



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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April 2013

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

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

Annunciation 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

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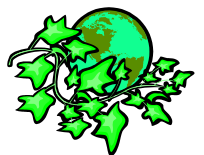
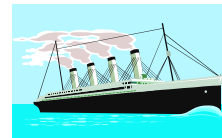
Transfer Site: Sat. 8 am – 2 pm & Last Sun. March 31, Back to Wed April 10, 4pm – 7 pm

	1 st		<i>All Fools' Day</i>	
	2 nd		<i>Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	
	3 rd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
	4 th		<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Assassinated 1968</i>	
	5 th		<i>Booker T. Washington 1856</i>	
Sat	6 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	
Sun	7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	<i>Metric System 1795</i>	7:00 pm
		V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow		7:00 pm
	8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Civil War Ends 1865</i>	9:00 am
		Selectmen's meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	10 th	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		7:30 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
		Two Rivers Supervisory Union Meeting, GMUHS, Library		6:30 pm
	11 th		<i>Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire 1991</i>	
Sat	13 th	Trout, Landlocked Salmon, Bass Catch & Release Season ~ Thomas Jefferson 1743		
Sun	14 th		<i>Titantic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	
	15 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Leonardo DaVinci 1452</i>	7:30 pm
			<i>America's First School For Deaf Founded 1817</i>	
	16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Wilbur Wright 1867</i>	7:00 pm
	17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		7:00 pm
	18 th		<i>The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere 1775</i>	
	19 th		Muskrat Hunting Season Ends ~ Revolutionary War Began 1775	
Sat	20 th	Pot Luck , benefit Bixby Family, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
	22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Earth Day</i>	7:00 pm
	23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>William Shakespeare birth & death 1564-1616</i>	7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
	24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	7:00 pm
	26 th	Spring Snow Goose Season Ends ~ John James Audubon 1785 ~ National Arbor Day 1872		
Sat	27 th	Roast Pork Supper , benefit MHVFD Ladies Auxiliary, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
	29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	
	30 th		Crow Season Ends ~ Vietnam War Ends 1975	

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 – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112 773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	259-4100	802-786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	mhconstable@yahoo.com	802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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



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

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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Ludlow	802-228-7436
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Lobby Hours: Mon - Fri	6:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat	6:30 am - 11:00 am
Window Hours: Mon - Fri	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sat	8:30 am - 10:30 am



April 11, 1947 ~ Jackie Robinson first African-American major league baseball player, first base for Brooklyn Dodgers

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Susanne R. McMillan



Susanne R. McMillan, 81, formerly of Belmont, died March 5, 2013, at Our House Residential Care Home in Rutland.

She was born in Plainfield, N.J., Oct. 19, 1931, the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Hatfield) Randolph. She was a graduate of Smith College.

Survivors include seven children, James Farrand, Sara McMillan, both of Belmont, Randolph Farrand of Rutland, Samuel McMillan of Perkinsville, Mary Farrand of Newark, N.Y., Nancy Bailey of Jordan, N.Y., and Susanne Bonawitz of Clifton Springs, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, at Village Baptist Church in Belmont. Officiating will be the Rev. Glen Davis, pastor. A reception will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Village Baptist Church, Belmont, VT 05730; or Our House Activities Fund, 196 Mussey St., Rutland, VT 05701.

Scott A. Trevorow

Scott A. Trevorow, 44, of Mount Holly, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, at his home. He was born in Bellows Falls on June 20, 1968, the son of Carl and Marilyn (Lawrence) Trevorow. He attended schools in Bellows Falls. He worked at Sonnax and also as a carpenter in the Bellows Falls and Mount Holly areas. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter, Sawyer Trevorow of Bellows Falls; his father of Westminster; his brothers, Charles Trevorow of Westminster and Carl Trevorow, Jr. of Bellows Falls; his sisters, Cindy Riendeau of Rockingham, and Annette Trevorow of Bellows Falls. He was predeceased by his mother and his brother, Michael Trevorow.

There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Elise Rose Durr



Elise Rose Durr, 72, died Saturday, March 16, 2013, at her home in Mount Holly, surrounded by her loving family.

Elise started her career as an administrative assistant with the FBI and then worked on Wall Street at AG Becker, Glore Forgen and with Investment Broker Jack Harned.

Elise moved to Vermont in 1980 and lived in Mount Holly for the past 32 years. She loved Vermont and restoring and decorating her home, an 1810 farmhouse, which became the Hounds Folly Bed and Breakfast, which has been in operation for 27 years. She and her sister also raised sheep and Elise loved giving them all names, often of movie stars, musicians and other celebrities. She had a love of dogs, especially Dachshunds she rescued and provided a loving home for many over the years. In addition to cooking, she loved to garden and was very proud of her English garden.

Elise was a well-known chef who started at Royals Hearthside in Rutland, then the Inn at Weston, the Highland House in Londonderry and lastly, at the Landgrove Inn.

After her recent retirement, she became immersed in her new career with At Home Senior Care sharing her special interests and caring up until she became ill.

Elise was a volunteer at the Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow for many years, was on the board of the Mount Holly Historical Museum and was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Wallingford, Vt.

Surviving are her sister, Luise Durr of Mount Holly; a brother, Frederick Durr and his wife Carol of Brewster, Mass.; nieces and nephews, Deborah Cheyne, David Durr, John Durr and Katherine Torilli.

Friends did call on Wednesday, March 20, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Clifford Funeral Home, 2 Washington St., Rutland.

Funeral services and celebration of her life were held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church in Rutland. Officiating was Rev. Justin Baker, pastor.

Graveside services were in Calvary Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Monday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Elise's memory can be made to some of her favorite causes, the Rutland County Humane Society, the Black River Good Neighbor Services or to the Foley Cancer Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center.

Ellen Stewart ~ Ellen Stewart, 73, formerly of Pound Ridge, N.Y., died Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend. Survivors include a daughter, Larisa Kezema of Belmont. Private services will be held at a later date in New York.

Arrangements are under the direction of the White Funeral Chapel & Cremation Service, 1956 Route 30, Townshend, VT 05353.

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Richard B. Nye

Richard B. Nye, International Yachtsman and Wall Street Executive, Dies at 81. Richard Barre Nye, a long-time resident of Greenwich CT and recently, Ludlow Vermont, a former Wall Street businessman and avid yachtsman, died peacefully on March 14, 2013 in Norwalk CT at the age of 81.

Richard was born in 1931 in Brooklyn, New York to Richard S. Nye and Florence Evelyn Nye. After the family moved to Greenwich CT, Richard grew up there and attended the Brunswick School before going to Dartmouth College where he received his BA in 1952 and his MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business in 1953.

After graduating from business school, Richard went to work with his father at Georgeson & Company in New York. Together, they made Georgeson one of the nation's largest and most well regarded proxy solicitation and investor relations firms. Under their leadership, the firm played a key role in many of the nation's largest corporate takeover battles. Known for its successful communication strategies and its ability to influence shareholders, Georgeson proved adept at both helping clients ward off unwanted "hostile" takeover attempts and acquire companies in "friendly" transactions.

Father and son's involvement with Georgeson led to their introduction to sailing when on a whim, Richard's father bought the yacht Vanward from Lloyd Georgeson's estate. Father and son, with no prior experience, and despite nearly putting Vanward on the rocks their first time out, developed what would become a lifelong love for the sea. Together, they became keen yachtsmen and competitors. In 1947 the Nyes purchased the first of three yachts they would name Carina, the last two custom built to their specifications. For nearly fifty years, they made a formidable team and enjoyed numerous triumphs, including transatlantic races to England, Ireland, Sweden, Germany and Spain, the Newport to Bermuda Race, Admirals Cup team competitions off the Isle of Wight and Fastnet Races along with a myriad of regional and local successes. When not racing, Richard's passion for being at sea was met while cruising off the coasts of Maine, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Ultimately Richard's love of open water shifted to power boating aboard his beloved Cap't Ezra Nye.

Richard was proud of his racing successes but he was especially proud of doing so while sailing with family and fellow amateur sailors, especially into the 70s and 80s when professional crews became prevalent. He also delighted in mentoring junior or younger sailors and gave many their first taste of "big boat" sailing. And he was also proud to represent his home club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club, particularly when competing overseas.

In addition to Indian Harbor where he was Commodore from 1992 to

1993, Richard was a member of New York Yacht Club, the Cruising Club of America, Storm Trysail Club, the Royal Ocean Racing Club and US Sailing. Notably, as a US Sailing member, Richard served as chairman of the rules committee for yacht racing in the United States. Richard wrote and published a memoir of his sailing exploits, *Home is the Sailor*, in 2012.

Richard retired to Vermont in 1995 where he became active in local affairs. He served on the board of Green Mountain College and the Black River Academy Museum, and supported, among others, Vermont Public Radio, the Vermont Historical Society and the Dartmouth Sailing Team.

Richard is survived by his children, Jonathan H. Nye and his wife Karin, Melinda H. Nye, Robert C. Nye and his wife Andrea, William H. Nye and his wife Amber, step-daughter Jennifer Leigh Taylor and her husband Todd, nine grandchildren, his two sisters, Edith Jones and Carolyn Hawe and his first wife Joyce Roper Nye.

