



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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April 2016

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com

E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

First Baptist Church, Wallingford – Worship 10 am, Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm, Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020

Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church – SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm 253 S. Main St, Rutland 802-779-0300

St. Patrick's Mass, Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Phone 446-2161

Annunciation Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Lourduraja Simeone Ph. 228-3451

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707

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 & Sun. 9 am – 12 pm SPRING/SUMMER HOURS April 6th Wed 4-7 pm, Sat 8 am – 2 pm

	1 st		<i>April Fools Day</i>	
Sat	2 nd		<i>Hans Christian Anderson 1805</i>	
Sun	3 rd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Washington Irving 1856</i>	7:00 pm
	4 th		<i>NATO Est 1949 ~ Martin Luther King Jr Assassinated 1968</i>	
	5 th		<i>Booker T. Washington 1856</i>	
	6 th	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Persian Gulf War Ends 1991</i>	7:00 pm
		Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, GMUHS		6:00 pm
		Union #39 School Board Meeting, GMUHS		6:00 pm
		PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School		3:15 pm
	7 th		<i>Metrics System 1795</i>	
Sat	9 th		<i>VT Trout Season Opens ~ Civil War Ends 1865</i>	
	11 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Persian Gulf War Cease Fire 1991</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>Spring Crow Season Ends Fri – Mon Only</i>	
	12 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Selectmen's Meeting, Town Office		7:30 pm
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	13 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Thomas Jefferson 1743</i>	7:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	14 th		<i>Titanic Struck Iceberg 1912</i>	
	15 th		<i>Leonardo DaVinci 1452 ~ America's 1st School For Deaf Founded 1817</i>	
Sat	16 th		<i>Wilbur Wright 1867</i>	
	18 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Paul Revere Midnight Ride 1775</i>	7:00 pm
	19 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	<i>Muskrat Season Ends ~ Revolutionary War Began 1775</i>	7:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
	20 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:00 pm
	22 nd		<i>Earth Day</i>	
Sat	23 rd	Youth Turkey Weekend ~ Passover Begins ~ William Shakespeare born & died 1564-1616		
Sun	24 th		Youth Turkey Weekend Ends	
	25 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
	26 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>John James Audubon 1785</i>	9:00 am
		Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	7:00 pm
			<i>Ulysses S. Grant 18th President 1822</i>	
	28 th		<i>James Monroe 5th President 1758</i>	
	29 th		<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day ~ Arbor Day 1872</i>	
Sat	30 th		<i>Vietnam War Ends 1975</i>	

Emergency Services

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

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

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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 18th -Robyn Lewis * Todd Bussino Sr 19th -Joseph Bourgeois 21st - Alaxander Bussino * Melissa Perry 24th - Vincent Turco * Eric Holt Jr * Eric Holt Sr * Beverly Stearns * Randy Hawkins 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: 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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Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am

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April 11, 1947 ~ Jackie Robinson first African-American Major League baseball player played first base for Brooklyn Dodgers



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

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Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, March 2, along with the boards from Ludlow Elementary School, Black River High School. The group met in the Mt. Holly gymnasium. The board reorganized, again electing Dave Venter as chair and Bob Herbst as clerk. The board appointed representatives to the various committees. They also voted to continue using the VT Journal as the official newspaper for legal notices and to set the regular meeting date and time for the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. with the location to rotate alphabetically between Mt. Holly Elementary, Ludlow Elementary and Black River HS. However the next board meeting will be a joint board meeting between all of the schools in the TRSU and will be held at GMUHS, therefore the Mt. Holly board will meet just before that full board meeting.

The board discussed the Act 46 Study progress. They also participated in an activity with the peer leaders from A World of Difference (AWOD) group at BRHS. The board discussed policies. They also accepted a letter requesting retirement from Ms. Wilcox. They also accepted Ms. Anderson's resignation from the board. The board will be advertising for a new board member that can be appointed.

The next meeting will be at GMUHS on April 14 at 5:00 p.m.



Jeh Kulu comes to Mount Holly Elementary School

BY AIYANA FORTIN - The Vermont Journal

Jeh Kulu, a multicultural African dance and drumming group, came to the Mount Holly Elementary School with the help of Elizabeth Pitts, coordinator, and the Vermont Arts Council. Four members of Jeh Kulu came and stayed with families in the Mount Holly area from Burlington for four days, during which they taught each grade about the cultures of West Africa through drumming, dancing, and stories.

Jeh Kulu means "community" in the Barn bara language of Mali, and that is how these artists teach. Since 1993, Jeh Kulu has worked to teach people of all ages about the traditions of West African culture through dance and drum theater. They offer performances, residencies, and weekly classes as a non-profit organization.

Their arrival on Tuesday began with each class meeting the drummers and dancers, who were from Guinea, Synagogue, and other countries of West Africa. The four members who visited Mount Holly, the small ensemble included brothers, drummers, and a professional dancer and choreographer.

Everybody learned about how different types of drums can be made from cow skin and goat skin to make different tones, and how the size and where you hit the drum makes different pitches, like "bays" and bums." The drums were all different and fitted to the personality of the musician who played them.

Then everyone got to warm-up for the dance, and one of the most exciting parts was getting to take shoes off. There was a part similar to the way a chicken flaps its wings, and all of the jumping around got everyone super excited. Dancing was fun and crazy, with clapping, stomping, and getting a little crazy. There were dances called the Makala, Kuku, Yankadi, Sentay, Moji, and everyone was very tired at the end. But the African dancers didn't get tired; they just kept smiling and "being silly."

Some students said: "The funniest part was when some of the guys would do random funny things in the middle of the class," like when "Ishmael was riding the tricycle," and "when they made funny faces when they played the drum, like staring and puckering his lips and always laughing and smiling." "I liked their wacky mop hair," "and there were guys with stringy hair, straight hair, funky hair, and no hair." "I loved their crazy animal print outfits," "and when they flipped their drum sticks," "and when I got to play the drum!" "It was so funny! One guy came up behind my friend and took her hood and put it up when she wasn't looking! And then he came up behind me and scared me! We laughed and laughed!!!"

"I had so much fun and the artists were so funny! I would love to do this again!"



The Community Guild of Mount Holly Scholarships Awards

Congratulations to Kateri Collins who is attending Stonehill College in Eastin, MA and Michael Poulin who is attending The University of Vermont as they both were awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship which was presented by Bessie Centini representing the Community Guild.



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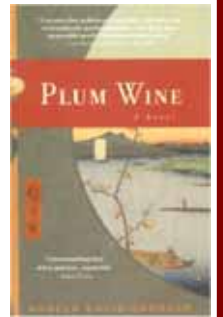
Renewable Energy

My family is in favor of renewable energy to include solar, wind and hydro. I believe we must embrace clean energy for the sake of our children's future. When we were working out the deal between the school board and the town for the sale of the land for the new town garage, we had two options to site the solar panels. We could put them on the school roof and you would never see them or put them in the field where you would see them every day as you went to school. We decided it was important for the children to see and get used to solar and wind structures as it will be part of their future. Also, at the 2003 Mt Holly town meeting the following item was duly warned

and adopted "Be it resolved that the citizens of the town of Mount Holly urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont homes, businesses, public buildings and transportation systems and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont." We voted to make this statement in 2003 and now that it is happening, do we still have this positive vision for our children and grandchildren's future? I hope we do. The town is working on the new town plan and there are those who would put the brakes on solar and wind because they do not want to look at those structures. In my view that is a small price to pay for clean energy. There will be public input on April 11th for the town plan and energy will be the topic. Please bring your concerns and opinions. Jeff Teter, Belmont VT

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 6:00 on April 13th at Susie Hamilton's, 3734 Healdville Road, Belmont. We will be discussing Plum Wine by Angela Davis-Gardner. If you have any questions or want a book, call Minga at 259-2471.



Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

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May 7 th	MHVF Auxiliary – Roast Pork	
May 28 th	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham	
June 18 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef	
July 4 th	Colfax Lodge - Chicken BBQ	11:30 am
	Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am	
July 23 rd	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham	
Aug 13 th	Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork	
Sept 3 rd	Historical Museum - Baked Ham	
Sept 24 th	MHV Rescue Squad – Roast Pork	
Oct 8 th	MHCA - Roast Beef	
Oct 29 th	Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham	



Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-2460



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

Act 1 Training

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On **March 31st at 6:30 p.m. Ludlow Elementary School** will hold the last **Act 1 training** for this school year. If you are planning to attend any end of the year field trips with your child's class you will need to have this training.

All chaperones must have this training. No Exceptions.

If you think grandma or grandpa might be invited to go with your child on a field trip they would need to have the training as well.



MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

"Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA" Vermont Premier Movie Screening with Moviemaker Talk

On Sunday, May 1 at 4 pm, the Mount Holly Town Library and the Book Nook will co-sponsor a screening of *"Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA"* at the Mount Holly School. Independent filmmakers Michael Maglaras and Terri Templeton of 217 Films will introduce the film and take questions following the screening. This film is now premiering in museums across the nation so we are particularly honored that the filmmakers are coming personally to bring us this film that captures and identifies the significance of art in the American cultural life and history.

In May 1935, as part of the great return-to-work effort known as the Works Progress Administration (the WPA) President Franklin Delano Roosevelt returned Americans to work in the service of the rebuilding of a society staggering under the weight of the Great Depression.

Under the Federal Art Project of the WPA, these workers included artists, writers, actors, and musicians; for Roosevelt believed that in order to lift ourselves out of economic stagnation we would also need to rebuild the culture of America at the grass roots level.

Featuring more than 70 works of art from this period, including notable works by Rockwell Kent, Dorothea Lange, Stuart Davis, and Reginald Marsh, as well as rare footage of WPA artists at work, this film tells the story of how Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal moved art in America out of the rarified atmosphere of the elite and brought it directly to the American people as an inspiration and catalyst for change and recovery in the 1930s.

Last July we screened 217's film *"The Great Confusion: The 1913 Armory Show"* to a record audience in the Library Community Room. With the filmmaker's personal appearance, we want to be sure we accommodate enthusiastic film goers so the screening will take place in the **Mount Holly School gymnasium**. To quote *Artes Magazine*, *"Enough to Live On"* "has brilliantly captured the tenor of that time, with all of its complexity, controversy and hope". Please join us for this exciting premier! Free and open to the public (wheelchair accessible).

Spring Plants in Time for Easter – Library Fundraiser Friday, March 25th from 1 to 4 at the Library and at the Belmont Store Saturday, March 26th from 9 to noon we will be selling beautiful primrose, daffodils and grape hyacinths. Each year we offer these adorable plants in time for folks to put spring cheer in your homes and to give to family and friends. They are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. Get them while they last, we always sell out!

Volunteer Tea ~ Hello Library Volunteers and volunteer wannabes,

We may not have told you lately, but hope you know it's true, that every day we're grateful for volunteers like you! Please give us the chance to let you know in person. Come to the Volunteer Tea at the library on Sunday, April 17th at 2 pm. Let us know if you will be able to join us (and feel free to bring a friend or two) so we can plan our get together. RSVP to mthollylibrary@gmail.com or call 259-3707. We hope you'll join us!!

Photo Gallery Opening – Tisa Van Dine – The Nature of New England: Up Close

On **Saturday, August 9, from 6-8 pm** Mount Holly resident Tisa Van Dine will be hosting an opening reception of her newest work. She has been fine tuning her photography skills for more than 10 years. Her photographs are a reflection of her love of the outdoors and the beauty of New England. Join us in the Mount Holly Library & Community Room for refreshments and a chance to see how Tisa artistically captures the world around us through her lens.

Thanks to Jeff Teter and Kevin Plew – Computer Gurus

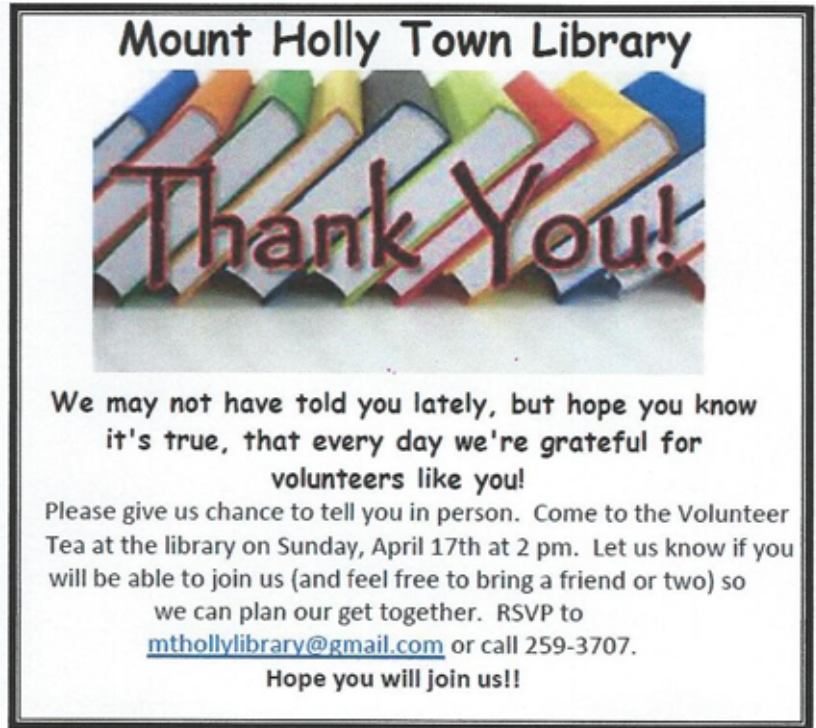
Thank you to Jeff Teter for hooking up a Wi-Fi extender so that the Mount Holly Museum and all of downtown Belmont can now enjoy access to the internet. Your network access should identify it as "lib ext" and it is unprotected. So now even sitting in the gazebo you can enjoy the internet. I had to call upon Kevin twice this month to get the computers talking to the printers. As always thank for your expertise when no one else can figure it out!

Save the Date - Green Up Day, Saturday, May 7th

Just a reminder that Green Up Day will be coming up in a month. Let's have a big turn out this year! Sign up starts at 9 am at the Library. See you then!

Keep Mount Holly Clean and Green!

April 30th is Independent Book Store Day – Stop in and Support The Book Nook, Ludlow, VT



SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 2, 2016
8TH ANNUAL **SPRING**



AN OLD STYLE - ROAD HOUSE
DANCE HALL JAMBOREE

8:00 PM - WARM UP WITH MUSIC BY THE
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9:00 PM - DANCE TO THE SOUNDS OF THE
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Mechanicsville Cemetery Request For Bids

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

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

THANK YOU to the Mount Holly voters for the support of our budget this year!

~Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad~



Mount Holly Library Seeking New Director

The Mount Holly Town Library Board of Trustees seeks a well-organized, creative self-starter for the position of Library Director. The director will oversee all aspects of library functions including, but not limited to, supervision of volunteers, interaction with Vermont Department of Libraries, programming, purchasing, cataloging, grant-writing, and completion of necessary reports. Position requires organization, strong computer skills, including website management, communication and

people skills. This position requires a candidate who is able to engage the public in a positive manner, multi-task, and think creatively. Of course, the candidate must love books and reading! The successful candidate will be expected to work toward the Vermont Public Library certification.

