



Mount Holly Chit Chat



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May 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

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

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

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

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

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

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

Apr 27th **Roast Pork Supper**, Benefit MHVFD Auxiliary, Odd Fellows Hall Starting 5:00 pm

1st Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library **Loyalty Day ~ May Day** 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, BRHS **Spring Turkey Season** 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, BRHS 7:00 pm

2nd **Captain John Smith landed at Jamestown 1607**

Sat 4th **Walleye Season**

Sun 5th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow 7:00 pm

7th **National Day of Prayer ~ Robert Browning 1812**

8th Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station **V-E Day WWII 1945** 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

Sun 12th **Florence Nightingale 1820 ~ Mother's Day**

13th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

14th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Lewis & Clark's Expedition 1804** 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

15th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 7:00 pm

16th Two Rivers Supervisory Union Meeting, Ludlow Elementary School Gym 6:30 pm

17th **New York Stock Exchange Est. 1792**

Sat 18th **Mount St. Helens Erupted 1980 ~ Armed Forces Day**

20th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office 7:30 pm

21st Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations **American Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton 1881** 7:00 pm

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

22nd ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

23rd Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

Sat 25th **Baked Ham Supper**, benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall Starting 5:00 pm

27th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building **Memorial Day Observed** 7:00 pm

Wild Bill Hickok 1837

28th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

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

29th **Pres. John F. Kennedy 1917**

30th **Memorial Day**

31st **Spring Turkey Season Ends**

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112 802-773-9101
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



Send **ARTICLES** to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 **Phone** 259-2314 or **E-Mail** to chitchat@vermontel.net

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May Birthdays: 3rd -Karl Parsells III. * Lois Miller. 5th - Melenie Lambert * Debby Bernagozzi. 10th -Amy Taylor. 11th -Carol Venter. 12th -Michele Chadburn * Seneca Landry. 14th -Claus Colm. 16th -Heather Garrow * Chad Getchell. 17th - Hilary SwezeyHurst. 20th -Patrick Chadburn. 23rd -Raymond Dana. 24th -Greg Herbst * Christopher Jacobs * Jordan Devereux. 25th - Marji Graf. 26th -Karen Blodgett * Brigid Sullivan * Austin Turco * Amy Turco. 30th - Jeffery Columb II * Linda Guerrero. 31st -Semah Unterman * Tom Veysey.



May Anniversaries: 3rd -Donna & Rick Lee. 16th -Jack & Kathleen Koponen. 17th -Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs. 18th -Dennis & Fern Melvin * Brigid Sullivan & David Hoeh. * Jeff & Lucy Columb (28 yrs) 28th -Steve & Maria Howard. 30th -Douglas & Lynnette Devereux

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

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Post Master: Dawn Howlett

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Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



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Charles A. Garrow



Charles A. Garrow, 76, died Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Fletcher Allen Medical Center. He was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Mount Holly, the son of Charles and Dorothy (Harris) Garrow. He was a dairy farmer and a self-employed building contractor.

He was a life member of the Mount Holly Fire Department, the Cairo Shriners of Rutland, and Mount Moriah 96 of East Wallingford. He was also a member of the Vermont National Guard, Loyal Order of the Moose Club, and son of the American Legion.

He enjoyed camping and road trips.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Brenda Garrow and Lori Norton, all of Mount Holly; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; a sister Charlotte Pikkarainen of Chippenhook; his companion Barbara West of Claremont, N.H.; and five stepchildren, Susan, Elwin, Scott, Glen and Tim.

He was predeceased by his parents and his wife Janice M. (Fuller) Garrow.

Many friends, family and neighbors did call Friday, April 12, 2013, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland. Graveside services were held Saturday, April 13, at Packer Cemetery, beginning at the Mount Holly Fire Department at 11 a.m. Contributions may be made to: Mount Holly Fire Dept., P.O. Box 114, Mount Holly, VT 05758.

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, April 3 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School with the LES and U39 boards. Mr. Williams updated the board on the Two Rivers SU meetings and the Hot Lunch program. The board consensus was to opt out of the Abby Group contract and invite companies to bid for the hot lunch program for the 2013-2014 school year. The board re-elected Dave Venter as the board chair and Tina Cohen as board clerk, and completed other re-organizational business. They also approved minutes from the prior meeting.

The board discussed the special education staffing and the town garage lease. Mr. Herbst noted that the Planning Commission approved the subdivision of the school property for the town garage project. They also discussed a possible solar power project with the lease fees.

The next meeting will be on May 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Black River High School. They will be discussing the town garage and special education staffing.

Local Student Composers Get International Premier

Music-COMP proudly presents local student composers for an international premier of their work played by professional musicians at the historic Haskell Opera House in Derby Line. This is the only concert hall in the world that sits on an international border. The musicians perform from stage in Canada while the majority of the audience enjoys from their seats across the border in the US. Congratulations to area students:

Black River High School, Ludlow

- * Leslie Bixby, Grade 9 ("Riding on Angel Wings")

Ludlow Elementary

- * Ryleigh Corrigan, Grade 6 ("Moderato")
- * Katy Buckley, Grade 5 ("The Windy Day")

Rutland Intermediate School

- * Peter Cassarino, Grade 6 ("Strings!")