Richard was preceded in death by his second wife, Patricia Ann Nye.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Vermont Chapter, PO Box 2191, South Burlington, VT 05407 (or online at www.parkinsonsvt.org/donations.php) or the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Development Office, 266 Woods Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1050

Mount Holly 2013 Photo Contest

If you take a terrific April photo you have the best chance of getting into the Mount Holly 2014 Calendar!

So grab your camera
Look out for getting stuck in the mud
And look for those signs of spring!!

Mount Holly Calendar

Many thanks to everyone who bought the 2013 Mount Holly Calendar.
We sold out this year!

A special **THANK YOU** to the Belmont Store, the Town Office, and the Library
For selling the calendars.
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For more information, please contact
Janet Warren at 259-2007

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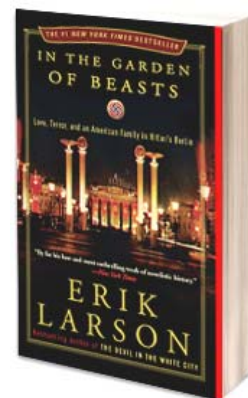
Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, February 6 at the Ludlow Elementary School with the LES and U39 boards. Mr. Williams updated the board on the Two Rivers SU meetings including the proposed site for the new TRSU office at the Fletcher Farm. He also reported on the after school program viability for Mt. Holly students as well as the Camp Qwest program that will be presented to the voters for financial support.

The board discussed the proposed staffing change to hire a new .5 fte special educator while eliminating 1.5 fte paraeducator positions. The board approved minutes from a prior meeting. They also discussed the town garage meetings recently. The board approved reactivating their subdivision application with the planning commission now that there are modified conditions.

Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the odor issue at the school and some of the measures that they are taking to resolve the problem. He also reported on the NECAP scores for the school. 83% of students in grades 3-6 scored proficient or proficient with distinction in reading (10 points higher than the state average); 71% of those students were proficient or proficient with distinction in math (7 points higher than the state average); 85% were proficient or proficient with distinction in writing (34 points above the state average); and 80% were proficient or proficient with distinction in science (this puts the school at 8th in the state).

The next meeting will be the annual meeting held on March 4 at the Mt. Holly town hall. The reorganizational meeting will be held on March 20 at the Mt. Holly Elementary school. The board thanked Mr. Vastola for his time spent serving on the board.



Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

Adults \$10 - Children 11 and Under \$5



April 27 th	MHVFD Ladies Auxiliary – Roast Pork
May 25 th	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham
June 15 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef
July 6 th	Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am
	Town Parade also that day Step off at 10:00 am
July 20 th	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham
August 10 th	Odd Fellows - Roast Pork
August 31 st	Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept. 21 st	MH Rescue Squad – Roast Port
October 12 ^t	MHCA - Roast Beef
October 26 th	Gill Odd Fellows Home – Baked Ham



Take Outs Available With All Dinners

NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic flow. Thanks

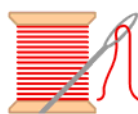
Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

This month's book for the Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson. We will meet at Mary Anderle's at 2475 East Clarendon Road, North Clarendon on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Minga at 259-2471 if you would like to join us or have any questions.

Energy Audit

In the Fall of 2011 we had a NeighborWorks energy audit performed on our 1850's farmhouse. Following recommendations from the audit report, we foamed our foundation walls and sealed all holes and gaps discovered throughout the house. After these improvements were made, the airflow into the house was reduced by 50% !! We now find that our home heats up faster, holds onto the heat longer and is generally more comfortable. As we approach the end of the second heating season after improvements, we couldn't be more delighted with the results.

Joan and Alec McCallum



THE MOUNT HOLLY FARMERS MARKET VENDORS WANTED

We're looking for vendors for the 2013 market season.

Market runs every Saturday from 10am-1pm

May 25, 2013 – October 5, 2013

OPTIONS:

Full Season (20 weeks)

Half Season

Daily

CONTACT:

Stephanie Smith @ 259-2322

Morgan Skiathitis 259-2755

Patti Plew 259-2250

Or by email mhvtfarmersmarket@gmail.com



The Community Guild of Mount Holly & Belmont, Vermont

The Community Guild is very busy again sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting and making our crafts for you. Our new members bring fresh new ideas and talents. You can find us at Odd Fellows' Hall every 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. Why not stop by and see what we're doing now?

Be sure to *save the date*, Saturday, August 3rd for our Annual Bazaar. Hope to see you soon!

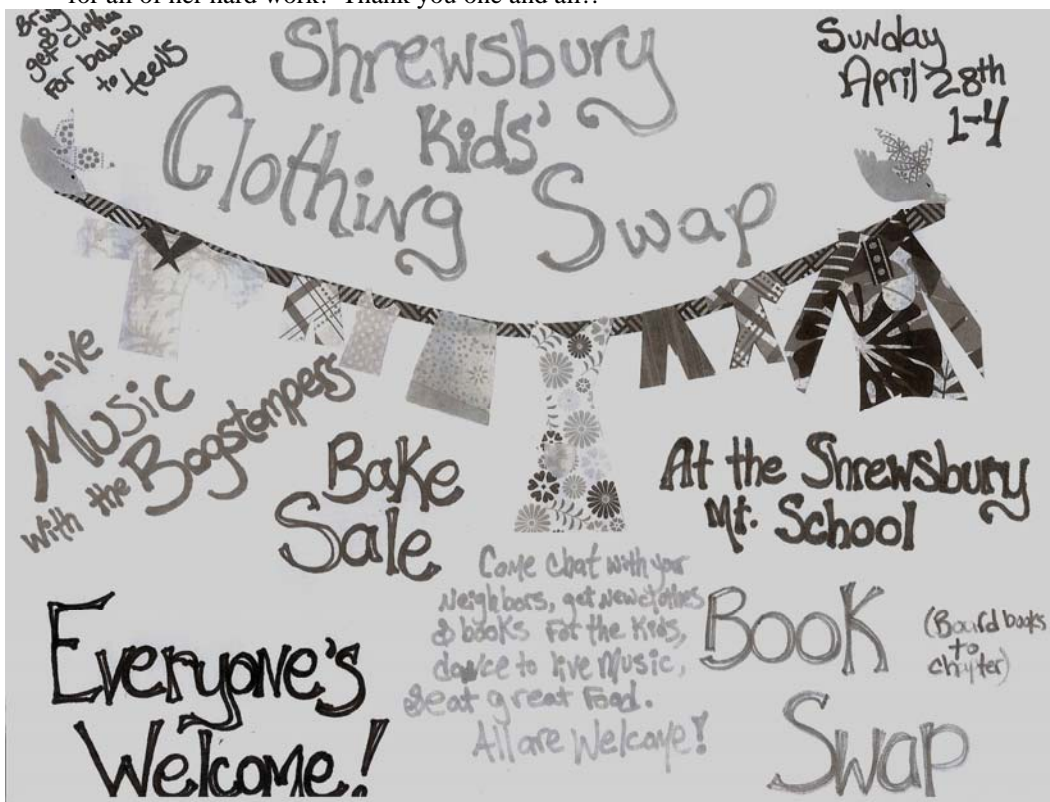
Mount Holly Community Association

Spring is definitely on the way and nothing says spring more than the annual **Spring Mud Fling!** This year on Saturday, April 6th, the doors will open at 8:00 pm for the night everyone has been waiting for all winter. Forget about those winter snows and kick the mud off your boots with *Fry Daddy*, who will take the stage at 9:00 pm and keep us all rocking and stomping until midnight. Admission is \$10 in advance (tickets at the library and the Belmont Store), or \$12 at the door. The party is BYOB...see you there!

A new event is in the offing for the Community Association...***An Afternoon with King Pede!*** All are invited to the Community Room on Saturday, April 13th, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm for an afternoon of old fashioned fun with cards and board games. Why *King Pede* you might ask? Well, *King Pede* is an old card game, which was created and played here in Mount Holly for generations. Clarise and Ray Dana, along with Bill Seward, have been kind enough to offer to teach anyone interested how to play *King Pede* in the hopes of reviving the game both in our town and beyond! Clar is also willing to teach other games, such as Whist, which is easy to learn and fun to play, as is *King Pede*. We hope to encourage a lot of cross-generational game playing, so please mark your calendars and treat yourself and your children to a fun afternoon without technology!

Practical item for an *Afternoon with King Pede*...if anyone has a card table they would like to donate to the Community Room, it would be greatly appreciated. We have 2 small tables at present and will have a couple of loaners on hand, as well as a number of larger tables on which the board games can be played. Thanks so much!

The MHCA is very pleased to announce that **membership** hit an all time high this year. One Hundred forty-four families joined the Community Association, lending support at an unprecedented financial level as well. We could not be more grateful to all of these people for making it possible for the MHCA to sponsor so many wonderful community activities and to maintain the historic church building that is our Library & Community Center. Also, many thanks to our membership Chair, Madeleine Fay, for all of her hard work! Thank you one and all!!