This is a year-round, part-time position of approximately 12-15 hours per week beginning June 1, 2016

Please submit a resume and three references to: mthollylibrary@gmail.com or mail to: Mount Holly Town Library, PO Box 93, Belmont, Vermont 05730

Please refer to the Mount Holly Town Library's website for a full job description: <https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>
Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Vermont Film Premier "Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA"



Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 4 pm

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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 2nd, the doors will open at 8:00 pm for the night everyone has been waiting for all winter. Forget about those winter snows (what there was of it!) and kick the mud off your boots. The *Tony Lee Thomas Band* will take the stage at 9:00 pm and keep us all rocking and stomping until midnight. The doors will open at 8:00 and the *Mount Holly Folk Group* will be the warm up act, entertaining us until 9:00 pm. Admission is \$10 in advance (tickets at the library, the Belmont Store, and People's United Bank in Ludlow), or \$12 at the door. Don't forget to bring some cash for the 50/50 raffle we'll be having during the evening. The party is BYOB...see you there!

On Friday, March 4th, the artists of the **Mount Holly Artists' Group**, coordinated by Madeleine Fay, held their annual art show and reception. A large crowd of about 40+ people showed up for a lovely evening during which a number of the artists displayed their work and discussed how and why they became involved with the Saturday morning group. Participants included experienced artists, as well as folks just starting out. It was truly inspiring to see their enthusiasm for their own work and for each other's. Congratulations to all of the participants...Madeleine Fay, Pat LaBella, Sue Presson, and Barbara Roberts! Special thanks to Madeleine Fay for starting the group and shepherding them through their first few years. Madeleine asks us to remind you that their meetings are on-going every Saturday morning from 10:00 – 12:00 noon in the Community Room. All are invited to join!

The MHCA is very pleased to announce that **membership** hit an all time high this year. One hundred fifty 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, Beth Latino, for all of her hard work! Thank you one and all!!

As you can see in all of the Chit Chats, something is always going on in the **Community Room!** The Mount Holly Artists' Group continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 12:00 noon (thanks to Madeleine Fay); yoga is on Mondays at 4:30 and the Mount Holly Folk Group is there on Mondays at 7:00 pm. The weekly Play Group is every Tuesday morning; Bone Builders is there at 9:00 am on Wednesdays and Fridays. The room is also available for small parties, so if you are looking for a lovely room in which to have a party, or a 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

Calling all Gardeners!!

Would you like to open your garden for
the Mount Holly Community Association Garden Tour
on Saturday, July 23, 2016?

Show off your garden to friends and neighbors
and visitors from afar.

All gardens are welcome...
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Proceeds benefit the on-going restoration &
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The Mount Holly Library & Community Center
Building

If you are interested, please contact
Linda Miller
LindaDDMiller@aol.com
259-3060

\$25/hour for non-members.

In advance: believe it or not, the annual MHCA **Garden Tour** is just a few months away, but the planning for this very successful event begins *now!* Linda Miller, the coordinator for the Garden Tour, is looking for volunteers to exhibit their gardens this coming July 23rd from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Those who have volunteered their gardens in the past tell us that it is really great fun to meet so many people from around town as well as from afar and the extra added benefit...it really provides the motivation to get their gardens looking exactly like they want them to! Please contact Linda (259-3060 or lindaddmiller@aol.com) if you would like to be on the tour this year. Thanks so much!

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BRACC Update April, 2016

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The Black River Area Community Coalition (BRACC) with support from an Okemo Community Challenge Grant and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) will host a Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking. Parents and community members are invited to the Ludlow Community Center on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00p for a presentation by Steve Waldo, a retired investigator and educator for the Vermont Department of Liquor Control. Dinner will be provided beforehand at 5:30 and childcare will be provided. There will be a door prize raffle for adults who attend this free event.

Students in Grades 7 - 11 will hear a similar presentation: Refuse to Use, Teens Choices & Consequences earlier in the day. Students who come in the evening with a parent or guardian will also be eligible for raffle prizes. Please save the date, and attend this event.

For more information, call BRACC at 228-7878. Be a good role model for your child. Come and learn about preventing underage drinking.
 April is Alcohol Awareness Month.

Thanks to the voters of Mount Holly who supported our request for funding for 2016/2017. This support will permit the continued teaching of drug and alcohol prevention to our children at Mount Holly School and support activities such as the March 29 presentation for our teens and parents. We appreciate your financial and moral support.



Who You Are When Nobody's Looking

Years ago I recall an acquaintance giving me a walking tour of London. In several locations, I noticed large signs with the simple words: "Take Courage". I knew it was unlikely they'd be WWII leftovers to encourage folks during the bombing of London, so I asked about them. The reply was, "Oh yes, those... they attract a lot of attention, but in actuality they're simply... what do you call them in America? Billboards ... advertisements for Courage beer!

Each of us is a walking advertisement (for good or for ill) in the way in which we live on a daily basis. Character, a wise person once said, is what we do when nobody's looking. It's not the same as reputation that's what other people think of us and it can take a lifetime to build and just a few moments to destroy. Likewise, character is not the same as success or achievement. Character is not what we have *done*, but who we *are*. So

often the news is filled with individuals who've exhibited tragic lapses of character, but describing its absence doesn't tell the whole story. People whom we know give evidence of strong character in hundreds of ways every day:

- A woman confronts her terror of public speaking so she can tell her church congregation about her miraculous answer to prayer. *That's courage.*
- A man vows to get up twenty minutes early every morning to jog a mile, and he keeps his vow. *That's discipline.*
- A high school teacher patiently draws out an inattentive student and discovers she is a gifted writer. *That's vision.*
- A college student, overwhelmed by tests and term papers, considers dropping out, but decides to stay and study instead. *That's endurance.*
- A father notices his daughter's tearstained face, and so he sits down and encourages her to tell him what's on her heart. *That's compassion.*
- A parent gives up an attractive job promotion so the family can stay in the town where they've made friends and put down roots. *That's self-sacrifice.*

Those important qualities are what make common people *great*. Obviously, no matter how wonderful your character is, it'll never be wonderful enough to win God's approval and somehow improve your heavenly credit rating. That's because salvation cannot be earned. It's God's free gift to you through Christ.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus used himself as an example of how his disciples should live, vividly portrayed in his washing the disciple's feet. He humbly showed himself to be a man of character. Jesus assures all who follow him that we are chosen, loved and can have his resurrection power to be like him-individuals who maintain character even when faced with temptations and troubles.

Character is our world's most pressing need. We long to see it in our law enforcers, our soldiers, and our statesmen. To the extent that our own characters grow stronger, the world will be a better place.

So (what are you most afraid of?) *take courage* it's a very good place to start. *Pastor Glenn, The Village Church*

**New Documentary “Enough to Live On:
The Arts of the WPA” to Screen in Mount Holly**

In May 1935, as part of the great return-to-work effort known as the Works Progress Administration (the WPA) President Franklin Delano Roosevelt brought Americans back to work in the service of the rebuilding of a society staggering under the weight of the Great Depression.

Under the Federal Art Project of the WPA, these workers included artists, writers, actors, and musicians: for FDR believed that in order to lift ourselves out of economic stagnation we would also need to rebuild the culture of America at the grass roots level.

On Sunday, May 1, the Mount Holly Town Library and The Book Nook will co-sponsor a screening of “Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA” at the Mount Holly School.

Independent filmmakers Michael Maglaras and Terri Templeton of 217 Films will introduce the film and take questions following the screening.

Featuring more than 70 works of art from this period, including notable works by Rockwell Kent, Dorothea Lange, Stuart Davis, and Reginald Marsh, as well as rare footage of WPA artists at work, this film tells the story of how Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal moved art in America out of the rarified atmosphere of the elite and brought it directly to the American people as an inspiration and catalyst for change and recovery in the 1930s.

Excerpts from the film can be viewed at this link:
<https://vimeo.com/two17films>.

WHAT: Screening of 217 Films’ “Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA”

Director Michael Maglaras and executive producer Terri Templeton will introduce the film and take questions following the screening. Co-sponsored by Mount Holly Town Library and The Book Nook.



acclaim at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. In 2012, they released “O Brother Man: The Art and Life of Lynd Ward.” In 2013, they released “The Great Confusion: The 1913 Armory Show.” Currently on tour is their latest film “Enough to Live On: The Arts of the WPA” celebrating the ways in which Franklin Roosevelt used the arts to raise the spirits of the American people during the Great Depression.

