from Madame Butterfly by Puccini; "The Easter Chorus" from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni. The Chorus will also sing songs from Hello Dolly, The Music Man, West Side Story, and Les Miserables. If you miss our Ludlow performance, the Springfield Community Chorus will be repeating the concert the next day, April 1, 2012, at First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St. Springfield, Vermont, 3 PM. We don't charge an admission fee for our concerts, but we do ask for donations as people leave. We have many expenses in the course of producing concerts, and donations are our primary way of meeting these expenses. Both concerts are handicapped accessible. In Ludlow, the handicapped entrance is accessed at the back of the building. In Springfield, the lift is accessed from the front lobby of the church. The Ludlow event is sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium). For information, call 228-7239.

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## MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

### Legislative Report from Rep. Dennis Devereux For Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Plymouth

Our state has seen a troubling increase in embezzlement cases. Some recent notable ones involved the treasurer of the Town of Ira, an employee of the Hardwick Electric Department, and a state employee working in Newport who even directed taxpayer dollars to her own sister.

Last spring Tom Salmon, the State Auditor of Accounts, approached our Committee on Government Operations with some suggestions that would add more oversight and reporting from those in charge of town funds. His office looked into the issue and found that in many cases the crime was not even being reported. Several drafts and a lot more testimony resulted in a committee bill which requires oversight of those officials with authority to receive or disburse town and school district funds. The proposed bill would require the town treasurer to annually complete and provide the selectboard a copy of a one-page checklist furnished by the auditor of accounts to determine if the internal financial controls are in place to ensure the proper use of public funds.

The bill would mandate that any officer charged with larceny or filing a claim for recovery under a bond based upon performance to provide the auditor of accounts a copy of charges or claim within 10 days. It would also require the auditor's office to provide instruction in the fiduciary duties to those in the governing body responsible for accepting a financial report. Another section requires the town treasurer to file this report quarterly, and provide the selectboard a copy of the internal control checklist. The board must review and accept the document that proves the internal controls are indeed in place. The bonding section is updated to add specific language that applies to any officer or employee with the authority as determined by the selectboard.

I am disappointed this issue is being discussed so late in our session when there is little chance of it being enacted. The bill would now have to be re-created next January. Going forward, the plan is to apply the same over-sight to nonprofit organizations that also receive state funds. As we see more cases, I am sure this will become a higher priority.

In next several weeks, most the money bills will be acted on. I think there will certainly be support for more paving projects around the state. However, I see some areas that are cause for real concern, including the downturn in projected revenue from the lack of snow.

Please contact me with a message at 1-800-322-5616, or at home 802-259-2460, or [ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us)

### Update on NeighborWorks Home Energy Contest

**The NeighborWorks contest for the towns in Rutland County ends in May. Mount Holly is still one of the top towns. Our goal is at least 24 homes improved and we now have 20 homes improved. For each home improved and tested out,\* our town receives \$50 so we now have \$1,000. However, if we are a winning town, we also receive \$10,000! For more information read below.**

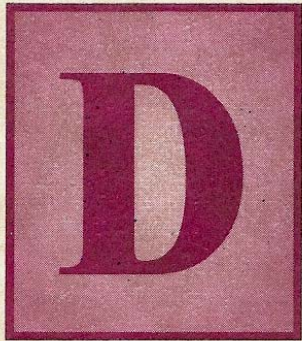
**If your home has had an energy check up and you are having some of the improvements done and can be tested out by the end of May 2012, we can include your home in the contest for our town.\***

*Those of us living in Rutland County have this opportunity because NeighborWorks of Western Vermont received a grant from the US Department of Energy to start a county-wide effort to implement wide-scale energy savings. The goal is for 1,000 Rutland County homeowners to make home energy improvements by May 31, 2012.*

*Once work is complete, the energy expert comes to test-out your home to assure you have achieved at least a 15% improvement in the efficiency of your home. Every home that shows at least a 15% improvement and is tested out by May 31 of 2012 wins Mount Holly \$50 and counts towards Mount Holly's goal of 24 homes improved\*. Once Mount Holly reaches 24 homes improved, it enters the bonus round with a chance to win one of two \$10,000 prizes. **The Town with the highest percentage of homes improved and the Town with the highest average savings in improved homes will each win \$10,000.** (Towns can only win one category). Award money can be used for an energy efficiency project of the town's choice *such as* weatherizing a town office, or materials for an energy related school curriculum. **Help Mount Holly win \$10,000 and save approximately \$1,000 heating your home Next winter AND have a warmer house.***

**If you have any questions and wish to talk about the program with someone that has done the improvements, please feel free to call either Marcy (259-2344) or Joan (259-2318) and we can give you the name of one of your neighbors to talk to or visit. By the way, both Joan and Marcy have had a 50% improvement in the amount of air escaping from their homes. It really is a wonderful program!**

If you would like to schedule a home energy audit call 802-438-2303 ext 227 or visit [www.heatsquad.org](http://www.heatsquad.org). If you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at 438-2303.



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## Tropical Storm Irene Left Vermont

### A Legacy of Stress

While most Vermonters have seen their lives return to normal after the devastation of tropical storm Irene, many of our citizens continue to struggle to put their lives back together. For some, life will never be the same.