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As you can see in all of the Chit Chats, something is always going on in the **Community Room!** Drawing classes will continue on Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 12:00 noon (thanks to Madeleine Fay); Play Group is every Tuesday morning; Bone Builders is there at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; *An Afternoon with King Pede* will be every other Saturday and the list goes on! The room is also available for small parties, so if you are looking for a lovely room in which to have a party, or meeting for up to 50 people, please contact Carol DeVine (259-2562), or Lynne Herbst, our librarian (259-3703). . If you are a non-profit organization, the room is free. Otherwise, there is a minimal charge...\$15/hour for MHCA members and \$25/hour for non-members.

Colfax Lodge #21



Mount Holly Odd Fellows ALFRED CROWLEY MEMORIAL KAMP FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Application For Selection

NAME: _____ BOY/GIRL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SCHOOL: _____ TEACHER: _____

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Mount Holly and meet camp requirements.
2. Please attach signed letter describing why you would like to be sponsored for a one-week stay at a Vermont summer camp.
3. What camp would you like to attend?

_____ Week _____

4. You should submit a letter of recommendation from a parent or teacher.

Mail To: Mount Holly Odd Fellows
P.O. Box 172
Belmont, VT 05730
ATTN: Kids Kamp Committee

Parent or Legal Guardian **MUST SIGN HERE:**

X _____ Date: _____

Please note that our financial assistance per child cannot exceed \$150.00. Any over and above costs are parents' responsibility. Additional applications can be obtained at the Belmont Store. Applications must be submitted by **April 1, 2013**. Selections will be made and those selected will be notified.

For more information call Harold Chadburn 259-3665.



ALFRED CROWLEY MEMORIAL KAMP FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Mount 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 4th, 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, 2013 to: Mount Holly Odd Fellows, P.O. Box 172, Belmont, VT 05730

Constable/Animal Control Officer Update

A reminder to dog owners: All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed as of April 1st. Licenses must be displayed on a collar, this is not only state law, but makes it much easier to reunite found dogs with their owners.

For owners of farm animals, as the weather improves, cows will start wandering in search of grassy fields, many times that involves crossing through other people's property damaging lawns, garden beds, etc. Cows also end up on the roads unattended. Please respect your neighbor's property and the safety of motorists by ensuring that fencing is adequate to contain the animals.

Horse riders on the road: Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal, or

approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving.

Our neighborhood watch continues to grow, with over 60 members. Our next meeting will be in June. Please continue to report suspicious activity to the State Police 773-9101. If you wish to become a member of the neighborhood watch please email mhconstable@yahoo.com.

I can be reached at 786-4404 (pager 24/7), or 245-4452 (cell) or email.

Thank for your continued support. Paul Faenza, First Constable/ACO

Shannon H. Karlowicz Chosen as Teacher Of the Year

Shannon Hammond Karlowicz, who started grade school in Claremont, New Hampshire, then attended Quechee Elementary School and who graduated from Hartford High School was recently recognized by the State of Connecticut as District-Wide Teacher of the Year 2013. Shannon is the daughter of Joseph Hammond of Belmont, Vermont.

BRACC Update

The Black River Area Community Coalition, BRACC would like to thank the voters of Mount Holly for approving our request. We look forward to serving the community for another year. We will be having our monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 29th at 5pm, Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. All are invited to attend. We will be discussing the After Prom Event, Kick Butts Day and Tobacco Prevention activities. We will also have a presentation on Meth Awareness. Please join us. For more information, please call our office at 228-7878. Thanks again.



Shannon H. Karlowicz

Fire Department Thank You

The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all the voters who approved our budget request.

In the near future we will be receiving our new tanker, a vital tool in firefighting in our community. We continue to seek additional funding through grants, and other fund raising events. Our auction will be held on July 20th. Start thinking about items to donate, we will be posting further information in future issues of the Chit Chat. We have had a busy start to the New Year, especially with weather related crashes. Please exercise caution when passing stopped emergency vehicles, approach slowly and be aware of emergency responders in the road. Check those smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries. We are still accepting applications for new members. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm for drill/work nights. Once a month we have our business meeting at the Belmont Station, at 7pm. We are also welcoming Junior Firefighters (16 - 18 years old). Visit us on Facebook.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month



If you find it difficult to talk to your child about alcohol use, you're certainly not alone. Even parents who give their child a clear "no-use" message about illegal drugs find it hard to be as tough with their child about alcohol use. After all, although it is a drug, alcohol is legal for

adults to use and many parents do drink at home occasionally.

However, the social acceptability of alcohol is actually what makes

ROAST PORK SUPPER

April 27, 2013

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

it one of the most dangerous drugs your child will ever have contact with. What other drug can a child get hold of simply by opening the fridge at home? While drinking is often portrayed on television as being funny or sexy, illegal drug use rarely is. It is alcohol – not heroin, marijuana, cocaine, or other drugs – that is responsible for accidents resulting in the leading cause of accidental death for youth 15 to 24 years of age.

Prevention begins at home. Parents are the *single greatest influence* on their child and have a major role in determining whether or not their child will experience alcohol or other drug related problems.

Set a good example. *Remember that children are mirrors.* In front of them, even the most casual gestures and comments about alcohol use take on great importance. By setting good examples, you'll increase the chance that your child won't make risky decisions about alcohol or other drugs.

Be aware of other influences. Whether you're talking with them about it or not, your child is already receiving powerful messages about alcohol. These messages are coming from their peers, the media and even from you own unconscious behavior.

As a parent or guardian, you can't control all the information your young child receives about alcohol. However, as the single greatest influence, you have the unique ability to prepare them for the peer pressure and onslaught of pro-alcohol messages to come.

For more information please call The Black River Area Community Coalition 228-7878 or 22-TRUST. Visit the VT Department of Health website www.healthvermont.gov for more information on Alcohol Awareness Month.

Randy Bixby and The NewsFlash Your Help Is Needed

Randy Bixby has been providing the town of Mt. Holly with an email NewsFlash for many years. He has put countless hours into a service that has benefited us all. Randy has been in the hospital since January 5 to come home briefly in February to go back and is presently in Dartmouth now with kidney

complications. They are in hopes this new treatment will work if not he may have to go on dialysis for a short time.

We the community is putting on a **Pot Luck Benefit Supper** on **Saturday April 20th at 5 pm** at the **Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont**. Everyone is asked to **Bring A Dish** of your favorite food be it **Hot, Cold, Salad and or Dessert**. BYOB and coffee will be provided. Adults \$10 Kids 11– 5 years \$5, under 5 years are FREE.

We hope that all the folks that have benefited from Randy's NewsFlash can help out at this time. Along with the **Pot Luck** we will have a **Silent Auction** with a possible **Live Auction** and are in **Need of Items** to be donated for these Auctions. We already have a **\$75 Gift Certificate from Harry's Café** donated by Harry's Café, a **Handmade Basket** by Judy Nevin given by Judy Nevin, and **Cheese from Grafton Village Cheese Factory** by Dennis Devereux. We are also looking for **Theme Baskets** for the Auction that anyone of you could put together for the event. For more information Call Marcy at 802-259-2344 or Diana at 802-259-2314. Please pass the word along to your family and friends.

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**Monday-Friday 10-6
Saturday 9-6
773.5007**

96 Merchants Row, Downtown Rutland TattersallsClothing.com

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad is seeking a community member to be on its Board of Directors. The position has been recently vacated. The Board of Directors includes the President, Vice President, Training Officer, 2 members at large, and 2 community members. Responsibilities include budget review, overall input to the membership on various issues, and attending Board of Director meetings approximately 4-6 times per year. Although not required, we would also encourage attendance at our regular monthly business meetings. Please call Kristin Veysey at 259-2611 or email at tkvey@vermontel.net or call Vicki Seward at 259-2810 if interested.

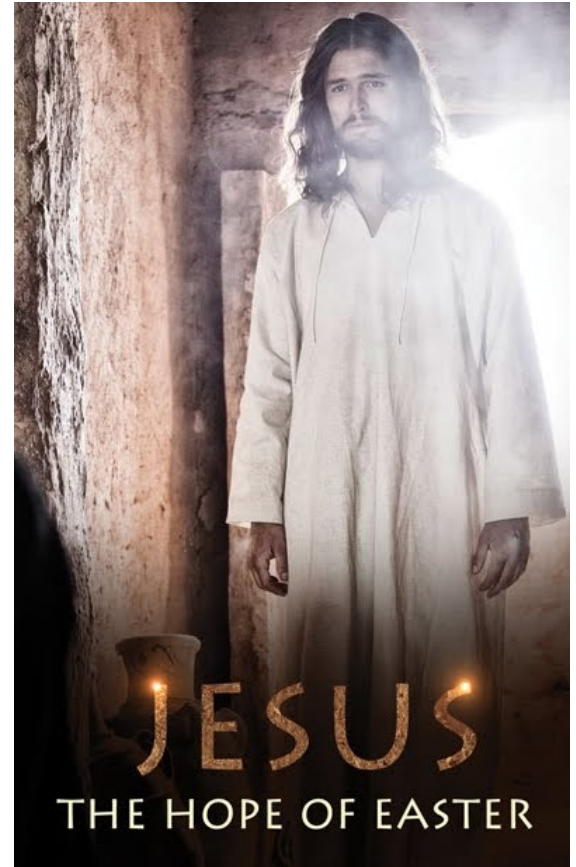
“TheBible” – This Time, Hollywood Got It Right

I’ve seen a lot of “Jesus movies” and shows about characters from the Bible. So when Mark Burnett (“Survivor”, “The Voice”, “Celebrity Apprentice”) and his wife, Roma Downey (“Touched By an Angel”), announced a History Channel miniseries taking on the whole Bible in 10 hours on Sunday evenings in March, I was a bit skeptical. That’s a pretty tall order for just about anyone, but seeing it unfold I have to admit they have produced something that people want to watch (over 13 million have tuned in).