The Sacramento Bee called Michael Maglaras a filmmaker of “Bergman-like gravitas.” His films have been described as “virtuoso filmmaking” (National Gallery of Art) “alive and fresh” (Art New England) “elegiac and insightful” (Naples Daily News) “unforgettable” (Journal of American History) and “comparable to that of the widely acclaimed Ken Burns” (New Britain Herald). David Berona, author of “Wordless Books,” said of “O Brother Man” “This film is stunning.” Judith Regan of Sirius XM called it “magnificent.” The Dartmouth’s review of “The Great Confusion” noted “Michael Maglaras brought the drama of the original show back to life.” Library Journal called it “An excellent analysis of an event that changed the art world.” The Blue Paper called Maglaras’s film on the arts of the WPA “a wonderful celebration of America, her people, and her possibilities.” Matt Hinrichs wrote “The only thing better than this documentary would be for the WPA itself to come back.” Maglaras was recently featured in a full-length interview on Conversations from Penn State on Public Television. www.two17films.com

Pictured above Filmmakers Michael Maglaras, Director and Terri Templeton, Executive Producer of 217 films.

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**Saturday - April 2, 2016
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**Follow-up with a stop at
Smith Maple Crest Farms'
Sugarhouse**

WHEN: Sunday, May 1 - 4:00 PM

WHERE: Mount Holly School, 150 School St., Mount Holly, Vermont

COST: Free and open to the public

FMI: 802-259-3707 (Mount Holly Library)

More about 217 Films: 217 Films is an independent film company devoted to the American artistic experience. In 2005, Michael Maglaras and Terri Templeton released their first film “Cleophas and His Own” about the American painter Marsden Hartley’s epic narrative of love and loss. Maglaras both directed and played the role of Hartley in this film. In 2008, they released a second film about Hartley called “Visible Silence: Marsden Hartley, Painter and Poet” – the first-ever documentary on the life of Hartley. In 2010, with their film “John Marin: Let the Paint be Paint!” they established, through the first full-length documentary on this important painter, that John Marin was one of the fathers of American Modernism.

These films, among other distinctions, have been shown to



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etc. They are also the subject of a public hearing where anyone can attend and address the eight committee members regarding the judge's performance on the job. Behind the scenes over the course of this process, questionnaires are sent to attorneys who have appeared before them, court staff and others. The responses are anonymous, unless a party chooses to divulge their name. In this business there are satisfied and dissatisfied customers. Many times even those who have lost in court express that they were treated fairly. Vermont chooses to evaluate every six years the Supreme Court Justices, Superior Court Judges and Magistrates via the retention process rather than have them campaign for election and solicit money to help them get elected. Next year twelve judges will be evaluated. Only Probate Judges and Assistant Judges (formerly called side judges) are elected by the general public.

Many judges retired over the last two years thus eight new judges have been appointed to the bench by the Governor via a different screening process and are awaiting confirmation by the Senate. They are able to start working in the courts prior to their Senate confirmation.

Come join the crowds that are visiting and hear the testimony on various issues. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County

The State House hallways were brimming over with citizens from all parts of the state this week. Private groups are allowed to use some State House rooms for events and gatherings provided they are not needed at the time for Legislative meetings. On this date some of the visiting groups were the VT Association of Mental Health, for Mental Health Advocacy Day, the VT Association of Credit Unions, the Independent Living Council, fourth graders from Rutland Intermediate School who were enjoying lunch and a tour as well as a gubernatorial candidate giving a press conference in the Cedar Creek Room. All of the Legislative Committees were meeting when time allowed between action on both the House and Senate floors.

A Joint Assembly of the House and Senate for the purpose of Judicial Retention for four Superior Judges also occurred. The judges being reviewed all sought to be approved for new six year terms beginning April 1st. These judges, Thomas Durkin, David Howard, Robert Mello and Helen Toor had started the retention review process last summer. The process involves submitting three court decisions as work samples, financial information, educational information (there's a judicial college), expressions as to why they wish to be retained, complete questionnaires and be interviewed by the Judicial Retention Committee. They are evaluated on their judicial temperament, legal knowledge, impartiality, diligence, administrative skills,



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Letter to the Editor,

The bill to allow the recreational use of marijuana has passed the Vermont Senate. S.241 is now assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. If it moves out of this committee it will be reviewed by the House Ways and Means (tax) Committee, and then the Appropriations Committee. It is not known if there is enough support to move the Senate-passed version for a vote by the full House.

I want you to understand my feelings about expanding the use of marijuana. I spoke at our town meeting and do understand that there are many of you that have strong feelings about this issue. But I would also like you to know that we are receiving a lot of information from both sides, and my committee has recently participated in several hearings on the Senate-passed version. It is understood that at least half of the people think we should legalize. The answer is not that easy when we do not have any controls in place to regulate it. There is not a test available to immediately measure the amount of the chemical in a person's system as we do with alcohol when someone is stopped while driving.

Many of you have provided me with your personal feelings over the years. And while we may not always agree, I do appreciate your input on many issues. I have been consistent in my message that there are four groups that would be affected the most by the legalization of marijuana. I am referring to health care providers, substance abuse counselors, educators, and law enforcement officers. They are almost universally opposed to the expansion of its availability. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety has stated that he would likely need at least 30 more State troopers to enforce the increase in drugged driving and our State's border activity. I am also worried about our children's exposure to marijuana smoke and the likely movement toward eatables. And many employers are concerned about the costs of workers' compensation due to the increase in workplace accidents.

Often I hear a reference to how much revenue could be raised by legalization. We are being reminded that money would not be the main reason, and that nearly all the generated revenue would be used to regulate and enforce it, and to educate young people and treat drug problems. I would rather not be the first state in our region of the country to legalize. The influx of people to Colorado has increased their unemployment and homelessness rates.

Please contact me about this issue, and others that are important to you at 802-259-2460, or at ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us. Dennis Devereux



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9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment

(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2016

Please bring the following:

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

Children must attend for screening.
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Mount Holly Town News

All Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting March 8th, 2016. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvt.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library. "DRAFT" includes Planning Commission minutes as well.

SELECT BOARD ~ MARCH 08, 2016

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

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were several additions to the Agenda. Under Other, a liquor license renewal, and 3 additional notices regarding the Hedgehog Hill Wind Project.
2. Minutes:
 - The minutes of the regular meeting of February 09 were sent out before the meeting for review. David Johnson noted that the town would be collecting interest on the Rescue Squad's CD "until the CD matures". Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the February 09 minutes as amended. (3-0)

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

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3. Reorganization for 2015-2016

Upon motions made and seconded, the following were VOTED (all votes were 3-0, except as noted)

Selectboard Chair – Ted Crawford

Tree Warden – Ray Tarbell

911 Coordinator – Sue Covalla

Town Service Officer – on hold pending legislation to change to state changes

Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald

Law Firm for Tax Sales – Sue Crawford (2-0, Ted Crawford abstained)

Selectboard Clerk – Rhonda Rivers

The Town Clerk appointed Nancy Conner, Barbara Ludwig and Joan McCallum as Assistant Town Clerks. There will be three for a period of time while Nancy learns the job.

The Town Treasurer appointed Diana Garrow as Assistant Town Treasurer.

The date and time of the regular Selectboard meeting was set as the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm.

The 2 public places for posting of the agenda are the Mount Holly Post Office and the Belmont Post Office.

The 911 measuring will be done by the Selectboard Chair, Ted Crawford. On a weekly basis, the orders will be reviewed and signed by the Selectboard Chair, Ted Crawford.