In many Vermont communities, including Rutland County, long term recovery committees are actively following up with people who filed claims with FEMA to identify unmet physical and financial needs that may remain after Vermonters have received funds from insurance companies, FEMA, small business and personal loan originators, and farm and agricultural lenders.

Starting Over Strong Vermont, a program funded by FEMA and administrated by Washington County Mental Health Services, has put teams in the field to check in with storm survivors to also see how they are coping emotionally, spiritually and mentally. Because recovery involves more than restoring physical belongings, Starting Over Strong Vermont addresses the “heart hurt” that often lingers after a disaster.

If you or someone you know was affected by tropical storm Irene, you might notice new or ongoing signs of stress; signs that can increase when a person is reminded of the storm – by a windy night or heavy rainfall, for example. Also, as the one-year anniversary of Irene approaches, survivors may unexpectedly exhibit new stress reactions. You might notice in a friend or relative – or in the person you see reflected in the mirror – one or more of these signs of stress:

- Recurring dreams or nightmares about the storm
- Trouble concentrating or remembering things
- Feelings of numbness, withdrawal, or disconnection from daily life
- Sudden bursts of anger, or intense and unusual irritability
- Persistent headaches, stomach upset, or muscle tension
- Becoming tearful, or starting to cry for no apparent reason
- Acting overly protective of family members’ safety
- Exhibiting hyper-vigilance when the weather turns windy or stormy
- Thoughts or comments about suicide or about harming others

There are some time-tested ways to manage ordinary stress. Key techniques include:

- Taking care of your body by eating well, exercising regularly, resting thoroughly, and practicing a discipline like yoga or martial arts;
- Taking care of your mind by making sure you get accurate and timely information about weather events, pursuing expert advice and following it, and keeping your mind busy with a hobby or by taking a class on a subject of interest;
- Taking care of your spirit by calling upon your sense of spirituality, higher purpose or faith, or by expressing yourself through writing, art or music, or by doing something for others;
- Taking care of your heart by limiting how much you watch news stories that increase your anxiety, by maintaining your normal routine, by staying in touch with friends, family and supporters, and by cultivating a healthy sense of humor.

However, when stress becomes overwhelming a different approach is needed. When stress interferes with the normal conduct of daily life and self-management does not seem to help; or when you or a friend or loved one starts behaving in non-normal ways, it’s time to seek out a professional.

Starting Over Strong Vermont crisis counselors are available to make home or workplace visits, to offer psychological first aid, to evaluate whether a person’s stress fits within the normal, manageable range or has become debilitating and harmful, and to help connect highly stressed individuals with available local resources when it is appropriate to do so.

To learn more about Starting Over Strong Vermont, visit the website at [www.StartingOverStrongVermont.org](http://www.StartingOverStrongVermont.org), look up the Starting Over Strong Facebook page, or call the toll free information number: 855-767-8800.



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## Apply Now for a Sponsorship to Camp

### ALFRED CROWLEY MEMORIAL KAMP FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Mt Holly Odd Fellows Colfax Lodge #21 invites you to submit an application for sponsorship to a camp of your choice this summer. If you live in Mount Holly and meet camp requirements, fill out an application. Based on community support of the Cow Flop Contest last July 4<sup>th</sup>, we can select up to four of you for camp this year!!! Applications will be at Mount Holly School and Belmont Store.

**Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2012 to:**

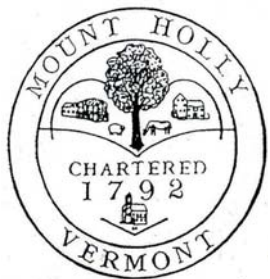
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P.O. Box 172  
Belmont, VT 05730**

## THANK YOU

I want to thank you for  
Your support in my  
Re-election as tax collector.

Peter Perrino





## Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012."

### SELECT BOARD ~ March 13, 2012

Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Jim Heald were present.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 14 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved.

2. Reorganization

- Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Paul Nevin as Select Board Chair.

- Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to make the following appointments for this year:

Select Board Clerk:	Rhonda Rivers
Tree Warden:	Ray Tarbell
E911 Coordinator:	Sue Covalla
Town Service Officer	Becky Reichler
RCSWD Representative:	Paul Nevin
Newspaper of Record:	Rutland Herald
Law Firm for Tax Sales:	Sue Crawford
Assistant Town Clerks:	Joan McCallum Barbara Ludwig
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Diana Garrow
Health Officer (thru 2013)	Frank Bickford
Fire Warden:	Jim Seward

## Mount Holly Transfer Station 2012 SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

EFFECTIVE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

WEDNESDAYS, 4 TO 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY APRIL 1 (NO FOOLING!)

LAST SUNDAY IS MARCH 25.

### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Mount Holly is accepting bids for mowing the Mount Holly School grounds and playing fields for the 2012 season. The contract includes a one-time brush hogging around the perimeter of the grounds in late August.

If you are interested, please submit a bid for the entire season, including the brushhogging, along with a Certificate of Insurance.