Pictured left, from left to right, are Katy Buckley and Ryleigh of Ludlow Elementary School who are two of the areas student composers selected for participation in Opus 26.

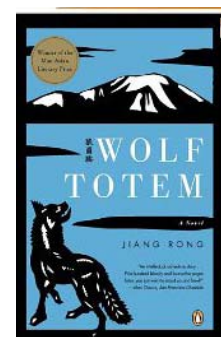
Opus 26 is a production of Music-COMP (Music Composition Online Mentoring Program, formerly the Vermont MIDI project) a nonprofit organization that serves over 5000 students yearly as they explore music composition. Please visit <http://music-comp.org/Opus26.htm> for more information and a complete listing of students whose selected compositions will be performed on May 1. Listen to last year's strings and woodwind pieces from Opus 24 at <http://musiccomp.wordpress.com/>.

The free concert featuring strings and woodwinds, will be held on Wednesday, May 1 at the historic Haskell Opera House in Derby Line, VT at 6:30 pm. Twenty-seven pieces from Vermont students in grades 4-12 were selected for performance from 104 submissions. Donations

are gratefully accepted.

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group May's meeting is May 8th at Clar Dana's on the Straight Road in Belmont at 7:00 p.m. We are reading Wolf Totem by Jiang Rong. We welcome new members to the group, if interested or have any questions please call Minga at 259-2471.



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

preserved as natural habitats and fishing areas. In 2012 FOSL used a mechanical harvester which deployed an underwater sickle bar to cut and remove the mowed plants. The results were excellent. The beach was completely free of weeds (and did you notice, no goose poop last year -- another FOSL volunteer project that is being implemented again this year). As for fishing, the weed harvesting opened lanes across the Lake and along the shoreline, so after many years of dense weed beds, it was an easy paddle into those favorite fishing spots....and so many of you told us that the fishing was better than ever.

For this coming summer FOSL has submitted a revised permit application to the VT DEC to again use mechanical harvesting, however, for 2013 we are seeking to target additional areas of the Lake. The out-of-pocket cost for this year's treatment program will range between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

3. 2013 Annual Membership Drive: Our thanks to all the Mt. Holly residents and friends who have become members of FOSL. Your contributions are vital to our annual weed-control program. Please consider renewing your FOSL membership for 2013, and if not already a member, please join us as we work to maintain Star Lake as an open waterbody, recreational area, and beautiful natural habitat.

Please renew, or become a new member, with your tax deductible contribution

Annual Membership Levels:

___ \$5 Student ___ \$25 Family ___ \$100 Donor ___ \$1000 Patron
 ___ \$15 Individual ___ \$50 Supporter ___ \$500 Sponsor ___ \$ _____ Other

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty

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Star Lake Update – May 2013 **Friends of Star Lake (FOSL)**

1. Dam Repair: This project was undertaken by FOSL because the State of Vermont has determined that the dam at Star Lake is a "safety hazard" and that it must be removed or rebuilt. The reconstruction, funded in large part by the awesome \$500,000 gift of the late Patricia Nye, was begun in 2012 with the assistance of the VT DEC and a grant from FEMA. The initial work was a flood and hydraulic evaluation of the Star Lake watershed, and was the first step for determining a full design for the dam and spillway reconstruction. FOSL is now reviewing bids from three engineering firms for the next step in the project. The selected firm will evaluate the current dam and outlet stream, prepare alternatives for repairs or reconstruction of the dam, advance the chosen alternative to final construction documents, and evaluate the beach and boat launch area for the removal of lake-bottom sediments. Depending on the timing for permits and construction season, repairs to the dam will hopefully begin in 2014.

2. Weed Control: For over a decade FOSL has been implementing an annual program to control invasive Milfoil and nuisance native weeds. Our objective is to maintain Star Lake as a partially open waterbody with some weed beds



Mechanical harvester 2012

Relay For Life of Windsor County

I am writing you because I just registered online for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. When I registered, I was issued my own personal fundraising web page. It explains what Relay For Life is and why I chose to get involved.

Your donation will help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays – and the amount you donate will count towards my fundraising goal. To learn more about how your money will be spent, visit www.cancer.org/research. Join my team and make a donation. Team: AG's Angels, Event: Relay For Life of Windsor County on Saturday June 29, 2013

Why I Participate in a Relay Event: I'm participating in a Relay event because I have known far too many people who have died from cancer or been affected by it in some other way. I want to raise awareness, and raise money to fight back against this disease.

Who I'm Participating For: I'm participating in this event for a few different people. My great grandmother and grandmother passed when I was two and three to lung cancer, I have had two uncles (my mother's brother and my father's brother) pass away from cancer that started in their esophagus. My mother's brother passed when I was nine and the other passed just last year. Most recently my grandfather passed away from cancer that was throughout his body.

Why I Support the American Cancer Society: I believe that there needs to be more events like this that raise awareness and support to fight against ALL cancers. So often I see ads or events centered around the fight against breast cancer, and while I believe that those are good causes, I also feel strongly that awareness needs to be raised on all varieties. Cancer comes in many forms and affects men and women alike. Let's work together to fight back, and save lives.