The theme of God’s love and hope for all humanity is the overarching theme that holds the entire series together. Some will undoubtedly be disturbed by the amount of war and violence featured. It’s true that this presentation is not for Sunday School kids or the faint hearted. The Bible itself pulls no punches and paints us as human beings “warts and all.” We see countless empires warring and breaking God’s law and even His own people breaking His commandments. The point is clear: that mankind is capable of despicable acts of violence and is *incapable* of keeping God’s holy law. Yet against this black backdrop of man’s wickedness, God’s promises, presence and especially His grace shine like diamonds. Over and over we hear the powerful phrase, “God is with us”, in the furnace, in the lion’s den, in the battle for Jericho, in Abraham’s journeying, and even when the angel speaks to Mary. He’s there with *you* in your present circumstance. It seems that in the blackest moments of history (Egypt, Babylon, Roman rule) God always sends a deliverer.

God takes sin very seriously. His book still speaks, it teaches us and reaches us because it *is our* story and it’s lessons are timeless. The Word is written to encourage us, to warn us, to help us to take *God* seriously. Throughout the failures, triumphs, tragedies, and joys there is a “scarlet cord” which reminds us of the precious blood that was shed to save us from our sin and selfishness.

There is an intriguing scene where Jesus and Peter are together in the boat. Under Christ’s direction, Peter has just hauled in a bountiful catch of fish from “unfishable waters.” Stunned, he looks at Jesus and asks, “What are we going to do?” The Master replies: “We’re going to change the world!” My prayer is that this series would do just that as it drives us all back to *The Bible* and impacts lives. *This time Hollywood got it right.* I’ve read the last page of “the Script” and...*God wins!* Pastor Glenn 259-2440, Easter Breakfast 8am, Easter Worship 9:30am



So step outside, and shop outdoors - support your local community by joining us at the market each week throughout the summer. The market is held ‘on the Belmont green’ every Saturday (rain, snow, or shine) from 10am – 1pm.

Interested in becoming a vendor? Contact Stephanie Smith 259-2322, Morgan Skiathitis 259-2755, or Patti Plew 259-2250. Or drop us an email at mhvtfarmersmarket@gmail.com, or by mail to MH Farmers Market, PO Box 105, Belmont, VT 05730.

THE MOUNT HOLLY FARMERS MARKET WE’RE LOOKING TO FILL ‘THE GREEN’ ON OPENING DAY!

Opening day for The Mount Holly Farmers Market will be **Saturday, May 25th, 2013!** We’re looking forward to another great year. We’ll have fresh baked goods, local produce, poultry, pork, beef, maple, eggs and crafts ... just to name a few!

And back by popular demand is our monthly **Chef-at-the Market** series!

THE MOUNT HOLLY FARMERS MARKET PERFORMERS WANTED

We’re looking for local talent for the 2013 market season.

Market runs every Saturday from 10am-1pm

May 25, 2013 – October 5, 2013



CONTACT:

Stephanie Smith @ 259-2322

Morgan Skiathitis 259-2755

Patti Plew 259-2250

Or by email mhvtfarmersmarket@gmail.com

*DO YOU WANT TO SAVE \$1,400 NEXT
YEAR LIKE MANY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS?*

JOIN US.

At our house today, March 21, it was 6 degrees this morning but we had our house weatherized last year, along with over 32 others in Mount Holly, and there is a huge difference—no drafts, warmer house,

and much lower bills.

This year check-ups are still only \$100 and incentives are up to \$2,000, which means you can receive up to that amount back on the work done depending on how improved your house is after doing the work. Can you afford to wait?

It is impossible to know if the audits will still be \$100 next year (usually \$350 and up) or what the incentives will be, but we do know that the price of oil will still be high.

Why wait

Call to schedule a home energy check-up at **802-438-2303 ext 227** or visit www.heatsquad.org. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at 438-2303. **Brochures are available at the Belmont General Store and the town office.** Please call Marcy at 259-2344 if you schedule a check-up since there is a statewide contest this year and we want every Mount Holly house to count; also feel free to call if you want to talk to someone in town who has had the work done. Thanks and stay warm!



**Oil was \$.99 in
1999 and is now
about \$4.00 a
gallon!**

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Thanks to 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. If you haven't become a Mount Holly Library user please come in and see us; we have a lot to offer.

Plant Sale Fundraiser ~ It's time for our 4th annual plant sale. On Saturday, March 30th (the day before Easter) between 9 am and 1pm (or earlier if plants have sold) 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. Our sale has been so successful in the past and some people have been unable to come by on Saturday so we will be doing advance sales on Friday, March 29th between 2 and 4 at the library. Stop in on Friday or early Saturday for best color and plant choices.

April Volunteer Appreciation Month ~ The Mt. Holly Town Library Board (Susan Presson, Joan Bradley, Minga Dana, Stephanie Smith, Nancy Connor, Joan McCallum, Candy Neary and Paul Tesik) and librarian, Lynne Herbst, are inviting all library volunteers to come to a tea in their honor on April 7th at 2:00 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. If you are not on our volunteer list and wish to come please RSVP to Lynne at lherbst@vermontel.net. Come be a part of your library, you will be surprised by our improvements and all that we have to offer. Libraries enrich lives and communities.

The Irish in Vermont Program ~ My thanks to Joan McCallum for making arrangements for speaker Vincent E. Feeney's wonderful program "History of the Irish in Vermont". Mr. Feeney was an engaging speaker and had a thorough knowledge of the Irish immigration to our state. He had interesting statistics for Mt. Holly and surrounding towns. His book "**FINNIGANS, SLATERS, AND STONEPEGGERS: A History of the Irish in Vermont**" is available at the library for circulation. We look forward this summer to another program that will be sponsored by the Mount Holly Town Library and is made possible by support from the Vermont Humanities Council through its Speaker Bureau program.

Library Automation Update ~ Volunteers have been moving along at "break neck speed"! As of this minute 2,588 items have been cataloged in the collection. This includes all the adult fiction, all the adult biographies, adult poetry and part of the books on CD. We have done lots of book weeding and the books that today's patron would be looking for are what we hope the collection will reflect. Thanks again to the dedicated volunteers who are helping.

Reminder of the WEEKLY and MONTHLY Programs at the Library

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Playgroup - Birth to 5 year olds – Every Tuesday 10 am**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Acupuncture – Fourth Tuesday of each month – 6:30 pm**
- **Writer's Group – Third Thursday of each month – 6:15 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6:00 pm**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**

If you have a program you would like to present at the library or if you have some specific needs that the librarian can help you with that aren't during regular open times please call (259-3707) or stop by and make an appointment with me. Lynne Herbst

Library Open Hours

Saturday ~ 9 am to 1 pm

Sunday ~ 2 to 4 pm

Monday ~ 3 to 7 pm

Wednesday ~ 3 to 7 pm

MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

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

The first of several important money bills recently passed in the Vermont House. The Transportation Bill proposed an increase of more than 7 cents per gallon in the gas tax to achieve the match to ensure we receive \$56 million in federal grant dollars to repair our roads and bridges. The result of driving more energy efficient vehicles is that less gas purchased leads to less revenue being raised. No tax is popular, and this increase will affect us all. The needed investment in our infrastructure will also create jobs. With other federally funded projects and FEMA money, the total at risk is close to \$110 million.

Many amendments were offered to lessen the full impact of the tax. I supported several that would allow us to bond for more money, or charge a higher registration fee to electric car owners. These drivers will likely pay less in gas tax, but will still be using the roads. Another amendment called for a study to see what the savings would be if we outsourced our transportation work. It is clear that in the future we will need to create a new funding source for these projects.

Our Committee on Government Operations presented a bill to make changes to our state retirement systems. The three groups represented by these systems are the state and municipal employees and the teachers. Because of the downturn in our economy these pension investment systems remain underfunded. A couple years ago, we asked teachers to pay a little more and work longer to receive a higher monthly benefit at retirement. The oversight of these funds is by the Vermont Pension Investment Committee, and the changes were approved by the boards of all three groups.