Bids should indicate 'Mowing Bid' on the envelope and be submitted by **4 pm on Tuesday, April 10, 2012** to

Select Board  
Town Office  
P.O. Box 248  
Mount Holly, VT 05758

### 3. Highways

- The Annual Highway Financial Plan to the State was presented and signed.
- Paving Grant. This is due early April. The Town did not pave last year, due to Irene. The paving grant will be prepared for paving another mile on Belmont Road, probably about \$104,000.
- Salt Shed Property: Paul is meeting tomorrow with the School Board (meeting in Ludlow) to present the lease that was drawn up. The plat will be ready for the April meeting of the Planning Commission, showing contour lines and placement of the building, as requested.
- The town crew will be doing a concrete slab at the Transfer Station for a second compactor for the single stream recycling, as able to with weather. The recycling will start when the slab is ready.
- The new grader arrived last Friday. New chains had to be purchased as the old ones did not fit on the new grader. Jeff reviewed an issue with the 1984 radio: RC Allen will need to make some changes in order to use it (approx \$300) or we could purchase a new radio (\$1000). After

discussion, and upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To purchase a new radio for the grader.

- Road conditions. The roads are posted. The crews put 6 loads down on a section of Branch Brook Rd, but there are still some issues which will require some additional work this evening.
  - FEMA Funding: The State has announced additional matching funds for towns hit hard by Irene. This will result in a cap on the match by the town equivalent to 3 cents on the Grand List, approximately \$79,000 for Mount Holly. We are still working on the Project Worksheets for FEMA, so the grand total is not yet known, or if we will even hit that cap amount. It also depends on whether the FEMA match is 75% or 90% for the state as a whole. Jeff noted that the Town will have to do hydraulic studies on three sites (culverts 4' or larger require the studies) and he has initiated the studies on all three sites. One will not be completed until the spring. Old Turnpike and Sawyer Hill Rd are to be done ASAP; Fowler Brook.
4. Report of Treasurer.
- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated February 29, 2012 showing cash balances of \$1,760,630. A second format was presented for review as another option for the monthly reports going forward. The regular



Green Up Day May 5<sup>th</sup>  
At the Mt. Holly Library

9 am to 2 pm

Pick Up a Trash Bag

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For Participants

More Details in the May Chit Chat

reports were reviewed line by line as usual. David noted that the Town hopes to get back the school portion back from the State for the abated property taxes. Income and expenses are in line with expectations.

5. Solid Waste:

- Single Stream/Zero Sort Recycling. Casella will rent a second compactor for \$200/month. Paul feels we will still save money in the long run since we will only have two people on site at a time, and there will be no baling time. The compactor will allow 4 times as much recyclables to be collected before hauling, saving on haul costs as well. And the trash processing costs should be reduced over time, as more is recycled. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To install a second concrete pad at the transfer station and to lease a second compactor from Casella.
- Summer Hours: The Transfer Station will NOT be open on

**CLEANING JOB**

**WANTED - SOMEONE TO CLEAN THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE MONTHLY. PLEASE TALK TO OR CALL SUE COVALLA AT THE TOWN OFFICE AT 259-2391 OR CALL PAUL NEVIN AT 259-2443**

anyone for that pattern; sales will be monitored.

6. Planning Commission:

- Annette Lynch reminded the town that the RRPC is going through a strategic planning process, so this is a good time to express needs and wants the town would like the RRPC to meet going forward.
- The Working Group has been discussing how to find out what people objected to in the proposed Subdivision Regulations that were defeated at the recent election and how to fix the regulations so they can protect the town legally and meet the town plan. It was also noted that the statement made at Town Meeting, that when a subdivision was in place any changes to it would need to go before the Planning Commission, was incorrect. The Commission was unaware that the statement was going to be made and apologized to the people assembled.
- RRPC Post-Irene survey for the town's need for help in planning/training and more. Paul will be responsible for its completion.

7. School Mowing – request for bids will be sent out, as usual.

8. Rabies Clinic – will be held at the Town Office this Saturday, March 17, 10am to noon.

9. Other Business

- The telecommunications tower on Okemo, for VELCO 'smart grid', some emergency services and road crews, is scheduled to be built spring 2013. All permits are in place.
- The Town was notified that some land may be donated to expand the Hortonville cemetery.
- Neighborhood Works in West Rutland has notified the town they have grant money for the Affordable Rehab loans for qualified residents.
- FOSL has been notified they are eligible for applying for a grant.
- The Board signed a liquor license for Harry's Restaurant.
- Prescott dog. The Board signed a second letter to the dog owner, following the procedures in the town ordinance.
- Kevin Neubert reported on progress he's made on the revamped Town website and the segmentation that will allow different groups to access and update their own areas.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY**

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**Home: 259-2211**

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**SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS**

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Summer hours will start on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and continue through the summer. Wednesday, 4pm to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 2pm, NO Sunday hours for the summer.

- Kevin Neubert noted that the Belmont Store sold a lot of stickers in January, the first month no cash was accepted at the site. Since then, the sales have been minimal. There was no immediate explanation from



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### The Good Padre

By Joe Hammond in remembrance of  
Father Forest Rouelle

The Good Padre died. - What a loss.  
He's now in heaven with his boss.  
His sermons taught us how to live.  
He taught us to believe, to love and give.