Relay For Life of Windsor County on Saturday June 29, 2013 at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Road, Springfield, VT at 6:00 pm.

Please feel free to make a donation to the cause; your money could do so much in the way of research. Thank You :) Felicia Turco



3rd Annual Cairo Shriners Walk/Run Loyalty Day May 5th

Do you like to walk? Do you like to jog? Do you like to run? Bring the family and enjoy a walk, jog or run around beautiful downtown Rutland prior to the Loyalty Day Parade. The route is planned, the roads are closed and the Cairo Shriners have planned a 5K (3.2 mile) route to enjoy with the family at 12 Noon, Sunday May 5th beginning at the Cairo Shriners office, 51 Washington Street in downtown Rutland. The registration fee???...well, you decide...YOU CHOOSE CASH FOR CAIRO (by donation). The run will end at 1:00, so stay downtown and enjoy the Loyalty Day Parade. Please register ahead of time by contacting Cairo Shrine at 747-3400 or emailing bjferguson@vermontel.net or admin@cairoshriners.com and a registration package will be sent to you. Fun for all...look forward to seeing you there!

Fundraising for Cancer Research!

We will be walking in the Prouty again this year – our fourth year! Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made online:

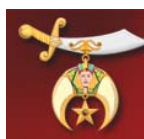
www.theprouthy.org

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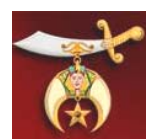
We sincerely thank you!
Sherri, Aiyana & Natasha



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Riley Rink At Hunter Park
410 Hunter Park Road

Route 7A North
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20 Miles North of Bennington, VT
25 Miles South of Rutland, VT

Please Review Riley Rink's Website www.rileyrink.com

Please Save These Dates All Games Start at 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Building Opens At 10:00 am

Refreshments Available – Clean Restrooms – Handicap

Accessible – Early Bird Games – 50/50

At 12:00 pm & 12:30 pm

Door Prizes

\$10,000 Bonus If You Bingo In 47 Numbers,

In Special Share-The Wealth Game!

For More Information Please Call Cairo Shriners At

802-747-3400 Ext. 204

Community Guild of Mount Holly Award Scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS! Vincent Guerrero, who is attending Community College of Vermont (CCV) and Joshua Bixby, who is attending St. Joseph's College, were both recently awarded a \$1000 scholarship by Bessie Centini, who is representing the Community Guild of Mt. Holly. Vincent and Josh are both 2012 graduates of Black River High School.

Pictured: Left – Right Joshua Bixby, Bessie Centini, Vincent Guerrero



cairo shriners
SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

51 Washington Street
Rutland, VT 05701
Telephone: (802) 747-3400
Fax: (802) 747-6908



Green Up Day May 4th
At the Mt. Holly Library
9 am to 2 pm
Pick Up a Trash Bag
Select a Road Assignment
Free Lunch For Participants

- * Final count and pairings spreadsheet with teams, names and handicaps to GMNGC by **Wed., May 15**
- * Full Payment due to GMNGC directly following the tournament of by **Monday, May 27.**

Golf Course Contact Information: Green Mountain National Golf Course / 802-422-4653, 476 Barrows-Towne Road, Killington, VT 05751

The proceeds from this year's event will **BENEFIT** the Cairo Shriners of Rutland, VT. Hole sponsorships and team sponsorships are also available for businesses and individuals wanting to support this very worthwhile cause. Each sponsor will have a printed sign or flag on the course on the day of the benefit. Cost for sponsorship is as follows:
Hole Sponsor: \$100 - Flag Sponsor: \$150 - Team Sponsor: \$400
Contact Tournament Chairman Bob Ferguson at 802-353-1234 or visit their "Events Calendar" at www.cairoshriners.com
ATTN: Dave Soucy / General Manager ? vtgolpro@yahoo.com
ATTN: Bobby Peterson / Tournament Director / bbypeterson@gmail.com



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.

Cairo Shriners' Golf Classic

At Green Mountain National Golf Course

Green Mountain National Golf Course is proud to host the 1st Annual Cairo Shriners of Rutland Golf Tournament. The information below should help with planning and budgeting for your tournament. We appreciate your support and look forward to a wonderful event.

Event Date: Sunday, May 19, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm registration / 1:30 pm shotgun start / dinner and awards to follow in GMNGC Clubhouse. *Registration area will be set-up in advance by GMNGC Staff.

Maximum number of players: 128 (32 Teams X 4 players)

Tournament Contact Information: The Cairo Shriners of Rutland, VT – 802-747-3400
www.cairoshriners.com at 51 Washington Street, Rutland, VT 05701 ATTN: Bob Ferguson / 802-353-1234 / bob@allprocomm.net

Cost: \$60 per person includes golf, cart, dinner* to follow tournament, scoring, email registration for 1 complimentary mid-week round for each player and all applicable taxes.

"Dinner Only" charge of \$10 for non-players, volunteers, etc.