4. Highways

- Annual Financial Plan: The Board reviewed and signed the Annual Financial Plan which provides the town's budget for highways. This required document is used with grant applications and FEMA disasters, among other things.
- FY17 Town Highway Class 1 Paving and Structures Grants and Better Back Roads (BBR) Grants: Jeff reviewed the plans for paving and structures grants. In addition the town will be applying for a BBR grant for one culvert on Tarbellville Road and a BBR grant for culvert and road inventories, including software for maintaining the inventories. The Selectboard Chair will need to sign the forms once they are completed.
- Hortonville Road curve (Haskell's property). Jeff reported he had hauled stone up there to provide protection for the house, as well as posting reduced speed signs for the curve itself. He reported the Haskells seemed happy with the changes.

5. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated February 29, 2016 showing cash balances of \$2,012,158. Highlights: Delinquent taxes: A tax sale is planned for March 21 which will clear up the prior year's delinquencies (the other one has paid). Income and Expenses: The three subdivisions that have been filed and one pending will meet the budgeted amount. Solid Waste label sales are running ahead of last year and the budgeted amount, while expenses are within the budget. The amount paid for reappraisals came in \$2000 less than budgeted. Highway equipment repairs are under budget. Winter materials should come in under budget, barring unexpected expenses.
- Authorization for Orders: Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to put on the orders and pay certain items: payroll taxes and withholding payments, regular wages, postage, property tax refunds and school advances per the schedule reviewed annually. (3-0)

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

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

VOTED: To authorize the Select Board Clerk to review all invoices, bills and other requests for payments and place them on the orders for the Selectboard to authorize for payment. (3-0)

6. Transfer Station –

- The Board approved starting summer hours at the Transfer Station on April 6th. The last Sunday will be April 03; the first Wednesday will be April 06.

7. Planning Commission

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) and Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council (TAC): Don Richardson had provided a report on both entities, in the event he could not get to the Selectboard meeting in time. The RRPC meeting this month was mainly about West Rutland and Rutland Town working to increase transportation options jointly under a Smart Growth Connection Plan. TAC continues to monitor the State's infrastructure priorities, which so far keep Route 140 and Route 155 as 1 and 2 respectively. There were no other issues directly affecting Mount Holly at either meeting.
- Village Center Designation Renewal for Belmont: The Board signed two pages which will be required in the application. David Hoeh will complete the application shortly.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Ted reported that our plan has been sitting at the State for over a year, with no action. He called a meeting on March 3 of the original group to review updates for several of the pages. The updates were sent to RRPC for review, who will then forward the plan to the State (and ultimately FEMA). After FEMA approves, it must be reviewed every year.
- LEPC Update: This plan must be updated each year between March 1st and May 1st. Ted has forwarded the plan to Josh Griffin, the town's Emergency Management Coordinator. The plan has been forwarded to Fire, Rescue and the Constable for their comments by the end of March. The Board would then be able to approve an updated plan at the April meeting.

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS EFFECTIVE

APRIL 6, 2016

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

Last Sunday is April 03

First Wednesday is April 6

Closed Sunday April 10

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

Mount Holly Listers Hours

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

documentation on this and look at it again at a future meeting.

8. Other Business

- Rabies Clinic: The annual clinic will be held on Saturday March 19, 10 am to 12 noon.
- School Mowing, normally discussed at this meeting, has been moved to the School Board. David noted that May and June mowing would still be covered in this year's town budget. The school will be called to remind them of this.
- Hedgehog Hill Wind Farm: The town had received 5 notices regarding this project: a) 02/12/16 notice of Motion to Intervene by Ron Unterman; c) 02/25/16 Notice of Deficient Application from the Public Service Board (PSB); b) 02/23/16 letter from the Selectboard to PSB regarding the Moratorium previously passed.; d) 02/29/16 comment letter about the project by VT Division for Historic Preservation (no adverse effect); e) 03/02/16 Amended Application by Star Wind.

Ron Unterman was present and provided more details and reasons for his motion(s). He noted that Bennington had recently won a case before the PSB, mainly on the basis of their town plan. Ron also said his attorney would be drafting a letter about town-wide issues, which could be included in the new town plan. He asked the Selectboard would be willing to draft another letter to the PSB regarding the town plan issues, and asking the PSB for an extension on the 30 day comment period to beyond the next Selectboard meeting.

Ted noted the Board had sent a letter regarding the moratorium. He did not feel they could send another letter leaning one way without getting the town involved in that decision. Tim and Ray agreed with him. Several others commented in agreement, some saying they had no problem with the project. Don Patch recommended that the Board not get involved unless an attorney representing the town says to get involved.

- Selectboard Clerk Job Description was sent out previously for review. Ted noted that the intent is to have updated job descriptions for all positions, and this is the first. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the Select Board Clerk job description as presented. (3-0)

- The Board reviewed and signed a liquor license renewal for the Belmont General Store.



9. Executive Session.

* Upon motion made and seconded, at 8:15 pm, the Board VOTED: To enter executive session to review a job evaluation, under Title 1 VSA § 313(a)(3). (3-0)

10. Upon motion made and seconded, at 8:25 pm, the Board VOTED: To return from executive session. (3-0)
No decisions were announced after the executive session.

11. The Board reviewed and signed the February orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:26 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Advisory Council Committee – February 22, 2016 ~ Committee Members Present: Tom Veysey, Peter Berger, Alyson Blodgett, Ed Bove (RRPC), Nicole Griffin (Clerk)

Ad Hoc: Ted Crawford, Select Board Chair, Bill McGrath, Planning Commission Chair,

Public: Josh Griffin, Jim Seward, Paul Faenza, Minga Dana, Denise Young, Kristen Veysey, Annette Lynch, Candace Neary, Don Richardson, Steve Howlett, Russ Garrow, Cash Woods, Keith Hawkins, Ray Tarbell, Brigid Sullivan, David Hoeh, Francis DeVine, Dorothy Stanley, Rhonda Rivers

Meeting was called to order by Ed Bove at 6:00 pm. The Advisory Council, Fire Department, Rescue Squad, Constable and the EMO introduced themselves. Ed Bove stated that all future meetings would start at 6:00 pm and would be held at the School.

The Fire Department would like to see more dry hydrants in certain areas of the town. They also would like to establish a maximum grade percentage for driveways as this would ensure home owners would have better protection as Fire and Rescue could safely get equipment to their houses. Both Fire and Rescue wanted home owners to post their 911 addresses in front of their homes or at the beginning of long driveways.

The Rescue Squad is concerned about having enough volunteers to cover the town adequately in five years. They are also testing “stipend” payments for responding to calls and the Fire Department is considering this option as well in hopes of increasing participation.

Josh Griffin, EMO, stated the town does not need a generator at this time but it may in the future and should be noted in the Town Plan.

Another concern expressed by all was the lack of cell phone coverage in Mount Holly. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Griffin

The Advisory Planning Council

The Advisory Planning Council which was appointed by the Planning Commission to draft a new Town Plan for Mount Holly will be meeting on Monday April 11th and Monday April 25th.

The meeting on **April 11th** will address **Energy Policies**, including renewable energy and siting of wind and solar in our community. This meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

On Monday **April 25th** we will be discussing **Transportation** (starting at **6:00 p.m.**) and **Recreation** starting at **6:30 p.m.**

These meetings will be held at the Mount Holly School. Citizen participation will guarantee that the Town Plan will incorporate the visions and concerns of our community. Please attend.

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

Random Thoughts As We Age...

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller! Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!

I don't trip over things. I do random gravity checks!

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop #%\$* me off!

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment... Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can & the friends to post my bail when I finally snap!

I don't have gray hair, I have "wisdom highlights", I'm just very wise.

My people skills are just fin. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

Even duct tape can't fix stupid...but it can muffle the sound!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?

At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

Chocolate come from cocoa which is a tree... that makes it a plant which means... chocolate is Salad!!!



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce March Member of The Month

Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the March Member of the Month to Francy & Sheldon of the Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern in Chester VT.