He taught us that all men sin  
And that all have good deep within.  
Forgiving each other is what life's about.  
The love of God we can't do without.

It's easy to forgive those who ask.  
For those who don't, it's a harder task.  
To forgive others is what it takes  
To be cleansed of our own mistakes.

When we have the urge to do what is wrong  
We need to ask God to help us along.  
In the name of Christ ask evil to leave  
And it will be gone for those who believe.

The lessons he taught were clear in my mind  
By the time he left this world behind.  
It was a great gift that he gave to me  
And I'll pass it on to all I see.



### Synopsis of Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ~ Convened at 7:30 PM by Chair Steven Howard

In Attendance, Planning Commissioners Dennis J Deiters, Annette Lynch, Tim Martin, Peter Smith, also David Hoeh, Millicent Johnson  
Administrative Officer to the Planning Commission

#### Agenda

1. Reading of previous Minutes – Accepted unanimously
2. Old Business: Revised Subdivision Regulations Next Steps – Discussion ensued regarding options for proceeding with Subdivision Regulations – no motions made – Discussion Tabled to next meeting with more information gathered by Commissioners of public opinion on this issue, including a mailer which will be sent to the voting public to garner their specific suggestions / criticisms. It was decided a notice will be placed in the April Chit Chat describing the issues, asking for a public response to the mailer.
3. New Business: a) Commission policy discussion – Discussion ensued, no motions made - discussion tabled to next meeting to allow Commissioners time to review handout supplied by Annette Lynch. b) Communications with Regional Planning Commission – discussion ensued regarding whether the Regional PC had fulfilled their obligation to the Mount Holly PC with a legal opinion on the Revised Subdivision Regulations, general opinion was that they had not – no motions made – issue tabled for future discussion. c) Correspondence – nothing of import. d) Other Business: A public notice will be placed in April Chit Chat, informing the public that a representative of the property owners of the Blue Spruce will meet with the public in the near future to discuss with town alternative uses for the property that the Town finds acceptable.

A motion was entertained by the Chair to adjourn this meeting, motion

was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM Synopsis respectfully submitted by Dennis J Deiters, Secretary for the MHPC

Note: Minutes of the MHPC meeting are made official by voted acceptance at our next Regular Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**WORKING GROUP meets the second Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Town Office. The Working Group is everyone who attends a meeting** The Working Group met on Monday March 12 to discuss the Proposed Subdivision Regulations turned down by the voters on March 6. Members of the Planning Commission expressed some difficulty understanding what had motivated the negative response. On discussion it appeared to be the Standards in Article 3. The statement made by one member of the Planning Commission at the Town Meeting on March 5, that the Planning Commission would need to approve any change made to an approved subdivision permit – even an addition to the house or the construction of a small shed - was challenged as being incorrect. Also raised was the notion that the Planning Commission speaks with “one voice” after a vote (even by those voting against) in order that the Town clearly knows what is being recommended. Vigorous debate followed with proponents of freedom of speech predominating. It was decided to bring a suitable motion to the meeting of the Planning Commission and to decide then on future work on the Subdivision Regulations. Next meeting of the Working Group on Monday April 9. Annette Lynch

### MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICES ~ 1. FUTURE of the BLUE SPRUCE INN ~ DIALOGUE

**between OWNERS of the INN and the RESIDENTS of MOUNT HOLLY** ~ Following the last public meeting regarding plans for the future of the Blue Spruce Inn, the Planning Commission contacted the owners of the property – the New England Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – and sent to Rev. Paul D. Sinnott, ministry specialist to the Blue Spruce House, a copy of the video the public meeting. The pastor understands the concerns of the town's residents as expressed at the meeting and offered to discuss the future of the Blue Spruce with town residents at a public meeting – preferably in the Spring.

That meeting has been set for Thursday, 19 April, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym of the Mount Holly Elementary School.

The pastor is particularly interested in proposals for the future use of the Inn from the residents of Mount Holly. One plan for proposed use is for a Business Support Center, including a business incubator. This is being prepared by an offshoot of the Planning Commission's Economic Development Committee. Residents are urged to bring ideas to the meeting.

Rev. Sinnott said that an “open house” at the Blue Spruce was being planned for Thursday April 12. The time has not yet been announced. The Planning Commission will get that information out to the Town as soon as it is available. This will be a good opportunity for those not familiar with the Inn to inspect it.

### 2. NEXT STEPS OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The proposed Subdivision Regulations were voted down by the Town: 214 to 155, a difference of 59 from less than 40% of registered voters.

The Planning Commission has a responsibility to recommend to the Town regulations that fulfill State law, protect the Town, are legally enforceable, and are consistent with the Town Plan. We have worked on these Regulations in meetings that are open to the public and we have held special public meeting to hear the views of residents. The Select Board approved. Yet, at this time we do not know why people rejected the regs.