*Dinner to include, hot dogs, cheeseburgers, a selection of 3 cold salads, (i.e. garden salad, potato salad, pasta salad or the like) condiments and cookies of brownies for dessert. Does not include beverages.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- * Preliminary number of players numbers to be to GMNGC by **Sunday, May 5.**

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 MOUNT HOLLY FARMERS MARKET JOIN US ON OPENING DAY!

It's almost here! Opening day for **The Mount Holly Farmers Market** is **Saturday, May 25th, 2013!** We'll have fresh baked goods, local produce, poultry, pork, beef, maple, eggs and crafts ... just to name a few!

Musician Marcos Levy will be helping us kick-off the market season Memorial Day weekend.

The first market of every month will feature **Chef-at-the-Market** with Chef John. And mark your calendars – and bring the family on June 22nd, for Family Day!

Farmers Markets and you help create a strong local economy. 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.**

Mount Holly Community Association

There was a lot of foot stomping going on in the Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday, April 6th when Fry Daddy took the stage for the annual **Spring Mud Fling**. The dancing was at a fever pitch the entire evening and even those on the sidelines couldn't keep their feet still. Many thanks to Fry Daddy for another great evening! We would like to extend a special thank you to Abe and Kathy Leber for once again coordinating this event and to the worker bees for the set-up and clean-up...Madeline Fay, Penny Coldwell, and Carol DeVine. Spring is now officially here!

The first **Afternoon with King Pede** was an outstanding success! Fifteen people attended the first card/game afternoon held on Saturday, April 13th in the Community Room, at which Clar and Ray Dana and Bill Seward taught us all how to play that old Mount Holly game, King Pede. The game itself is a real challenge (take it from one who is just learning), but there was much laughter and good times along the way. If you're not into cards, there is a wide variety of board games to choose from, as well as numerous other card games you can play. Please join us for the next *Afternoon with King Pede* on Saturday, April 27th, in the Community Room. We promise all kinds of fun and a wonderfully interesting afternoon, if you choose to take on the challenge of King Pede!

Drawing classes continue in the Community Room every Saturday through May from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. The participants range from beginners to very accomplished artists, so if you can't draw a stick figure or if you do professional portraits, either way you'll feel right at home.

The annual **Star Lake Beach clean-up** sponsored annually by the Mount Holly Community Association, the Friends of Star Lake, and the Mount Holly Garden Association, is Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The beach needs raking and weeding, the lawn has holes to be filled and seeded, and general maintenance all around will contribute to "greening up" the shores of our community lake. Please bring along a rake and garden gloves. Other tools needed will be provided, as well as cold drinks. Thanks so much for coming to help beautify our lake front!



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

Date: Friday, May 10th

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Mount Holly School Gym

Bring your own bowl and spoon!

FREE!!



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

Support the Mount Holly Girls on the Run program!

Planning for the **Summer Calendar** for the Mount Holly community is underway and Kathy and Abe Leber have asked that all organizations in town call them *as soon as possible* with the dates scheduled for their events for July and August. You can reach them at 259-3363. Thanks for your prompt response!

Our annual **membership drive** will begin with the initial mailing in late May of the new membership brochures for the 2013- 2014 MHCA season. Please remember that all of the wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA throughout the year would not be possible without the participation of our community through annual membership. In addition, this is a primary source of revenue for the Association and enables it to provide for the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Last year we reported that we had a record number of memberships the previous year and our goal was to exceed that for 2012 – 2013...well we did it and set yet another record! Let's see if we can do that again for the 2013 – 2014 season...thank you so much for your support!

Spring is here and our thoughts turn to the seventh annual **Mount Holly Garden Tour** sponsored by the MHCA to be held on Saturday, July 20th from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. At this time, Katy Crane, the coordinator for the tour, is looking for gardeners "with dirt under their nails" to volunteer their gardens for the tour. Well groomed and pristine, or wild and rambling, all gardens are sought and variety is welcomed. If you are interested in being one of the exhibitors, please contact Katy Crane at katycrane@vermontel.net, or at 259-3824.



MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Green Up Day– MAY 4th -Vermont's Annual Rite of Spring: Saturday, May 4th is Green Up Day. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and clean up Mt. Holly. Each year the library hosts this important state-wide event. **Come to the Mt. Holly Library starting at 9:00 am** to pick up your road assignment and trash bags. After registering at the library you have Saturday and Sunday to complete trash removal. Leave the bags by the side of the road and the town road crew will pick them up Monday morning. If you are not able to come on Saturday and need to pick up bags sooner or have any questions contact me at 259-2823. As in past years, the Belmont Store has generously agreed to serve a free lunch at the library from 12 until 1 for anyone who helps beautify Mt. Holly. Help continue this 40 year tradition. Keep our town GREEN & CLEAN and add to the 40,000 bags of trash cleaned up annually in Vermont.

THE MOUNT HOLLY FARMERS MARKET PERFORMERS WANTED

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May 25, 2013 – October 5, 2013



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gladly help you through the necessary steps. The library pays to join this program so we hope you will take advantage of this amazing service.

Plant Sale Thanks: We had another successful spring plant sale. Thanks to community members for purchasing the plants. We hope they brought a little bright spot to your long winter. Thanks to volunteers for helping out and most of all to Tina Cohen who has donated the plants to us for the last four years. Mt Holly's Community Sprit shines through again.