The major change this year was requested by some members of the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System, or VMERS as it is called. It allows for a one-time transfer to a Defined Benefit Plan. This does not create a new system, but does allow a member to make a switch. This bill gives the retirement system managers time to inform their members of the changes, and also sets higher rates for each group.

Something has to give soon with a budget gap of about \$20 million and no answer yet as to where it will come from. We have all heard about the many areas that may be taxed, but there is little support for many of them beyond the gas tax. It seems like some cuts will also be coming to several areas. The message to us is consistent that everyone is already being taxed to the limit.

Please contact me with your concerns and suggestions at 800-322-5616, or with a message at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us.

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

The Senate Calendar for March 21 had twenty bills and two resolutions listed for a number of actions. The bills covered a wide range of issues from S-58, concerning Act 250 and Oil Pipelines to S-161, relating to Mitigation of Traffic Fines and Approval of a Driving License Suspended Diversion Program. Another bill that concerns many drivers and has to do license plates and privacy is S-18, An Act Relating to Automated License Plate Recognition Systems of which a revised version appears in the aforementioned calendar. Many police departments now have these devices which scan all car and truck plates as you drive by the device, which is usually in a police car. These high speed cameras cost 15,000 to 20,000 dollars and the funds generally come through Homeland Security money. Everyday information is sent to the license plate reader patrol cars as to persons who are wanted, who have suspended licenses, etc. and the "reader" will alert the officer if it scans the plate of one of these persons. The device takes the picture, records the GPS location and date and then converts it into computer readable data. The bill speaks to the issue of how long the data of all the plates scanned should be saved and stored by the police as well as who should have access to it. The bill at this point says 18 months for retention. Presently there is no limit as to how long the historical data can be held. In the proposal, access to the data is for legitimate law enforcement purposes. In other words, it wouldn't be available to get information (dirt), on someone's whereabouts in a contested divorce case for example. I think you get the picture.

Another privacy issue bill on the same calendar is S-7 which relates to Social Networking Privacy Protection. The bill in committee was changed to a study to look at the issue of employers and potential employers asking employees and applicants for jobs to reveal their passwords to personal digital devices and computer sites so the employer could look at them. When the bill reached the floor amendments were added that took part of the bill back to its original purpose. The section added reads: "An employer shall not require or request that an applicant for employment disclose a means for accessing the applicant's personal computer, e-mail account, or telephone". Access to the employees' accounts is to be studied as multiple issues were raised and more testimony needed. This bill is going to the House where there likely will be further changes.

Contact me at home at 228-8432, the State House at 1-800-322-5616 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us or PO Box 136, Ludlow, VT 05149. Find schedules and bills at www.leg.state.vt.us

TW3 Features Nitka Discusses Political Events in Montpelier

Airing its 238th episode of TW3 (That Was The Week That Was) on LPCTV, cable channel 8 & 20, the original co-hosts of the weekly area news telecast, Ralph Pace and Leo Graham, reappeared together as they questioned VT State Senator Alice Nitka about the political events taking place in Montpelier. Nitka, available for the broadcast during Town Meeting week, answered a variety of questions ranging from the status of the state budget, property taxes, the Death with Dignity bill, gun control, and the impact of the federal sequester on state revenue sources. Graham, in the area for a brief stay, was welcomed back to TW3 by Pace. The trio is pictured above before beginning their discussion of politics in the state capitol. From left to right they are: Ralph Pace, Leo Graham, and Alice Nitka. The program is viewable on LPCTV during the week at various times. To check the LPCTV schedule, go to www.lpctv.org and select the channel 8 programming schedule.





Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, April 9th, 2013."

SELECT BOARD ~ March 12, 2013 - Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. It was noted that Tim had come down to the town office on Monday March 11 to read and sign the Oath of Office.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of February 12 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 Jim Heald as Select Board Chair.
- Upon motions made and seconded, it was
VOTED: to make the following appointments for this year:

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
Health Officer (thru 2013)	Frank Bickford
Fire Warden:	Jim Seward
Select Board Clerk:	Rhonda Rivers

- Susan Covalla appointed Joan McCallum and Barbara Ludwig as Assistant Town Clerks. David Johnson appointed Diana Garrow as Assistant Town Treasurer.

3. Highways

- The Board reviewed the Amendment to the Road and Bridge Standards presented this past December regarding buried structures (cable, etc.). Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To adopt the Amendment to Road and Bridge Standards as presented.
- The Board reviewed the VTrans update to the Road and Bridge Standards presented last month. The major change is the statement that the town would build to the ANR 100-year standards. The town would have to adopt these standards in order to continue receiving the higher percentage reimbursement from the state for paving and structures grants, as well as eliminating the issue with future FEMA reimbursements. The Board voted to table this item pending further investigation. These new proposed standards will not affect this year's Paving Grant request.
- Paving Grant. This is due early April. The Board decided to request \$60,000 from the State. When combined with the \$60,000 in the town's budget for retreatment, this would allow repaving of approx. 1.3 miles on Hortonville Road, from Old Turnpike Rd up towards Shunpike Rd. Since the town received the maximum grant last year, it's possible that the grant application will not be successful this year. If the request is not approved, the town's money may be used elsewhere (not specified). Paving Grants from the State can only be used on Class 2 roads.
- The Annual Highway Financial Plan to the State was presented and signed. This provides the State information on the highway budget as passed March 05.
- The town received the completed Certificate of Highway Mileage back from the State.
- FEMA Update: The Town received notice from the State approved the extension requests for Fowler Brook and Sawyer Hill Road PWs and forwarded them on to FEMA. No word on the 6 small PWs that still have some money outstanding (totaling about \$4000).
- New Garage:
 - The Town received five (5) responses to the Request for Qualifications: Smalley Construction; VMS Construction; Neagley and Chase; Wright Construction; and Ingram Construction. The Board decided to table any decision on which ones to send an RFP until they have had more time to review them.
 - Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To appoint Paul Nevin as head of a building committee to oversee the process for the new garage.
 - The Board reviewed specifications for the garage to be sent as part of the RFP. The Board decided to table these until they have more time to review them.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated February 28, 2013 showing cash balances of **\$2,253,630**. There is about \$105,000 in outstanding delinquent property taxes. The tax sale on 2 properties from the previous here was completed. Highway salt expenses are up (more salt is used when weather is warmer). Otherwise, income and expenses are in line with expectations.
- Jeff Bradley, the auditor, is expected this week to make the final adjusting entries on the treasurer's computer. The Board indicated that they did not need to have the auditor come to a meeting, as they were comfortable with the report as presented in the Town Report.

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

**SPRING/SUMMER HOURS
EFFECTIVE
APRIL 10, 2013**

**WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm
SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm**

**Last Sunday is March 31
First Wednesday is April 10**

5. Solid Waste:
 - Summer Hours: Summer hours will start on Wednesday, April 10th and continue through the summer. Wednesday, 4pm to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 2pm, NO Sunday hours for the summer. The last Sunday will be March 31st. The Transfer Station will NOT be open on Sunday, April 7th.
 6. Planning Commission:
 - The Town received three letters of interest for the vacancy on the Board: Jim Seward, Michael Valente and Fra Devine. Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To appoint Michael Valente to complete the term ending in Nov. 2014.
 - The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The position will be posted in the Chit Chat.
 7. Other Business
 - Rabies Clinic – will be held at the Town Office this Saturday, March 16, 10am to noon.
 - School Mowing – request for bids will be posted in the Chit Chat and around town, as usual.
 - VLCT's Selectboard Institute will be held in Rutland on April 13th. Rhonda and Tim expressed interest in attending.
 - Energy Code Assistance Center reminds everyone that new codes now apply to renovations and repairs as well as new construction. A brochure describing the codes was included; more copies will be requested to be available with the building registration form and the Planning Commission process.
 8. The Board decided to confer with Paul Nevin and set a mutually agreeable date as soon as possible for the Special Meeting on the new garage as noted above. The meeting will be posted in the town office, post offices and if the date allows, in the Chit Chat.
 9. The Board reviewed and signed the February orders for payment.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**MOUNT HOLLY
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE**

The Select Board seeks individuals to be the town's representative and alternate to the Board of Supervisors of the Rutland County Solid Waste District.

The representative attends the regular monthly meetings of the RCSWD and reports back to the Select Board. Interested individuals should contact the **Select Board**, at **P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758** or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391 by **April 8, 2013**.

The RCSWD meets in Rutland on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

**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 2013 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 brush hogging, along with a Certificate of Insurance.

Bids should indicate 'Mowing Bid' on the envelope and be submitted by **4 pm on Monday, April 08, 2013** to: **Select Board, Town Office, P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758**

**VACANCY
MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for enforcing the regulations of the Planning Commission, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. A complete job description is available at the Town Office. Candidates should be comfortable working on a computer and be detail oriented. Hours are somewhat flexible, average 10-15 hours per month, and are compensated at \$10.00 per hour. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

A **letter of interest** should be sent to:

Administrative Officer Vacancy
Mount Holly Town Office
P.O. Box 248
Mount Holly, VT 05758

Or email mthollysb@gmail.com, or phone 259-2391.