## We have heard four objections only:

1. Objection: Article 3 *Subdivision Standards* are not appropriate for something simple like the division of land – which is not “land development” - and should be removed.  
Answer: State statute 24 VSA 117, #3403 **Definitions:** “Land development means the division of a parcel into two or more parcels...” Section # 4418 specifies that **Subdivision bylaws** shall contain standards for design and layout of streets, design of lots, and “for the protection of natural resources and cultural features and the preservation of open space...”
2. Objection: This is Zoning by the back-door.  
Answer: The essence of Zoning is the creation of zones or districts in which only certain types of development can occur, e.g., agricultural, recreational, commercial, industrial, compact development, rural residential. The proposed Subdivision Regulations would govern only the division of individual parcels.
3. Objection: A member of the Planning Commission stated at the Mount Holly Town Meeting earlier this month that every deviation from a subdivision permit – even an addition to one’s house – would require the permission of the Planning Commission.  
Answer: This is not true. There are 3 rules in the proposed Subdivision Regulations:
  - a. Obtain a subdivision permit from the Planning Commission before subdividing
  - b. Do not change a permit before registering it with the Town Clerk
  - c. Obtain a Certificate of Compliance that special “conditions” attached to your permit have been completed before beginning construction
4. Objection: The limited feedback we received was that problem lay in the content of Article 3 *Subdivision Standards*.  
Answer: This is difficult to answer as the Planning Commission has not received any objection to any specific part of Article 3. (It appears that the other four articles are not problematic: 1. Authority and Purpose; 2. Application Procedures; 4. Administration and Enforcement; 5. Definitions).

It is possible that some people believe that Standards are new and therefore, add further restrictions on the ability of the landowner to use their land as they see fit. However, we find that all the Standards in our proposed regulations are found in the State Statute and in the Town’s current Subdivision Regulations enacted in 1998 that updated earlier regulations going back to 1972, as shown in a brief analysis of the nine sections of Article 3:

Proposed Regs.	1998 Regs	VT Statute
Section		
1 Planning & design	Page 11	“design and configuration”
2 Protection of fragile features, natural & cultural resources	Page 9, 12	“natural resources & cultural features”
3 Stormwater management & erosion control	Page 10, 11, 12, 13	“stormwater”
4 Municipal services, fire, emergency	Page 12	“effective extension of services”, “public health & safety”
5 Roadways, driveways, pedestrian access	Page 9, 10	“streets...curbs” etc.
6 Water supply, waste water	Page 10, 11, 12	“water, sewer”
7 Utilities	Page 11, 12	“utilities”
8 Energy conservation	Page 11	“conservation of energy”
9 Dedication of open space & common land (for owner	Page 11	“open space” wanting to contribute to town)

One might wonder why, new regulation are needed if the proposed regulations resemble the 1998 ones so closely? The changes that were made:

- a. Simplify procedures by eliminating major and minor classes of subdivisions
- b. Clarify and speed up the application and public hearing procedures
- c. Add procedure for Boundary Line Adjustment
- d. Define the role of the Administrative Officer (required by State statute; mentioned in 1998 regs but with undefined duties.)
- e. Assist the applicant for subdivision with: optional pre-application meeting with Planning Commission and/or Administrative Officer; assistance from Administrative Officer through the process, and summary of application process and required documents on three checklists.
- f. Protect the Town from the expense of legal action by:
  - a. Ensuring that the details of regulations are in compliance with the Town Plan as required by Statute
  - b. Replacing vague standards with specific standards that will withstand legal challenge. An example: In the 1998 regulations is a standard that is so vague that the applicant does not know what to do: “Due regard should be given to the preservation and protection of existing features, trees, scenic points, streams, stone walls, rock-outcrops, water bodies, and other natural or historic resources.”

The proposed regulations specify the target of action, the standard of action required, suggest methods to achieve the standard, and leaves open the possibility that the applicant has another effective method. For example: “Subdivision boundaries ... shall...avoid adverse impacts to “prime” and “statewide” agricultural soils ... Methods for avoiding such adverse impacts may include but are not limited to the following [list]:”

The Planning Commission welcomes your response to the Proposed Subdivision Regulations . A questionnaire is being prepared for distribution to the community.

Send questions or requests for information to: Planning Commission, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758





## TO THE EDITOR: Thank you for your support

To those who took the time to review, support, and vote for the update of Mount Holly's Subdivision Regulations – thank you! The Mount Holly Planning Commission took on the challenge of connecting the Town's updated and adopted Town Plan to the existing Subdivision Ordinance in order to make it easier to use, to understand, and to enforce under Vermont's environmental protection law.

The Planning Commission went to great lengths to involve Mount Holly residents in the work with two years of twice monthly open meetings, several public information meetings, and a commitment to a welcoming public involvement process. Unfortunately, the proposed Subdivision Ordinance update did not receive quite enough votes to be adopted.

It is important for us to understand the role that effective Subdivision Regulations play in helping to maintain the character of our town, assuring that basic services are provided and that purchasers are protected against fly-by-night schemes and developers who do not see their plans through to conclusion.

I, as a descendant of one of the first Mount Holly settlement



Mt. Holly Dairy Aire Farm is now taking 2012 orders for Cornish Cross meat chickens. We raise free-range, cage free birds. Finished product will be available in mid-late August. These finished birds weigh seven pounds on average. Quantities are limited.

Cost is \$20.00 per bird, with a 50% deposit at placement of order. Stewing hens are also available at \$5.00 each.