Thanks to Our Many Volunteers: It has been a library tradition over the past six years to hold a thank you tea in April for our wonderful dedicated volunteers. This year 20 men and women gathered on a Sunday afternoon for some lively conversation and refreshments. Without our volunteers we would not be able to provide a full service library to Mt. Holly. Volunteers find it rewarding because it involves giving a service that contributes to the overall quality of life in the community. It is positive work that should be recognized in a society that values knowledge, learning and opportunity. My thanks to all the volunteers for their support of time and energy. There is always room for more so please let me know if you would like to join our volunteer staff.

Mt. Holly Writers Group: This group of happy writers continues to grow. Don't be shy and get involved with this fun and interesting group of writers. Share your writing, give and receive inspiration and recommendations from other writers. You would be a welcome addition to the group. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm. Call 259-3707 if you would like more information about the group.

Middle East Study Group: You are welcome to jump in and join any month. We meet the second Thursday at 6 pm. We have a wonderful diverse group of participants and the discussions have been interesting and informative in a relaxed and open atmosphere. Some folks have traveled in the Middle East, some have kept up with the ever evolving news from the region and some of us just want to understand a culture and people so different from our own. We are reading fiction and nonfiction books. So far we have read: *A Peace to End All Peace* by David Fromkin, *The Yacoubian Building* by Alaa Al Aswany, *The Ornament of the World* by Maria Rosa Menocal, *Chicago* by Alaa Al Aswany and we are currently reading *From Beirut to Jerusalem* by Thomas Friedman. We welcome any additions to the group and you are not required to have read our past selections. Through donations to the library we have acquired a very large collection of books pertaining to the Middle East as well as the books mentioned above. We try to meet the second Thursday but sometimes travel and vacations require a change in date. Call the library (259-3707) for date confirmation.

Memorial Day Weekend Book Sale – May 25th and 26th – 10 am to 4 pm: This is usually our most profitable book sale of the year. Don't miss the opportunity to shop the best selection of new donations and with collection weeding hundreds of additional titles have been added. Please take pity on our book sorters don't bring donations after May 19th. There will be plenty of time to resume donation collection starting June 10 for the 4th of July book sale.

Summer Reading Program for Children Kindergarten through 6th Grade The library is gearing up for this year's Summer Reading Program "Dig Into Reading". This year's "Underground" theme gives us plenty of possibilities for activities and fun. On Friday, May 17th at 12:30 the Mt. Holly School will visit the library for a program to launch the new summer theme. Linda MacFarlane will bring her musical talents to get kids excited about joining us this summer. The Department of Libraries has once again awarded us \$100 for programming. Stephanie Smith and I are inviting elementary school age children to join us for 6 Thursdays starting

May 2013 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc



Mount Holly Town Library

**Memorial Day Weekend
Book Sale
Your Chance to Stock
Up For the Summer
Accepting Donations
Till May 19th**



June 20th from 9:30 am to 12 noon for games, crafts and fun. Look for more information in the June Chit Chat.

New American Flag: The library's American flag was getting tattered and sad. Thank you Joan Bradley for properly disposing of the old one and for donating a nice new one. Joan is also the person who has worked the hardest and is responsible for cataloging most of the books in our new automation system. Thanks to Joan, we may be up and running by June 1st!

Folk Club Alive and Well: The Mt. Holly Folk Club has been meeting on a weekly basis for the last four years. They are a dedicated group of musicians that get together once a week to practice and just have fun. Do you play an instrument or just like to sing? Why not relax and lose yourself for a few hours in the company of like-minded people with a love of music? Come and join the fun! They have been performing in and around the community for the last few summers so we are hoping we can talk them into giving a concert at the library this summer. Stay tuned!

Print Cartridge Recycling: Don't forget to recycle your print cartridges by dropping them off at the many locations in town: Mt. Holly Post Office, the school, the town clerk's office, the Belmont Store and the library. You are helping the environment and helping to defray our supply costs.

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**

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• **Library Open Hours** •
• **Saturday 9 am to 1 pm** •
• **Sunday 2 to 4 pm** •
• **Monday 3 to 7 pm** •
• **Wednesday 3 to 7 pm** •
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Use Your Library: 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.



Dear Karen...

The Chit Chat introduces a monthly column entitled "Dear Karen" to try and address your life questions and dilemmas with sensitivity, common sense, encouragement and a touch of humor when possible. Karen has a background of more than 31 years as a columnist, educator, counselor, wife, mother, and care giver. Please email your letters to Letters2Karen@aol.com, or mail to Karen Brook, PO 212, Belmont, VT 05730. We want to hear from you!

Dear Karen,

I waited until the last minute to write you because I'm nervous and worried about this maybe getting printed, but I am at my wit's end and hope you can help because I guess I'm too proud to ask anybody I know in person. This is probably not a new story to you or lots of people, but it is to me because I never thought I would be in this position.

For months I've been laid off from work and unable to find anything that would pay enough for my expenses and daycare, too. I am the single mom of 3 kids and daycare is not cheap. None of my family is local or able to help with child care, but I'm still able to make my basic expenses and have cut back a lot, so I'm in a better situation than many people I know. I'm also thankful I have great kids.