Criteria used:

1. Contributes to community
2. Hosts and/or co-hosts mixers
3. Current on dues
4. Donations (door prizes for mixers/events)
5. Participates in shows.
6. Packages with other businesses
7. Participates in "Just Between Us".
8. Advertises/promotes & participates in guidebook and co-op advertising.
9. Contributes in monthly committee meetings.
10. Is an ambassador for the chamber and region.



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BRGNS Seeks Rummage Sale Donations

The folks at Black River Good Neighbor Services are seeking donations of saleable goods for their annual spring rummage sale. The rummage sale includes all sorts of

clothing, shoes, housewares, books, and furniture of all types. There is a big need for bureaus and dressers, beds, bunk beds, bedding, dining and kitchen tables and chairs, and small appliances and tools. They do not accept large appliances or televisions.

Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase food for the food shelf or used for financial assistance programs in the community. BRGNS also runs a thrift store at 37B Main Street in Ludlow – behind the Ludlow Community Center. Its programs serve Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth. Black River Good Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) charity and donations are tax deductible.

If you have something to donate, please bring it to the thrift store. For large items, please call ahead to 802-228-3663.



JAZZ, BLUES & SOUL RAISE THE ROOF

On Sunday April 3, Proctorsville's Raise the Roof winter concert series will be capped with a stellar performance by the beautiful Wanda Houston, known for her soulful singing of blues, funk, jazz and dusky romantic standards. Performing since third grade and trained in opera, Houston has sung and acted her way across theater stages, on film, in cabarets, recording studios and large concert halls. She can belt out the blues, move your spirit with gospel and stir your soul with timeless romantic standards. A critic for *Time Out* magazine in New York wrote, "The mega voiced Wanda Houston blows the roof off!"

Houston will be joined on stage by the renowned Eugene Uman on keyboard and Dave Picchi on acoustic bass. Uman is the musical director of Brattleboro's Vermont Jazz Center and Picchi teaches and performs his blend of pop, soul, jazz and rock in northern Massachusetts. The convergence of talent that Houston, Uman and Picchi bring to the stage will create a remarkable

afternoon of music in a tiny church with big acoustics.

The concert is at 4:00 at Gethsemane Church on Depot St. Admission is \$10 at the door, a small price to pay for a memorable performance of terrific live music in an intimate venue. Put it on your calendar!

SECOND TUESDAY OPEN MIC

The **Second Tuesday Open Mic Night** will take place on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Wallingford Town Hall.

Musicians, poets and storytellers are invited to take the stage to perform in front of an enthusiastic audience of friends and neighbors who may sing along, dance or just relax and enjoy the show. A sound system is available. Performers may contact the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com for more information. You can sign-up in advance or the same night.

Delicious desserts and beverages will be available with non-profit groups receiving the proceeds. Plan to attend Second Tuesday Open Mic Night on Tuesday, April 12 at Wallingford Town Hall – 75 School Street in Wallingford.



Mount Holly 2016 Photo Contest



Want your photo
to be featured in the 2018 calendar?

Take a photo in April and you
have the best chance of being in the
Mount Holly Calendar
Be sure to make it a horizontal photo!



So grab your camera, watch out
for getting stuck in the mud,
and capture the first signs of spring!

For more information, please contact
Janet Warren at 259-2007

The Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar are
sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association.
All proceeds help fund activities in our community.

Together, under the direction of Peter Hackett at the company's new Barrette Center for the Arts, April 20 to May 8. Dorset will follow with *Table Manners*, directed by Evan Yionoulis, running June 16 to July 2. Weston will conclude the series with *Round and Round the Garden*, directed by Michael Berresse, playing July 21 to 30. The design team includes David Arsenault (set), Stuart Duke (lighting), Charles Schoonmaker (costumes), and Jane Shaw (sound). The cast features Richard Gallagher as Norman, Caitlin Clouthier as Sarah, Ashton Heyl as Ruth, Mark Light-Orr as Reg, Jenni Putney as Annie, and Dave Mason as Tom. Danielle Zandri is production stage manager.

Audiences are encouraged to travel from theatre to theatre to view the entire trilogy and to take advantage of various incentives and opportunities including but not limited to local dining options, artist panels, and ticketing collaborations. *The Norman Conquests* is a #VTarts2016 event, with media sponsorship from Vermont Public Radio. It is the first step in an ongoing three-theatre program to pool resources and share work with a wider audience. The three theatres have already begun to talk about coordinating a regional festival of new work.

For more information about *The Norman Conquests* and the work of the three companies, visit their websites at dorsettheatrefestival.org, northernstage.org, and westonplayhouse.org.



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, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler (802.446.7011) and / or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at (802.446.3672).

Vermont Theatres Launch Historic Collaboration

Three theatres in one of the country's smallest states have a big idea. Vermont's Dorset Theatre Festival, Northern Stage, and Weston Playhouse Theatre Company are creating an historic partnership to bring British playwright Alan Ayckbourn's celebrated comic trilogy, *The Norman Conquests*, to their stages in the spring and summer of 2016. More than a year in the planning, the collaboration has three nationally prominent directors working with the same cast and creative team on successive productions of the three plays in White River Junction, Dorset, and Weston.

Artistic Directors Dina Janis (Dorset), Carol Dunne (Northern Stage) and Steve Stettler (Weston) have been sharing artists, goods, and ideas for several years while searching for a way to work together more closely. Janis proposed *The Norman Conquests* and got an immediate "yes" from the others, who share her love of Ayckbourn and agreed that the chance to produce three interrelated plays was a perfect opportunity for a deeper partnership. The trilogy follows the amorous exploits of assistant librarian Norman in and around an English country house on a summer weekend. The cast of six become enmeshed in "an ingenious Chinese puzzle" of relationships that can be enjoyed individually, but even more so, collectively.

Northern Stage will produce the first of the three comedies, *Living*



Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day: Rides Again On Saturday, May 14th, 2016

On Saturday, May 14th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its **18th 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



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

April Chamber Corner By Marji Graf, CEO

- We are creating a virtual area visitor guide for our website. People will be able to view businesses from the inside and outside. Google Street View Indoors was here on March 14th & 15th. They will be back to our regional on a quarterly basis.
- Our Regional Guidebook for the May 2016 - May 2017 season was closed out March 4th and is being designed by Hawthorn Creative. It will be distributed before Memorial Day.
- Congratulations to Cota Oil on their 75th Anniversary. You're invited to a cookout on 5/5 from 11-2pm at the Ludlow location.
- Congratulations to the Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern in Chester for being chosen March Members of the Month. Congratulations to the Vermont Journal for being chosen April Members of the Month.

Save the dates:

April 13 & 14
April 19
April 30
May 18
June 11
June 18
July 28-30
August 26
August 27 & 28
September 21

Vermont Tourism Summit, Killington www.vttourismsummit.org
Google workshop with Kim Dixon at Newsbank, 1-3pm Chester
Lunch & Learn from 12n-1pm at The Pot Belly, Ludlow
Annual Meeting 12n-2pm, Coleman Brook Tavern, Ludlow
Home Garden & Recreation Show, 31 Route 103 South, Ludlow
Weston's Anniversary Celebration
Iron Adventure Run, Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow
Cruise In, Bensons Chevrolet
Antique & Classic Car/Motorcycle Show, Fletcher Farm
Chamber Golf Tournament



Solar and Wind Power: “Alternative Energy Sources”

Interested in Solar and Wind Energy as a possible alternative energy source??? Want to make your “Living or Workspace” energy “Net Zero”?

2016 is the year to look into this unique opportunity to make your own Electricity while increasing the value of your property and reducing your Income Tax liability and daily living expense..

Learn more solid facts about “Solar & Wind Generated Electricity” by contacting COUNTRY HOME MANAGEMENT @802 228-7086 or LNR Associates @802 228-1179 for a FREE “Site Evaluation”! There is no cost or obligation. We are continuing to offer this as a service to our community.

We are also continuing our collaboration with Efficiency Vermont, NeighborWorks, Prudent Living, LaValley Building Supply, Green Mountain Power, and other organizations who care about our community. If you did not leave the Mount Holly Community open meeting on September 16, 2015 with your questions answered, call us. We will try to help!