We are also raising Golden Heritage Turkeys this year. Birds available late October, early November. Quantities are limited. Cost is \$45.00 per bird with a \$25.00 deposit per bird at placement of

order. Cost includes raising and all processing.

If interested please contact Jim or Millicent Johnson at 259-2386 before **April 15**.

families, who has spent a part of each year of my life in this town, I hope the Mount Holly Planning Commission will continue its efforts to up date and make more user friendly the Town's existing Subdivision Regulations. I urge Mount Holly residents to support the Planning Commission's work, participate in the process, and support the Town's Subdivision Ordinance update when it next comes to a vote. David C. Hoeh

## A Reminder To Residents of Mount Holly

Please be vigilant in reporting suspicious persons and or vehicles to the State Police at 773-9101 and/or the Mount Holly Constable at 786-4404. Make, model, color and plate # are important, please provide as many details as possible. Thanks Paul Faenza



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## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Named One of Constant Contact's 2011 All Stars

*The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has been recognized for achieving exemplary marketing results*

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has received the [2011 All Star Award](#) from [Constant Contact® Inc.](#), the trusted marketing advisor to more than half a million small organizations worldwide. Each year, a select group of Constant Contact customers are honored with the All Star Award for their exemplary marketing results. Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's results ranked among the top 10% of Constant Contact's customer base.

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit, member-driven organization. It is the voice of its members and the business communities in the Towns of Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Weston, Vermont. It provides advocacy, support and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance our regional businesses and four-season economy. "We're happy to be recognized by Constant Contact for achieving strong marketing results", Graf says.

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The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is recognized as an organization providing leadership, support and services vital to the health and future growth of the member businesses in the communities that we serve.

### About Constant Contact, Inc.

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## Mount Holly Girls on the Run: Soup and Bread Supper!



Date: Friday, March 30th  
 Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Mount Holly School Gym  
 Bring your own bowl and spoon!

# FREE!!



Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls in grades 3-6. The program combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk event with self-esteem enhancing, uplifting workouts. The goals of the program are to encourage positive emotional, social, mental, spiritual and physical development.

Support the Mount Holly Girls on the Run program!





## The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission and the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Announce Sponsors for the 2012 Energy and Business Expo

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission and the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce announce sponsors for the Home Energy and Business Expo: a free event for Vermont families, home and farm owners, and businesses, created to showcase products and services that will decrease energy costs, improve the surrounding community, and build regional business sustainability.

Platinum sponsors and speakers include Efficiency of Vermont and HB Energy Solutions. Net Zero Renewable Resources is a diamond sponsor and expo exhibitors include South Face, VT Foam Insulation, The Good Bus, Awesome Graphics, Stone

Hearth Inn, Ludlow Pharmacy, Sherwin Williams Paints, Inn Victoria, Calm Moments Spa Services, Skygate Financial Group, Jackson Gore Inn, Hawks Mountain Consulting, CZ Environmental Remediation, Ruxana's Home Interiors, New England Deck and Patio, Broadbandvt.org, and Windham & Windsor Housing Trust.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Jackson Gore in Ludlow, Vermont.

Attendance is free of charge and will feature hands-on displays and exhibitor give-aways. Food and beverages will be available and local inns will be providing samples and tastings.

Speaking and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, go to: <http://swcrpc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/VendorRegistrationFormBoth02.06.12.docx.pdf>

**About Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission:** Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is a compact of ten municipalities in southeastern Vermont, founded in the late 1960s. The ten member towns are Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Reading, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor. For more information, contact Dan Potter at 802-674-9201 or visit [www.swcrpc.org](http://www.swcrpc.org).

**About Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce:** The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, serving the Towns of Andover, Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth and Weston, is a member-driven organization. It is the voice of its members and the business communities in which it serves. It provides advocacy, support and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance our regional businesses and four-season economy. Contact Marji Graf 802-228-5830 or visit [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com).

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## Mt. Holly GOP Town Caucus

Tuesday April 3, 2012  
7:00 pm

Mount Holly Town Office  
School Street

### Agenda:

To Elect Delegates to Participate at  
The State Convention  
On May 19th

Those who voted in the Republican Presidential Primary on March 6th, are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Millicent Johnson at 259-2386

### Looking forward to seeing you

Millicent Johnson, Committee Chair  
Dennis Devereux, Committee Vice Chair  
Diana Garrow, Secretary/Treasurer

## Does It Really Matter If Christ Comes Back?



A woman phoned her pastor concerning the Second Coming and ended up saying, "After all, you know the subject really isn't worth arguing over. Suppose Jesus comes back or suppose He doesn't, what does it matter anyway?" That ought to send any thinking person to look in the Bible as it did this minister.

Do you know what we find there? Simply this: if Christ should not return, not one grave, in this old world of ours, containing the body of a child of God would ever open. Every Christian would've died in vain as far as the resurrection of the body is concerned. Your mother, your husband, your wife, will remain as dust in the grave if Jesus does not come. There isn't a single promise in the Word of God regarding the resurrection of the body that isn't related to the return of Jesus Christ to the earth. "For the Lord Himself will descend from

heaven...and the dead in Christ will rise first"(I Thess. 4:16)

The dead in Christ are in every part of the habitable globe, some in a casket, others torn apart by ravenous beasts or by the elements of the sea. It has been estimated that more than three million of God's people are buried in the catacombs of Rome. God declares that the dead in Christ will rise first and they will meet the Lord in the air. When will that resurrection take place? When the Lord comes. If you take the return of Jesus out of the Bible, you lock and bar every cemetery; trampling down the clods of dirt, and you'd have to write across every tombstone: "Never More To Live."