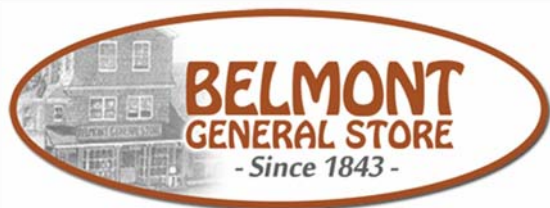
My problem is I'm so down I can barely get out of bed in the morning. My kids are old enough to get themselves ready for school but I make sure they have their breakfast and their homework done while I manage to make some coffee and look through the Help Wanted ads in the newspaper. But that's about all I can do. I don't exercise any more even though now I have lots of time. I have let the house go to the point I worry about anybody coming to the door. Do you have any ideas about how I can get a hold of my situation before it gets worse? At this point, by the time there is a job I'm qualified for, I'm afraid I will have let myself go to the point they won't hire me. Thank you for reading this.

Down and Discouraged in Mt. Holly

Dear "Down",

Thank you for your letter. Congratulations on taking the first step toward climbing out of the hole you've fallen into. In your letter, you clarified specifically what your problems are, as well as some things which are strong points in your life. Because you're feeling SO down, you might not have fully realized what those strong points are: having good kids who do their homework and go to school, having employable skills despite being without a job, getting up for your kids' breakfast and making sure they're set for school, scanning the classifieds for jobs which match your skills, cutting back and budgeting so you are able to meet your expenses are all things to be proud of! Let's start from here and build you a ladder up and out of that hole.

First step: before you go to bed at night, clean out and shine your sink so you can start fresh in the morning. It will lift your spirits and help you feel empowered that you CAN do more bit by bit. Next, when your kids are having their breakfast, make sure you get something to eat along with your coffee. You mentioned you don't exercise "any more" which tells me you used to. When your kids go out the door for school, be in comfortable clothes or wear a coat over your robe and follow along right behind them for a walk. Start slowly and if you can't walk beyond your yard, begin by breathing in the spring air and walk as far as you can. Notice the seasons remind us that change IS happening in our lives, even if we don't feel it, and embrace that fact. Make sure you're not living in isolation and call a friend for a chat. If you're nervous that she might suggest coming over for coffee, tell her you can't today because you're just taking a break from doing some cleaning. If she offers to help, say "yes"! Your friends don't judge you nearly as hard as you do yourself, and you can suggest reciprocating next time she's going to clean her home. Every day add something to your routine: walk a little further, clean a little more one room at a time, have that friend over for coffee and keep at it! Before you know it, you'll be out of that hole and moving forward. If you're still feeling so down that looking at your feet feels like you're looking up, email me again and I'll be glad to suggest some resources to give you more help in getting you back on the road to feeling better. Good luck and know I'm rooting for you!



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brochure or more information, please feel free to contact
NeighborWorks at 438-2303. {Please call Marcy if you
schedule an energy audit at 259-2344 since there is a state-
wide competition for towns this year. As you may know,
Mount Holly won the county-wide competition and used the
over \$10,000 prize money to weatherize the town office and
is doing other projects as well}

NeighborWorks Energy Audit Testimony

Last spring we had the energy audit done with
NeighborWorks by John Reuter who came and was here for 3
hours. We followed him around like puppies, looked at all the
instruments and he answered a million questions very
cheerfully. We got our report back and our biggest problem was
the foundation has so much exposure and our sill plate had old
fiberglass insulation that the mice like. So summer came and
went. Later we got inspired to get going, so we glued blueboard
foam insulation along the outside exposed walls, put a
clapboard along the top, under the siding but over the blbd to
shed water, caulked around any holes for wires and pipes, then
inside, cut 3 pieces of blbd for each section between the floor
joists on the sill plate. So there is 6 inches of insulation with
caulking along the sill plate on the 3 exposed walls inside and
blue board all around the foundation outside. We also dug down
against the house to evenly place the blbd so it looks neat and
straight and will cover it this spring with something so it blends.

I can't tell you exactly how much money we saved on
fuel, but I can tell you that our comfort level improved
greatly, the basement never froze but it was not comfortable to
be down there at all. Our 1st floor is not insulated so the cold air
seeped upstairs, this year the basement never went below 54
degrees! It really was a huge difference! Upstairs was much
warmer and it made the basement usable all year. It also cut
down on our mouse population as everything got tightened up,
along with our new cat's help. What ever you can do to tighten
up your house I'd say it is well worth it in savings and comfort.
Thanks Fern Melvin

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MESSAGE FROM MONTPELIER

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

An issue that has received a lot of attention lately is the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana. While drug abuse continues to affect many families, it seems the legislature is ready to lower the penalties for the possession of small amounts.

The information I received is the possession of small amounts is not causing a backlog in our courts, and that a person usually is only required to complete some drug counseling in a diversion program. Most people that have dealt with serious drug problems admit that they did start with marijuana. I am sure the majority of users do not move on to harder drugs, but it remains an issue we should progress toward slowly. Prosecutors already have the ability to request a minor penalty for first-time offenders. By the way, I think even one ounce of marijuana is too much to be considered a small amount.