Interested candidates should plan to meet with the Planning Commission at their regular meeting. An appointment to the position will be made at the following Select Board meeting.

At Town Meeting, there were some questions regarding recycling. The Mount Holly Transfer Station is a zero-sort recycling facility. The zero-sort brochure is reproduced on the following page (front and back). Additional copies of the brochure are available at the Town Office and at the Transfer Station. If you have any questions, please ask the attendant.

**For Sale: Firewood – Delivered
Or You Pick Up
Call Mt. Holly 802-259-2147**

PLANNING COMMISSION meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Mount Holly Town Office. Warned Public Hearings, if scheduled, usually take place prior to the regular meeting. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged.

MINUTES (not yet approved) of the MEETING on March 18, 2013 in the TOWN OFFICE

CAMPBELL SUBDIVISION PUBLIC HEARING 7:15

Present were PC members: Annette Lynch, Tim Martin, Paul Nevin, Clinton Woolley, Mike Valente. Also David Stein, David McGee, Raymond Tarbell, Bob Herbst, Lester Lampert, David Hoeh

The Hearing, having been properly warned, was called to order at 7:15 by Annette Lynch. David Stein, surveyor, represented the owner Julie Campbell of Tarbellville Road. David McGee (abutter) was registered as a Person of Interest. David Stein presented paper and mylar copies of the Final Plat. The application form, fee, and checklist were in order, and with no questions raised by commissioners, person of interest, or member of the public the subdivision permit was approved subject to the receipt of the pending state wastewater permit.

The commission members signed the mylar and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which the owner will also sign. The permit will go into effect 15 days after the receipt of the wastewater permit, provided there is no appeal.

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AT 7:30

A.) Minutes of the Feb 23rd meeting (published in the March issue of the Chit Chat) were approved.

Old Business

B.) i. The lawyers at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns – in reviewing Mount Holly’s draft revision of its subdivision regulations - have recommended the formation of a Developmental Review Board to perform the quasi-judicial role of the Planning Commission thus freeing the Planning Commission to concentrate on planning and advising and assisting the Town’s landowners without crossing legal lines that can complicate public hearings. Annette shared the result of her consultations with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and circulated examples of forms that would define the functions of the DRB under the new arrangement: Application, DRB’s Decision (Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law), Subdivision Permit, and Permit Violation Notice (the last two would be administered by the Administrative Officer whose legal role is to ensure that no development takes place without required permits, and who assists landowners obtain required permits.)

ii. Advertising by the Select Board for the position of Administrative Officer is in process.

iii Tim Martin moved and Clinton Woolley seconded that the lawyers from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and staff of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission be invited to meet with the Planning Commission, to discuss the recommendation for the formation of a Developmental Review Board, at a warned Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on Monday April 8 or Monday April 22, at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

C.) The permit status of the School Subdivision was discussed. The status of the five conditions specified by the Planning Commission in its approval of the subdivision was reviewed. One of two Public Meetings has been held. Results of the studies - Traffic Safety and Impact on the School’s Future - have been received and copies will be made available to the citizens of the Town before, and at, the next Town meeting on the plans for the new Town Garage. The mylar of the Final Plat is still in production. A motion was made by Tim Martin and seconded by Mike Valente that the Planning Commission issue a permit for the subdivision of the school land contingent on the 5 conditions being met. The motion was passed unanimously.

D.) Annette requested - for the Planning Commission’s records - a copy of the lease between the School Board and the Town. Bob Herbst said that the lease agreement would be finalized at the next meeting of the School Board on April 3. Annette relayed to the meeting the opinion given to her by Vaughn L. Altemus of the Agency of Education that the proposed lease might face some difficulties due to the need for a complete fiscal separation between Town and School. Robert Herbst said that the School Board - which has a legal OK on the status of the lease - would take the matter under advisement.

E.) Town Plan Update: Annette has been working on updating maps with the Regional Planning Commission and adding progress and changes made since 2008. There is a need to include new data from the 2010 Census; specific areas of the Town Plan were assigned to each Commissioner (Demography – TM; Education – PN; Health and Recreation - CW; Economic Development - MV; Housing – AL).with links to Census and Vermont Center for Rural Studies web sites. A staff member of the Regional Planning Commission will provide a workshop on the Census data at the next meeting of the Working Group.

3. New Business

F.) The Planning Commission and members of the Select Board are invited to attend a presentation of maps of community planning done by the 6th grade at the Mount Holly Elementary School at 1:30 on April 11, 2013. The 6th graders want to share their town plan ideas with the boards.

G.) The question of a grant writing committee of the Planning Commission to help the Town write grants was tabled until Annette can identify town residents willing to serve on such a committee.

H.) Building construction registrations were signed: Joseph Mossa, Paul Donarum

I.) Other correspondence was reviewed

J.) Paul Nevin proposed and Clinton Woolley seconded Tim Martin for the position of Vice-chair of the Planning Commission. There were no other candidates, the vote was unanimous.

K.) Public: Lester Lampert was assured that legal opinions from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Secretary of State’s office confirmed that members of the Select Board could also serve as voting members of the Planning Commission. David Hoeh expressed concern that the town had no long-term capital budget that planned for eventual replacement of Town buildings. The Planning Commission is given authority by state Statute to present such plans for consideration by the Select Board. A discussion followed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Paul Nevin

Pot Luck Benefit

Silent Auction *Live Auction*
50/50 Raffle *Theme Baskets*

April 20th, 2013

At 5:00 pm

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Benefit For Randy Bisby & Family

Each Family is asked to bring a
Dish To Share
Be it Hot, Cold, Salad or Dessert

Suggested Donation Adults \$10.00
Children under 12 yrs. \$5.00

More Info Call 259-2314 or 259-2344

WORKING GROUP of the Planning Commission meets on the second Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The Working Group includes everyone who attends a meeting. . The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 7:30 pm in the Town Office.

BRAM Catalogues WWI Artifacts

The Black River Academy Museum has recently received a number of artifacts from WW I. Georgia Brehm and Sue Pollender, Museum Director and Museum President, have been formally accessioning them into the museum's permanent collection this winter, when the museum is closed. The artifacts include military insignia, a first aid kit, a mess kit, helmets, including a German helmet, tin cup, canteen, shells, shell casings, buttons, an officer's record book, a small copy of the New Testament, a gas mask and a mystery liquid container, pictured, to mention only a few. The mystery liquid container has the words, on one side, "Souvenir of American Victory at St. Michael Sept. 12-16, 1918". The other side says "W. H. Lamere, Ludlow, VT". If anyone knows what this artifact is and/or has more information about W. H. Lamere, please contact the Museum at director@bramvt.org or 802-228-5050. It is not even know if this is a German, American or French container and what is its true function and its provenance.



Many people have made donations, including Tom **WWI gas mask issue to American soldiers** Murphy, Frank Hall (gas mask), William Lamere and Bernie Lamere, after whose family Lamere Square in Ludlow, VT is named. Also, Lillian Davidson donated the WWI "souvenirs" she received from her father, Howard Ellis. A display of the museum's WW I artifacts will be exhibited this summer, along with a WW II display and the third on-going Civil War exhibit. The museum's opening day is Saturday, June 6th. Our regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 PM or by appointment at a mutually arranged time.

Mystery WW I artifact. Please contact BRAM if you know anything about this item, which has the words "Souvenir of American Victory at St. Michael Sept. 12-16, 1918" and "W.H. Lamere, Ludlow, VT".



**Okemo Valley
Regional Chamber of Commerce
By Marji Graf, CEO**

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has been working hard producing one annual guidebook for our region. It will be out before Memorial Day.

Join us **April 1** at Jackson Gore Inn from 2:30-4:30pm as we welcome the Department of Tourism & Marketing to our region for their "VT Tourism Team Road Show. Call Catherine Brooks at 802-828-3683 to register. You will be entered to win one of four free entries to the 30th annual Vermont Travel Industry Conference.

The Scenic Route 100 Byway committee is also in its final stage of being the 2nd largest byway in the State, behind the Connecticut River Byway. All towns north and south of our existing 31-mile byway have joined in on our efforts. Our last meeting is in front of the Transportation Board on **April 2** at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site at 6:30pm. Feel free to come and support our efforts.

We invite everyone to attend our Southern VT Home & Garden Show on **April 6 & 7** at the Ludlow Community Center, gymnasium. The show is Saturday from 10-4p and Sunday from 10-3pm. Some vendors include: PJ Bushey Landscaping, Knight Tubs, So. VT Hydroponics, Sherwin Williams, Ruxana's Home Interiors, New England Deck, Frame it in Skis, ClearLake Furniture, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts, Heritage Deli. Some workshops include: How to compost, pond displays, flower arranging, beekeeping, hydroponics, decking, selecting the right paint, rug hooking, etc. Please support these businesses and take advantage of our 'free' how to classes.

Our last community breakfast was February 26 at Crows Bakery & Opera House in Proctorsville. Our next "Coffee with the Chamber" will be on Tuesday, **April 23** at 8:30am at the Fullerton Inn in Chester. We welcome the community so we can hear from you what you might like the Chamber to do that we're not doing, and hear from us what great events are coming into our area this summer.