But Jesus said, "Because I live you shall live also." In the Scriptures we read, "In Adam all of us die. In the same way, in Christ all of us will be made alive again. But everyone will be raised to life in the right order. Christ was the first to be raised. When Christ comes again, those who belong to him will be raised to life." What a comforting and assuring hope! Is this hope your hope? Do you know Jesus as Savior and Lord? Maybe you have religion but not a relationship with Christ. Come to the One who can get you out of the grave. His coming is sure... are you? *Pastor Glenn*

***Everyone is welcome to join us for Easter Breakfast (8AM) and then at 9:30 Easter Worship!***

### NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

*By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County*

Recently the House and Senate Appropriations Committees held a public hearing on the state budget via Vermont Interactive Technologies formerly known as Vermont Interactive Television. This hearing is held to give citizens a chance to address the committees without having to travel to Montpelier and to be heard in all corners of the state, literally Brattleboro, Bennington, St. Albans and Newport. VIT has thirteen sites; our local ones are Springfield, White River Junction and Rutland. Appropriations Committee members were scattered around the state at the sites and in some areas there was good public attendance while in others very few people were present. This was a disappointment and in sharp contrast to other years when many persons attended. The speakers advocated from requesting more money to help students to go to college to allowing child care workers to form a union.

The VIT sites are a valuable resource for our communities and in 2011, thousands of students took hundreds of classes from a university or college at the studios. Every year one third of the licensed plumbers in the state rely on VIT for their education and training. Employers across the state use VIT to interview job applicants. VIT made connections for the VT Bankruptcy Court and the Supreme Court. Virtual classrooms have been created to enable students to take courses from other regions. The technology is ever advancing and there is a mobile system available that was used during Tropical Storm Irene after state offices in Waterbury were "wiped out". Incidentally the VIT office in Waterbury was also flooded and they have not been able to return to their building. Live streaming is available at VIT as well as the studios having the ability to archive programs for later viewing.

VIT has not asked for an increase in their budget for this year and last year had revenue of \$1,108,679 and expenses in the same amount. They are holding the line on their budget and employees are not scheduled to receive a cost of living increase. They are doing a great job and a visit to one of their studios might sell you on what technologies could assist your business. A demonstration to the Appropriations Committee in the Capitol was to transmit live streaming to someone's iPad in the room.

Contact me at home at 228-8432, the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or at [anitka@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us) or P.O. Box 136, Ludlow, VT 05149 Find schedules and bills at [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us)



## **Vermont's Digital Future Conference May 8**

### ***Setting the Path for Using Internet Technology in Vermont***

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Partnership is hosting the *Vermont's Digital Future Conference* on May 8, 2012 at Champlain College in Burlington. Vermonters will join digital leaders to set a path that will increase Internet adoption and utilization in the state. The resulting strategies will have a common goal of improving digital literacy, business opportunities, local government practices, innovation in education and connecting communities.

The conference will also be a celebration of e-Vermont community accomplishments, along with other digital projects that have moved our towns forward with economic and community development opportunities.

**Nicco Mele**, known for his pioneering use of technology during Governor Howard Dean's presidential campaign, will be the conference keynote speaker. In 2003 Nicco was named by *Esquire Magazine* as one of America's "best and brightest, and is a distinguished lecturer at Harvard University. Nicco is a leading expert in the integration of social media and Web 2.0 with politics, business and communications. His keynote address will ask participants to envision a future of creative revitalization for community and business life in Vermont using broadband technology. (MORE)

Governor Peter Shumlin's welcome address will highlight state broadband projects and his administration's support for expanded access to technology training and resources.

View the complete agenda and register online at <http://evermontconference.org>. Early birds pay \$40 until May 7 and \$50 on the day of the conference. Fee includes conference sessions, lunch, refreshments and a reception.

"This conference will bring together diverse perspectives from communities across the state, including technology experts and those who are new to using online tools," says e-Vermont Project Director Helen Labun Jordan. "Digital opportunities need to translate into real world, positive impact; the outcomes from this conference will help make sure that happens."

Snelling Center for Government President Mark Snelling believes participation in the conference is critical to creating a connected Vermont. "All Vermonters have a stake in ensuring their communities benefit from embracing broadband as it expands across our state."

For the past two years the e-Vermont Project has successfully provided digital tools, resources and training for many rural towns. Libraries, schools, municipalities, small businesses and individuals are now more connected to 21st century technology, without compromising their community's core values.

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is a partnership led by the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and is made up of the Vermont State Colleges, the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Vermont Department of Public Service, Vermont Small Business Development Center, the Snelling Center for Government, Front Porch Forum, and Digital Wish. Find out more at <http://e4vt.org>, or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/e4vt.org>



## **Secretary Vilsack to Release Report Highlighting Obama Administration Accomplishments Supporting Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Efforts**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack will release a report highlighting the Obama Administration's progress in helping rural small businesses, farmers and ranchers improve energy efficiency and generate power from wind, solar, anaerobic digestion and other renewable sources.