If there is sufficient interest, starting on Monday nights in April members of OUR community will again host a DISCUSSION GROUP about “Alternative Energy” in OUR community. We will be presenting hard facts backed up by factual data about Solar & Wind generation in 2016.

Please come join us in this educational endeavor to help OUR community understand OUR options going forward.. The location will be selected based on your response by phone or E-Mail by Friday April 2nd.2016.

Mount Holly Elementary School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & SCREENING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
3:15—4:15 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392



For children:

- * who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2016
and
- * who are not currently enrolled in Mount Holly Preschool

Please bring the following:

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

Children must attend the screening.

Parents : Please plan to spend time completing registration forms.



*Preschool students will be visiting
Kindergarten periodically throughout the spring.*

The Little School Announces 2016-17 Registration and Open House

The Little School would like to announce Open Enrollment for new students beginning April 4, 2016. The Little School, located in Weston, is an NAEYC accredited nonprofit early childhood program for young children ages 2 through 5 years. Founded in 1976, the educators at The Little School offer preschool programs with a curriculum that has been carefully structured to promote the emotional, social, cognitive and physical development of each child. Many local children who are 3 to 5 years old before September 1, 2016 are eligible to attend The Little School up to 10 hours per week with no tuition cost because of the new Act 166 Universal PreK Legislation. This PreK funding is available to families living in Weston, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Andover, Chester, Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Winhall, Manchester and many more towns as well. Individuals should check with their local school boards if they are unsure if funding is available to them.

Interested families are invited to attend an Open House at The Little School on Saturday, April 2nd from 10 – 11:30 AM. Our classroom teachers will be available to meet with families and answer questions about our preschool programs. “Visiting a program and getting a feeling for the vibe is a very important step in selecting a preschool for your child”, states school’s Executive Director, Meghan Meszkat. “One of the benefits of our program is also the flexibility of schedules available”, shares Meszkat. “We offer full and half day options, as well as early morning and afterschool programs, for 2, 3, 4 or 5 day a week schedules. The Little School understands the importance of not just offering enriching preschool programming but also helping working families meet their childcare needs.”

For more information please contact administration at 802-824-3405 or visit www.littleschoolvt.org



Reinbow Riding Center

While the horses took a well deserved and necessary break for the winter, the Board of Directors and volunteers have been busy!

We have a new website and also a presence on facebook. Check us out.

We were able to participate in a program for non profits offered by the United Way that has been very helpful.

We have reached out to new schools and organizations to offer new programs.

May 7th is our volunteer training day. It will be held at the barn in Shrewsbury 430 Robinson Road from 10 am-12. You must be 14 years old to volunteer to be leaders or sidewalkers however, there are many other opportunities to volunteer no matter what your age. Some of the areas that one might like to volunteer might be gardening, helping to build new obstacles for the sensory trail,

helping to mark and clear a new trail, office work, we have been painting mugs to sell that are delightful in the woods Please consider volunteering ,it is a lot of fun and very rewarding.

In June we will be offering a desensitizing clinic to help make your horse more confident in himself and in his rider. Some of the duties our horses are able to do routinely by going through this training are dealing with tarps, noises,balls bouncing off them, going over bridges, horse see saws, obstacles, balloons, umbrellas, trucks large machinery, motorcycles, snowmobiles, they play horse soccer where they kick the ball or basketball on horseback and so much more.

July 2nd there will be a silent auction to benefit Reiiibow Riding Center to be held at the Mount Holly Community Center from 5-7 pm.

Important Information on Medicaid Renewals

Members who are set to lose coverage on February 29 have been sent three notices: one in early January, a reminder a few weeks later, and a closure notice last week.

- o In addition to those Vermonters with the February 29 deadline, a second group received their first notice this month and a third group will receive their first notice in early March.
- o The first two notices that each member receives explains four response options: phone, online, with in-person help, or by mailing a pre-populated form.
- o We encourage members to use whichever method is quickest and easiest for them. The important point is to act promptly to avoid a gap in health coverage.
- o Members who receive the final notice may still take any of the four options, but at that point picking up the phone right away is better than taking the time to deal with mail.

Help is available.

- o As mentioned in the renewal notices, customers who want in-person help can find an Assister in their community at <http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/find> or by calling our Customer Support Center toll-free at 1-855-899-9600.
- o Members who learn that they no longer qualify for Medicaid may need help understanding private health insurance options.
- o A link to “Decision Tools,” including a new Plan Comparison Tool that received 14,000 visits and positive reviews during 2016 open enrollment and beyond, can be found on the VermontHealthConnect.gov home page.
- o Assistors are also a great resource for constituents who want to talk through their options in person.

By acting fast to continue their health coverage, members can avoid having to pay the federal fee for not having health insurance.

- o The typical uninsured individual will pay \$695 when they file their taxes in spring 2017.
- o Those with higher incomes will pay more – 2.5% of their household income above the filing threshold – and could have to pay for all of their own health care costs on top of that.

Members who miss the deadline and lose coverage should still apply for new coverage as soon as possible. Whether they can get coverage will depend on 1) how soon they apply and 2) whether they are ruled eligible for Medicaid. Specifically:

- o If they apply and are ruled eligible for Medicaid, they will be re-enrolled as soon as their income is verified. It is important to note that, even if they need access to care, federal requirements say that they cannot be re-enrolled until their income is verified.
- o If they apply and are ruled ineligible for Medicaid, they will only be able to buy a qualified health plan if it is within 60 days of their loss of coverage. If their 60-day special enrollment period expires, they will likely have to wait until 2017 to buy health insurance.

Wait times are expected to be long as the Monday deadline approaches.

- o Customers with questions that are not urgent or related to deadlines are encouraged to wait until late next week to call.
- o Vermont Health Connect will be closed on Tuesday, March 1 for Town Meeting Day and will re-open at 8am Wednesday, March 2.

The Reason for the Moratorium Becomes Less Clear

In late 2015 the Select Board – stating that the current Town Plan contained no alternative energy provisions - adopted a 2 year moratorium on the construction of commercial wind and solar projects in Mount Holly. While the moratorium could not be enforced, the Select Board believed that this statement would assist the town to control such developments by warning developers of Mount Holly’s position and by showing the Public Service Board (PSB) (in any hearings to approve a commercial project) tangible evidence of the town’s wishes.

Then a strange thing happened! Jason Day applied to the PSB for approval of a commercial wind project on a Hedgehog Hill Road parcel he wishes to purchase. Some or all of his three or four turbines would be visible from Star Lake. Mr. Day has used part of a provision in the Mount Holly Town Plan to support his application.

The lawyer for the abutting property owners - who can testify before the PSB – noted that the current Town Plan (B. IX. Energy #5) requires that “development of alternative energy sources does not negatively impact the environment or the character of the community.” He developed a case based on the project’s impact on many other provisions of the Mount Holly Town Plan, including: it affects a scenic road; it is partly on a wetland; it is 90% on a mapped contiguous wildlife habitat area (including core forest, early successional habitat, and riparian buffers); it abuts a vernal pool and wildlife crossing areas; it is on a steep slope with erosion consequences; it is on the Hedgehog Hill aquifer recharging area that supplies water to all the wells and springs surrounding the Hill, including the village of Belmont and part of Star Lake. The project has not been planned with input from the Town, as required by the Town Plan.

The lawyer offered, through his client, to provide the Select Board with his written materials should they wish to use any part of it in testimony before the PSB. At its March meeting, the Select Board voted to take no position on the wind turbine project, saying it was a private matter. (One town official called it a case of NIMBY.)