Our next Chamber mixer is on **April 10** at Outback Pizza in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30pm.

Did you know that members can list their "help wanted" for free on our website www.yourplaceinvermont.com?

As always, the Chamber is here to be of service to the businesses and communities that we serve. Our door is always open and we welcome you to be part of our regional family.

Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Cycles Along On May 18th, 2013

On Saturday, May 18th, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day will host its **15th. 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, rallied by Rodney Ward. 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. ~ Go Wallingford! anpincushn@vermontel.net / thimble_quilt@yahoo.com **Rodney Ward, Rodney.Ward@ge.com**



Black River Today

Just a reminder that if you're interested in news about the Black River area in Vermont (Ludlow, Mt Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth) plus the region, in general, don't forget to check out the Black River Today blog at <http://www.blackrivertoday.com/>. Written in conjunction with the Rutland Herald, BRT aims to keep area residents and visitors advised of current events and "goings-ons". If you have an article about your group or organization in the area, send it to ralphpace@tds.net for inclusion in BRT. Ralph Pace

LUDLOW ROTARY SEEKS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

The Ludlow Rotary Club has provided scholarships to area collegiate and vocational students for more than 25 years. The cost of secondary education continues to climb at a rapid pace and tough employment conditions require our young people to be more prepared than ever to compete in the marketplace. This is an appeal for the public to supplement the traditional scholarship funds raised by the Ludlow Rotary Club each year.

In 2012, due to generous public support, we were able to award \$9,000 in scholarships to Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth and Cavendish youth, up 50% from the awards in prior years. We hope to continue this favorable trend.

Checks should be made payable to the LUDLOW AREA ROTARY CHARITABLE FUND, INC., with SCHOLARSHIPS entered in the memo area of the check, and then mailed to: Ludlow Rotary Club, P O Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. This Charitable Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization and, accordingly, all such donations are deductible for federal and state income tax purposes to the full extent permitted by law. The Ludlow Rotary Club will provide documentation for each donation to the scholarship fund.

With your help, more of our young people can be assisted in preparing for the challenging times ahead of them. For more information, contact Mary Crowley at Mary.K.Crowley@citizensbank.com or on her cell phone at 802-281-2533.

Visit www.ludlowrotary.com for more information regarding the Ludlow Rotary Club and its projects.

Opus 26 Prepares for Original Music Composed by Area Students

Opus 26, sponsored by Music-Comp, is launching its campaign to raise funds to underwrite the forthcoming statewide musical composition concert featuring classical music pieces composed by grade school and high school students. Musical compositions selected by will be played by classical musicians at a special concert in Derby later this year. According to Constance Wilcox, Music Instructor for Ludlow Elementary, Mt Holly Elementary, and Black River High School, seven area students are currently composing music to be submitted for consideration at this concert. Last year, the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium hosted the Opus 24 version of this program that drew an audience over 200. Several Ludlow area student compositions were included in that program. The immediate need of Music-Comp is to raise funding for the recording of the various student compositions using Kickstarter.com. Information about the program and contributions to underwrite its expense may be found at

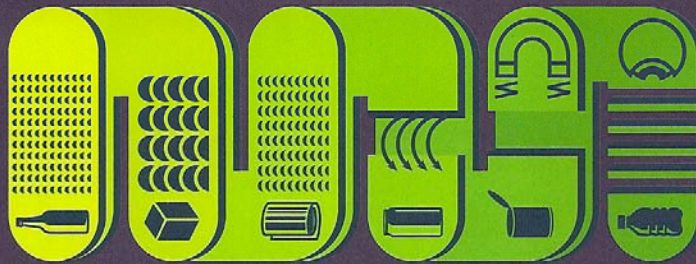


<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1644616398/opus-26-concert-recording-of-student-compositions>.



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3. Smaller disc screens separate **paper**.
4. An eddy current creates a reverse magnetic field that repels **aluminum** cans.
5. A magnet picks out **tin** cans.
6. Optical sorting technology sorts **plastics** into their different types.



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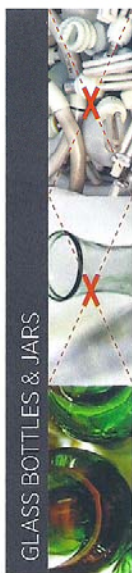
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GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

- ✓ **Rinse clean.** Food and beverage containers only.
- No light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, window panes, or ceramics.



METAL AEROSOL CANS (EMPTY)

- ✓ **Separate cap from container.** Do not puncture cans.
- No full or partially full containers. Deliver paint, cleansers, automotive sprays, and other hazardous fluids to local hazardous waste disposal site.



ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL, AND PIE PLATES

- ✓ **Rinse clean.**
- No aluminum with stuck-on food or grease



METAL CANS

- ✓ **Rinse clean.** Food and beverage cans only. Labels are OK. Can lids are OK placed inside the cans.
- No oil filters or scrap metal.



BOXBOARD

- Cereal, shoe, and dry-food boxes, soda carries, paper egg cartons, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores
- ✓ **Empty.** Remove and discard plastic liners.
- No styrofoam cups. No stuck-on food or grease.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

- Boxes with a wavy center layer.
- ✓ **Empty.** Staples, tape, and labels are OK.
- No oil, paint, or chemical stained, wet, unclean, or wax-coated cardboard. No strapping or string. No plastic, flimsy, or foam packing materials.



ENVELOPES & OPENED MAIL

- White, colored, gummed, and window envelopes.
- ✓ **Remove non-paper enclosures.** (e.g., CDs, plastic cards, etc.) and strings. Labels are OK
- No Tyvek or plastic envelopes. No bubble wrap padded mailers.



MAGAZINES & SOFT-COVER BOOKS

- Glue or staple-bound publications, paperback books, phone books, catalogs, etc.
- ✓ **Must be clean and dry.** Phone books are OK year-round.
- No plastic wrapping, CDs or plastic covers.



NEWSPAPER

- All sections and inserts
- ✓ **Must be clean and dry.** Remove from plastic bags. Do not tie with string.
- None That are contaminated with food, paint, oil, pet waste, etc. No plastic bags.



SHREDDED PAPER

- Confidential Documents.
- ✓ **Place in clear plastic bags and tie bag shut.**
- No shredded plastic (credit cards, etc.)



WHITE & COLORED PAPER

- Printed, letterhead, copier paper, glossy flyers & brochures, file folders, craft paper, manilla folders, index cards, construction paper, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper & cards.
- ✓ **Must be clean and dry.** No need to remove plastic tabs, paper clips & metal hanging-file strips. Staples are also OK
- No pressure-sensitive duplication forms. No foil paper. No paper towels or facial tissue. No stickers or sticker backing material.



PLASTICS 1-7 & RIGID PLASTICS

- Containers, bottles & jugs for foods, beverages, beauty, and cleaning products, detergents, dairy tubs (yogurt, sour cream, etc.) 5 gallon pails, laundry baskets, sleds, take-out containers, flower pots and trays, and frozen-food trays. Minimum size: 2" on any 2 sides.
- ✓ **Rinse clean.**
- No flimsy or pliable plastic (grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.).
- No foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) products such as cups, take-out containers, packaging blocks and peanuts, etc. No housewares, office products, etc. No motor oil containers or electronics housing. No biodegradable plastics (PLA), fiber

BIRTH OF A MUSIC SERIES IN PROCTORSVILLE

Tropical Storm Irene did more than damage Proctorsville's Gethsemane Episcopal Church and wash away its meeting hall in 2011. The ensuing effort to repair and rebuild after Irene paved the way for creating a venue for cultural events in the restored church and its sparkling new addition. On Sunday, March 31st the Raise the Roof Music Series will open with its first concert. Keyboard player and vocalist Jamie Ward will perform his special blend of jazz, blues and old favorites, and be joined by drummer Sayon Camera of Guinea, West Africa.

Jamie Ward is no stranger to the performance space, having twice used the church for his popular *Playing With Shakespeare* weekend workshops and engaging performances. Sayon Camera is a djembe drummer, musician and teacher with boundless energy. His drumming and Jamie Ward's keyboard work and singing are sure to raise the church roof and leave the audience wanting more. The concert will begin at 4:30 on **Sunday March 31st**. Generous audience donations will ensure more live music at this special intimate venue.

The next concert in the series will be Sunday April 28 when House Blend will raise the roof with their spirited a cappella voices. Mark your calendars, you won't be disappointed. Gethsemane Episcopal Church is on Depot St. in Proctorsville next to Crows Corner Bakery Cafe and is handicapped accessible.

Go Mount Holly!

Mount Holly is on WCAX-see link below- and in the Rutland Herald today. If you would like to weatherize your home, please call or email NeighborWorks at [\(802\) 438-2303 x 227](tel:8024382303) lhompson@nwwvt.org. If you want to talk to someone local who has weatherized their home, you may call Marcy at 259-2344.