The report will highlight how the Rural Energy for America (REAP) program has assisted individual applicants to control power costs and in some cases, generate power for sale. The program is part of President Obama's "all of the above" approach for a new era in American energy policy which includes homegrown and alternative energy sources. To coincide with the report's release, Rural Development state offices across the nation will hold events to demonstrate how REAP helps reduce energy use and supports the development of renewable energy sources.

To accompany today's release by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack of a report highlighting the ways in which USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) contributes to U.S. energy independence, the Montpelier, Vermont based USDA Rural Development team assembled a group of stakeholders to showcase successes and encourage new projects.

Present at the meeting were prior program recipients Ernie Pomerleau, developer of the Ferrisburg Solar Farm and William MacClay, principal of MacClay Planners and Architects. Pomerleau and MacClay provided an overview of their development models and highlighted how USDA Rural Development services were vital to their respective projects.

"During the 2009 – 2011 periods, the Vermont Rural Development office has approved 97 energy projects generating the energy equivalent to the needs of 2,404 average Vermont homes assuming 1,000 kWh per home per month," explained State Director Molly Lambert. Lambert went on to explain that, "Projects such as the 1 megawatt Ferrisburg Solar Farm and Net Zero equivalent installation by MacClay Architects serve as practical working models to decrease Vermont's dependence on foreign fossil fuels and support local construction jobs."

Application information for the Fiscal 2012 Rural Energy For America Program can be obtained by calling the Vermont Rural Development office at 802-828-6031. The deadline for grant and grant/loan guarantee requests is March 30, 2012 and the deadline for loan guarantee only requests is June 29, 2012.

## RAVNAH Grateful for Community Support

On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors and volunteers of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to the residents of Rutland County for your generous support on Town Meeting Day for our comprehensive home care, hospice and community health services.

In a financially challenging year for everyone, your votes of confidence are humbling and deeply appreciated. Your support helps us carry out our mission to help those needing medically-necessary home care, regardless of their ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

Since 1946, our professional staff has brought health care *home* to thousands of area residents. From the tiniest of infants to those facing their final days, RAVNAH patients receive clinically-excellent, compassionate care in comfortable, familiar surroundings.

Your overwhelming support ensures that you, your family, friends and neighbors will continue to receive excellent, compassionate home and hospice care — in the place they call home.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in us. It is RAVNAH's privilege to serve our community. Ron Cioffi, Executive Director, Rutland Area VNA & Hospice

## Grief Support Program Offered

The Rutland Area VNA and Hospice is offering a six session bereavement support program for those who have experienced a loss through death. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences of loss, as well as gain an understanding of the process of grief and its impact on life emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. The group will meet on April 26, May 10 and 24, June 7, 21, and 28. Call Ann LaRocque, LCMHC, 770-1516 to register.

## Vermont Worksite Wellness Conference Presented, March 28th., Burlington

The Vermont Department of Health ~ "Fit & Healthy Vermonters", along with the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports, a variety of corporate, co-sponsors, gift-in-kind sponsors and a wide ranging committee comprised of statewide participants; present the Vermont Worksite Wellness Conference on March 28th., at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center, Burlington, Vermont; from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Attendance is encouraged to employers with worksites of any size, human resource professionals, employees, and virtually anyone interested in worksite wellness! Space is still available. The investment is \$75.00 per person; \$50.00 for employees coming from a worksite that applied for a 2011 Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Worksite Wellness Award; and \$100.00 for registrations after March 9, 2012; no walk in registration will be permitted. An engaging, timely and diversified agenda awaits attendees! For more information call TODAY: 802-863-7270 and / or to register go to: <http://healthvermont.gov/family/fit/worksitewellness.aspx>.

## Put More Healthy Food on Your Table with 3SquaresVT

For older Vermonters, good nutrition is very important. It helps you stay active and helps prevent sickness. The high costs of food, fuel and health care are making it hard for many seniors to put good food on the table. 3SquaresVT can help.

3SquaresVT helps you stretch your food budget and buy more food. It comes as a monthly dollar benefit either on a debit card called an EBT card or as cash directly deposited into your bank account.

Older Vermonters who take part are not taking money away from others in need. Anyone who qualifies can receive benefits; there is enough for everyone. Plus, spending benefits in Vermont adds money to our economy, so you are helping support local grocers and farmers. It's good for you, and good for Vermont.

Elders with gross incomes below 185% of federal poverty levels do not have a resource limit, so savings don't count. The 185% income limit is \$1,679 for a single person or \$2,268 for a couple. If your income is over these numbers, you can still be eligible. If so, you do have a resource limit, but your house, car, and retirement savings do not count as resources. Your 3SquaresVT benefit will not count as income either, so your eligibility for other programs like Medicare will not be at risk.

Many Vermonters are facing challenges right now. You are not alone. Everyone needs access to healthy food, and 3SquaresVT is here to help. 1 in 6

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