Several years ago, I supported allowing farmers to grow hemp, when it becomes legal, for making clothes and rope, and also the expanded use of marijuana for certain medical conditions. However, I am not quite ready to support decriminalizing something that remains illegal on the federal level. Our law enforcement officers and drug counselors do not seem ready to embrace it either. I think until we have the ability to test for driving under the influence of marijuana, as we can for alcohol, this bill should not be finalized. I know that young people are watching, and when adults do not act responsibly, neither do they. With the highest use per capita, it seems we will also likely have a greater incidence of drugged driving. What makes more sense at this point is that the bill creates the drugged driving task force to develop recommendations to address driving under the influence of drugs.

The Vermont House will soon take action on the migrant worker bill, S.38. The 27-2 vote in the Senate in favor of allowing them to obtain a driver's privilege card shows that the legislature wants to help improve their situation. They are working long hours for little pay at jobs that our farmers have trouble hiring others to do. Although I still have concerns about extending the privilege to drive to undocumented workers, it seems likely the bill will pass. It might increase our chance of knowing who is here if they have to pass a driving test to receive the card. So this could also be an opportunity to help them get a work visa. It is problematic to me that at a time we are trying to increase revenue by raising taxes, that these workers are not paying any income taxes on their earnings.

This is not just a Vermont problem, and several states have already responded in a similar way. The dilemma for many of us is that our farmers need help, and yet these workers are here illegally. We do need immigration reform nationally, and I would like to think we are getting closer.

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 posted daily schedule sheet outside the Senate Judiciary Committee's room indicated that testimony would be taken re H-511, a House bill relating to "zappers". Some persons stopped by the room to hear what they thought would be testimony about tasers while another surmised in jest that he thought it would be about the palm buzzers one had as a kid for playing jokes. However, H-511 is about automated sales suppression devices. As defined in the bill, these devices, also known as "zappers" are software programs that can be carried on a memory stick or compact disc, accessed through an internet link, or other means, that falsify transaction data, transaction reports or any other electronic records of cash registers or other point of sale systems. "Phantom-ware" is another term used in the bill that means a hidden programming option, embedded in the operating system of an electronic cash register or hardwired into the register that can be used to create a virtual second till.

Some years ago one would hear occasionally of a business having a second set of books for deception purposes or the term "cooking the books" and these items described allow a new version of that practice. They can also be used to eliminate or alter transaction records. These devices are used by some businesses to avoid paying their full sales taxes

or to commit other fraud re taxable income. They are also used by some employees to scam their employers and are not easily detected. Under the bill, should it pass and become law, it would be illegal to knowingly sell, purchase, install, transfer or possess an automated sales suppression device or phantom ware. The penalties range from one to five years in prison and fines of up to \$100,000. or both. The parties, if the device had been used would also be responsible for all taxes, interest and penalties and the device could be confiscated by a law enforcement officer when directed to do so by the Tax Commissioner. There is also a "Safe Harbor" portion of the proposal that addresses if a person turns him or herself in before 10/1/13 and pays off the tax department.

H-511 has already passed the House and should it pass the Senate, in an amended version, which is likely, a conference committee would be needed to iron out the differences between the bodies.

On another note, there are multiple bills in the works to try to address the consequences of the growing drug problem in our state. These are moving forward and will most likely become laws. They are surely needed as there were 52 drug overdose deaths in the state in 2012. Sorry to end on such a low note.

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

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Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, May 14th, 2013."

SELECT BOARD - Special Meeting - March 18, 2013 ~ Ray Tarbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Tim Martin was present and Jim Heald was absent. Also present were Paul Nevin, David Josselyn and Rhonda Rivers.

1. Review RFQs for the new garage

- The Select Board members had come to the town office on their own prior to the meeting to review the responses received to the Request for Qualifications. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To send an RFP to three (3) firms: Smalley Contractors, Wright Construction and Josselyn Brothers.

2. Review the specifications for the garage to be sent as part of the RFP.

- The Board had received the specifications from Paul Nevin at the March 12 meeting and also by email for their review. The specifications had been developed with input from the road foreman and selectmen. The Board had no changes to the specifications as presented. A copy will be available at the town office.

3. Review materials for the RFPs to be sent by email. This will include:

- A cover letter with general information including the due date of April 12, 2013 and questions on the RFP due by April 5, 2013.
- Specifications for the garage, dated 03/18/13
- A copy of the wastewater and potable water supply permit from the state
- Three files with copies of the site plan

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD - Special Meeting - April 05, 2013 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also present were Paul Nevin, Jeff Teter and Rhonda Rivers.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss several aspects of the proposed garage.

Jeff Teter has noted an error in the building size. In order to have enough depth to house a truck with the snow plow on it (which is 58 feet long), the building will need to be deeper than 60- feet. To have a space of three feet on each side of the truck, the depth would need to be 64 feet minimum, more to allow for welding and other benches behind the trucks.

Also, there can't be 5 doors down the length of the building, as the doors each require 20 feet width for installation. A fifth door might be a possibility on one end, to allow the grader and loader to be moved in and out behind the trucks.