<http://www.wcax.com/story/21346881/rutland-county-steps-up-to-weatherization-challenge>



Mount Holly Celebrates Weatherization Efforts

By Lucia Suarez

Thirty-two residents in Mount Holly weatherized their homes last year as part of an energy efficiency contest around the county. For their efforts, the town as a whole clinched a \$10,000 prize from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont to fund a public conservation project: insulate and improve heating costs at the town offices.

Over a four-day weekend last November, contractors with Vermont Energy Works insulated the building's attic and air sealed the basement, reducing the amount of heat escaping from the building. They also installed a programmable thermostat which allows the town to determine when the heat should be higher in the building.

A handful of residents who participated in the contest were joined by local and state officials Monday afternoon to celebrate their accomplishments at the town offices.

"One of the things, being here, is that I don't have to talk over the furnace," John Reuter of Vermont Energy Works told a crowd of about 20 people. "The furnace used to run almost continuously and it was loud. I have not heard it once."

The town office is expected to save \$1,171 in fuel costs a year and money is still in the budget for some more work.

Mount Holly resident Marcy Tanger, whose home was one of the 32 in town weatherized, helped organize the town's project. She said they still have about \$4,000 left after receiving a cash incentive from Efficiency Vermont and they hope to continue improvements and help more residents weatherize.

"It really is amazing so many people took the opportunity to fix their homes," said Joan McCallum, who helped Tanger with moving projects forward. "I live in an 1850 farmhouse. It's a cold one. It could never get warm. ... (Now) it holds on to the heat and it heats up faster."

Rutland County Sen. Eldred French, who was the first to complete a weatherization project in his home in Shrewsbury, was on hand to congratulate Mount Holly residents for their achievement. He said more needs to be done across the state particularly at the legislative level to find ways to make weatherization more attractive to residents.

"It's important to do this across the board," French said. "The focus has to be greater."

He said many people forget that these projects will give them the "most bang for the buck" and help them have more money in their pockets.

French also read a statement from Vermont Rep. Peter Welch, who said it is "heartening to see a community so dedicated to making their homes and buildings energy efficient."

"Investments in energy efficiency help Vermonters save money, create jobs and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels," Welch's statement continued. "As I continue to advocate for federal legislation to promote energy efficiency, it is projects like this that will help me to make the case to my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee."

A representative for Sen. Bernard Sanders, took Monday's celebration to further congratulate town residents for their "forward thinking efforts."

Reading a statement from the Vermont senator, Harper Gay said NeighborWorks's program to improve energy efficiency has helped establish a model program that will help hundreds of homeowners through community outreach, creative incentives and convenient financing options.

"We know westernization saves families hundreds of dollars on fuel bills every year, supports jobs in our state, keeps more of our energy dollars in state, and cuts greenhouse gas emissions," Sanders' statement said. "We need to do everything we can to make it easier for more families to access these programs. ... Today we celebrate a milestone in the effort, but must recognize there is more to be done to reach our ambitious goal."

The NeighborWorks program is part of a \$4.5 million federal Department of Energy grant it received in 2010 as part of an effort to alter the market for energy efficiency.

A Call for Artisans to the Chester Fall Festival on the Green



The 39th annual *Fall Festival on the Green* in the village of Chester, will be held on the weekend of September 21-22 in 2013. High quality artists and craftspeople creating handmade work in New England are encouraged to participate. Applications



are currently being accepted and are downloadable at www.chesterfallfestival.org. Participating vendors and corporate sponsors will be listed on the Fall Festival website. A limited number of spots are available at no cost to local non profit organizations, but an application is required. If your Chester business or organization is planning a special event for that weekend, please let the Fall Festival Committee know and we will do our best to include it in our publicity. Contact: chesterfallfestival@yahoo.com.

Vermont Council on Rural Development Announces Staff for Vermont Digital Economy Project

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) is excited to announce the hiring of three new staff members who will oversee the launch the Vermont Digital Economy Project (VDEP). The project, which was announced earlier this year by Governor Peter Shumlin and Vermont's congressional delegation, is funded in large part by a disaster recovery grant from the Economic Development Administration.

"The VDEP will work directly with businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities to expand their use of online tools and strengthen their ability to operate when faced with major disruptions to their location or usual methods of communication and marketing," said Paul Costello, Executive Director of VCRD. "The goal of the VDEP is to help build resilience in many of the towns that were affected by 2011's floods and to advance locally-driven community and economic development in rural Vermont," Costello added.

Sharon Combes-Farr, of Ludlow, will serve as Project Director. She will lead the implementation of the Digital Economy Project and coordinate the work of staff and partners to deploy services and systems in Vermont communities. Combes-Farr has worked for more than 12 years in the telecom industry, most recently as the Director of Marketing at Vermont Telephone Company (VTel).

Due to her own experiences during Tropical Storm Irene, Combes-Farr has great personal passion for the mission of The Digital Economy Project. "During Irene's devastation, we were lucky to be able to get online to complete our FEMA application and post positive images and messages to help my parents' inn stay in business, and even host a wedding just two weeks in the storm's aftermath. Our larger community also leveraged the power of social media in the days and weeks following the storm."

Rob Fish, of Burlington, will serve as the Non-Profit Advisor and Community Organizer. Fish, in conjunction with the Vermont Small Business Development Center, will be providing custom advising and implementation assistance to community groups,

municipalities, businesses and non-profit organizations as they advance their use of Internet-based communications and applications. Fish has over fifteen years of community outreach experience with various community development and advocacy projects in Maine, Vermont, and Ghana.

According to Fish, "The Digital Economy Project is a means of developing and ensuring wide-spread access to tools that will better connect residents, businesses and organizations to each other, to local, state and federal officials and resources, and to the information they need to make informed, efficient, and empowered decisions about their future."

Caitlin Lovegrove, of Burlington, will serve as the Outreach and Network Coordinator for the Digital Economy Project. Lovegrove will be coordinating efforts to deliver digital services and online tools to Vermont communities. She comes to the project with a strong background in online media and networking, having developed her online skills while participating in a journalism fellowship with the Northwest Institute for Social Change and interning with international development and human rights organizations in London and New York.

"I have seen the power of social media and improved technology to improve the reach and scope of an organization," said Lovegrove, "I'm excited to share that with communities across Vermont."

CORK PROJECT!

Many thanks to everyone in Mount Holly for the absolutely fabulous response to the request for wine corks for the Mentoring Program at the Mount Holly Elementary School!

See below for just a few of the great projects done by the students. And we have enough corks left over for more projects next year. Many thanks again!



Keith II Opens In Rutland

The ribbon is cut at the new retail and manufacturing location for Keiths II, located at 15 West St., in Rutland. Keiths II has transformed the former Armory building into a state of the art manufacturing and retail space while maintaining the historic aspects of the building. Keiths II is holding an Open House at their new location, 15 West St., Rutland throughout the month of March. You can stop by and check out the new retail store, free Keith's II t-shirt with purchase (while supplies last). For more information call 802-855-8840 or 1-800-639-6141.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Celebration was attended by Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, several members of the Vermont Legislature and local officials including Mayor Christopher Louras.

Pictured front row left to right

Tom Donahue, Executive Vice President/CEO, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce

Christopher Robinson, Rutland City Board of Alderman

Lyndsay Donahue, Bayada Home Health Care

Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin

Rutland City Mayor Christopher Louras

Cal Lanfear, Keiths II

Brennan Duffy, Executive Director, Rutland Redevelopment Authority

Steve Senecal, Keiths II

Dan Keith, Keiths II

Jerry Hansen, Board of Directors, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce



GAME NIGHT

FEATURING "KING PEDE" A MOUNT HOLLY CARD GAME



SATURDAY, APRIL 13 • 2-4 PM
MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTER

Enjoy an afternoon of old fashioned fun with cards and board games including "King Pede", a card game, which was created and played here in Mount Holly for many generations. *Clarise and Ray Dana*, along with *Bill Seward* will teach you how to play King Pede in the hopes of reviving the game both in our town and beyond! They are also willing to teach other card games. Join your neighbors and friends for an afternoon of fun, friendship and friendly card and board games.

FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD OR CARD GAMES

Sponsored By The Mount Holly Community Association

Mount Holly Elementary School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, April 30, 2013
11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who are 3 years old
on or before August 31, 2013

Please bring the following:

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

Children must attend for screening.
Parents : Please plan to spend time completing
the registration forms.

*A visiting day for future Preschool
children will be scheduled in late August.*

RAVNAH FOOT CLINIC/BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC SCHEDULE APRIL 2013

Day	Date	Town	Site	Time	Nurse(s)
Wednesday	4/3/13	Wallingford	Wallingford House	10:30 am	JoAnn Adams
Thursday	4/4/13	Rutland	Parker House	10:00 am	JoAnn Adams**
Thursday	4/4/13	Rutland	Bardwell House	12:30 pm	**
Wednesday	4/24/13	Rutland	Godnik Center	12:30 pm	JoAnn Adams**

Isn't it your time to Thrive?

Thrive Center
OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

- Chiropractic Care
- Therapeutic Massage
- Holistic Health Education
- Nutritional Supplementation
- Stress Reduction and Natural Body Care Products

Joseph P. Donohue, DC
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