Today, courts and Act 250 take town plans into account in their deliberations. Recently, the PSB turned down an application for a commercial solar energy project based on provisions in a town plan. Jason Day used the Town Plan to support his application. So why is our Select Board unwilling to give the same deference to Mount Holly’s Town Plan? Why won’t it use the Town Plan to argue for the least negative impact of the wind project on the scenic beauty and wildlife of our Town? The Town Plan is the embodiment of the wishes of the people of Mount Holly. Why depend on a moratorium that has no recorded vote of the town’s citizens? Annette Lynch

24th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Center's 5K Run/Walk Slated for April 30

Proceeds benefit Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports and Kids on the Move

The 24th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Centers' (VSMC) 5K Run/Walk will be held this year on Saturday, April 30th and all proceeds from the event will benefit Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports and Kids on the Move. The annual event has become a staple among the "first 5Ks of the season," where all ages and abilities are welcome to walk or run for two local causes.

The 5K course starts and finishes at VSMC located at 5 Albert Cree Drive, across from Rutland Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is suggested and first 100 to pre-register will receive an event t-shirt. The cost if one pre-registers is \$20/adults and \$15 for kids ages 10-17. Day of registration cost is \$25/adults and \$20 for kids ages 10-17. Kids under 10 are \$5 and adaptive athletes participate for free.

The Kids Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. with the 5K run/walk immediately following after the fun run. Adaptive athlete run will start at 9:45 a.m. Refreshments will be available for all participants, and prizes will be awarded to first-place finishers in all runner age groups.

For more information or to pre-register, visit www.vermontsportsmedicinecenter.com or call 802.775.1300

About Kids on the Move: Kids on the Move is dedicated to serving children of all ages with rehabilitation needs, providing physical, occupational and speech- language therapy services to children from birth to 21 years of age in their own homes. Whether they come to us for developmental delays or genetic disorders, we believe that every child should have access to the highest quality pediatric rehabilitation care they need to thrive and grow. Founded in 1995, Kids on the Move is now a program of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) and is the only pediatric rehabilitation program within a 60-mile radius of Rutland, Vermont. RAVNAH is a 501c(3) non-profit, Medicare certified home health and hospice agency serving Rutland area residents for 70 years.

About Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports: Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is a 501c(3) non-profit organization, offering statewide, year-round sports and recreation to individuals with physical, mental or cognitive disabilities of all ages. Headquartered at Pico Mountain Ski Resort in Killington, the organization offers programs including: alpine and Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, indoor rock climbing, paddling, sailing, cycling, beeper baseball, tennis, hiking, camping, special activities, competitive programs, camps and events, environmental and wellness programs and more. Statewide locations vary by activity, both recreational and competitive.

Cyber-Seniors Documentary and Discussion at The Gables

The Gables at East Mountain will be hosting a free screening of the humorous and heartwarming documentary Cyber-Seniors on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The critically acclaimed film, called "charming, hilarious and poignant" by NBC News, follows a spirited group of senior citizens as they discover the wonders of the internet and new technology. Under the tutelage of teenage mentors, the lives of the men and women are enriched by digitally connecting them to their families, friends and each other.

A discussion about the victories and challenges faced by the cyber-seniors will take place following the film. Joining the talk will be Linda and John Bryant of Senior Circuit, a local business that focuses on in-home computer and technology education for Vermont senior citizens.

Please contact Randi Cohn at 770.5275 or rcohn@thegablesvt.com to reserve a seat. The Gables, an independent living retirement community, is located at 1 Gables Place, off of Gleason Road, in Rutland.

Caregiving on a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

The Rutland County Caregiver Coalition will be hosting their 12th annual conference, "Caregiving on a Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rutland Regional Medical Center's CVPS/Leahy Community Education Center in Rutland, VT. The conference is intended for anyone helping to care for an aging, disabled, or chronically ill family member, friend or client.

Keynote speaker Cinda Donton, an eldercare clinician and provider of supportive counseling to caregivers, will address "A Caregiver's Dilemma: Decisions in a Time of Stress." Breakout sessions will include learning and practicing self-care techniques including chair yoga with Anne Robbins, tai chi with Nan Hart, and comforting touch with Eva Zivitz and Pam Myers. The conference concludes with a panel discussion addressing attendees' challenges and questions. Lunch will be provided.

As space is limited, registration is required by March 29. Call Amy at (802) 773-2011 or email interageads1@aol.com. The Rutland County Caregiver Coalition is a group of local agencies committed to supporting professional, family and community caregivers in the area through education and collaboration.

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

April Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics

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

Wednesday, 04/06/2016,	Wallingford, Wallingford House,
Thursday, 04/07/2016,	Rutland, Parker House,
Thursday, 04/07/2016,	Rutland, Bardwell House,
Wednesday, 04/27/2016,	Rutland, Godnick Adult Center,

10:30 am
10:00 am
12:30 pm
12:30 pm

Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.

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

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

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

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

Vermont Ostomy Group: A support group for individuals with bowel and bladder ostomies and continent diversions will meet at the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOCN at 802-770-1682.



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

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

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

Donation amount \$ _____ **Tax Deductible** We have Federal tax exempt status.

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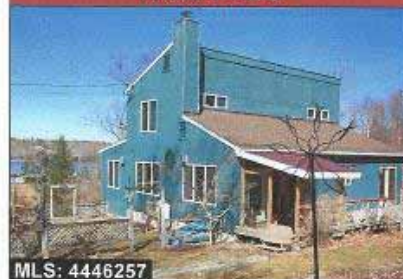


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New Price



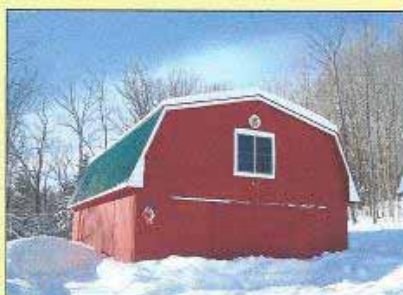
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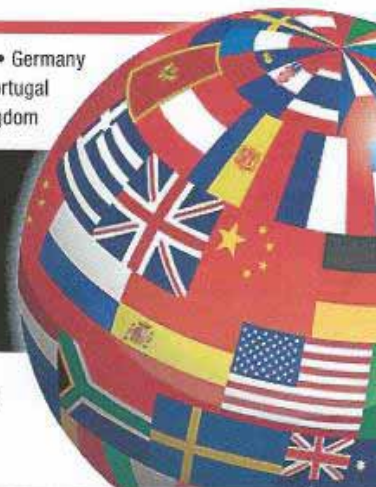
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Belmont Motor Works Harley-Davidson, ATVs, Small Engine 259-3178
Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab gduargin67@gmail.com
Joe's Garage – Small Engine Repair 259-2688
Miller's Garage – Cold River Rd. Rutland 775-6852
Turco's YAMAHA Service & Sales www.turcosyamaha.com 773-8650

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364
Frost Hill Farm Seasonal Peony Wedding Flowers 259-2716
Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net 259-3058
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
Noreen's Petals & Greens 236-8188
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

Hair Cuts

Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

Health Care Providers

Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 446-2499

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management & Mowing 259-2364
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

Lawyers

Liccardi & Crawford PC – Susan Crawford 775-3368

Locksmith & Security

Countryside Lock & Alarms – Mike Blais 259-2213

Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151
Smith Maple Crest Farm www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com 492-2151

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501

Merchandise Sales & Service

Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV 773-8650
www.turcosyamaha.com sales@turcosyamaha.com
Vehicle License Plates, Buying & Selling paulknevin@gmail.com 259-2443

Painters

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

Personal Services

Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786
Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. masterph@vermontel.net 492-3657

Real Estate Sales

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Frank Ellison H 228-4011 - Cell 802-345-3766
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Gail.graves@engelvoklers.com (Mobile) 802-236-5431
Patrick.mclaughlin@evusa.com Cell 203-994-6768 802-975-0338
Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333
Fax 802-228-5343 www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoValley.com
Ty Murray H 259-3014 - Cell 777-8047
Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202
Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design - Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561
Kevin@belmontseptic.com

Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

Volunteer Services

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

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking, ccw@vermontel.net 259-3232
Stone Creek Workshops www.stonecreekworkshops.com 259-7852