The Board decided to address these issues after the bids come in next week (due April 12, 2013). There may be other changes that will need to be addressed, based on what comes in the RFPs. The Board expected to have some back and forth with the selected firm to finalize the design and this would be part of it. A revised cost estimate will be obtained before going to a town wide meeting, so the bonding amount would be known.

The Board also reviewed questions from Fra DeVine regarding the project, which had been sent to Jim Heald.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD - April 09, 2013 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present.

4. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, the special meeting minutes of March 18 and the special meeting minutes of April 05 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and all of the minutes were approved.

5. Reorganization follow up

- Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To Authorize the Town Treasurer to put on orders and pay certain items relating to payroll, property tax refunds and school advances.
- Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: to authorize the Select Board Clerk to write orders and the Treasurer to pay.
 - The Board signed the Town Service Officer designation form to send to the State (appointment voted last month).

6. Highways

- The Town received from the State the Summary Bridge Inspection Reports for 2012.
- Paving Grant. This was hand delivered to VTrans in Rutland. Jeff reported that it does not look hopeful for our receiving one this year.
- The Annual Highway Financial Plan was received back from the State, signed by them.
- FEMA Update: The State sent an email reporting that the Townshend culvert was approved by FEMA. This was considered a test case in the ongoing ANR/VTrans/FEMA standards issue. The State is

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reviewing the effect this might have on other PWs, such as ours.

- The Town received a request to replace the Old County Road sign (off Ninevah Road), which is misspelled. This road is actually just over the town line into Plymouth, and is a private road that is not plowed by the town. Sue will contact the Plymouth Town Office.
 - New Garage: Next Steps
 - The RFPs are due back April 12. The Board decided to call a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 pm to review the responses. A notice will be posted in the town office and both post offices.
 - Jim Heald noted he had received an email from Fra DeVine with questions regarding the garage, which were answered and emailed back to him.
7. Report of Treasurer
- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated March 31, 2013 showing cash balances of \$1,972,721. There is about \$105,000 in outstanding delinquent property taxes; some partial payments were received. Otherwise, income and expenses are in line with expectations, a little under on expenses. David noted we are quite liquid for this time of year. The zero-sort has not resulted in positive cash flow to the town, but the amount offsets the processing fee such that we pay about \$15 per ton versus \$102 per ton for the trash side.
 - David reported the Town has received a credit card offer from Berkshire Bank. This could be used for example, when ordering items off the Internet, which currently requires someone's personal card be used and also sales tax is paid. The Board requested more information before making a decision.
8. Solid Waste:
- RCSWD completed an application on the Town's behalf for a Federal HHW certification. This is required for the Town's two HHW collection days (Household Hazardous Waste).
9. Planning Commission: no one was present
- The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The position will be reposted in the Chit Chat.
 - Appointments of Town Representatives for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Rutland Regional Transportation Council are due June 30, 2013. These will also be posted in the Chit Chat.
 - The Town received notice of a May 6 meeting on Flood Resiliency Planning. Ron Unterman expressed an interest in attending.
10. Mowing Bids – The Town received one bid for the school grounds mowing: The Board awarded the mowing to Chris Devereux at a contract price of \$975.
11. Star Lake Dam: Ron Unterman reported on three activities regarding the lake.
- An RFP for the Dam has gone out to three firms, with responses due back May 1. FOSL hopes to review them with The Town by June 1. One will be chosen to provide a detailed engineering and construction plan with diagrams, etc. by December 1, with a goal of construction next summer. Ron noted that the fund for the dam restoration has about \$514,000, which will cover the engineering study, but for construction more money will be needed. FOSL will be looking into outside funding and grants, especially for the culvert, which will be considered critical. The dam cannot be done without also doing the culvert that goes under Belmont Road, as that's where the dam outflow goes. The project can't be started until all the money is in place.
 - FOSL met with the DEC last January regarding annual weed control and has presented a revised proposal to focus on more than just milfoil and pondweed. The plan now contains more lanes for fishing than last year. Money raised so far is \$10,000; \$14,000 spent last year.
 - The Federal and State depredation permits for goose control have been renewed for this year.
12. Other Business
- The Town received notice of the 2013 Dry Hydrant Grant Program, with applications due May 03, 2013. David requested a copy for the Fire Dept.
 - The Board approved the Odd Fellows request for 35 Transfer Station stickers for the dinner trash disposal.
 - Alice Perry called the Town Office regarding one of the maple trees which she believed were put in by volunteers. She was referred to David Hoeh, who headed the program.
 - Paul Faenza submitted a report of his activities as Animal Control Officer for the past quarter. He plans to present a report each quarter.
 - Diana Garrow made a suggestion that Lake Street be designated one way on the evenings of the dinners at the Odd Fellows Hall. There was discussion if this would require an ordinance change, or simply a policy. The Board tabled this item pending further investigation.
13. The Board reviewed and signed the March orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

SELECT BOARD - Special Meeting - April 16, 2013 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Also present were Ron Unterman, David Hoeh, Fra DeVine, Clinton Woolley and Rhonda Rivers.

The purpose of the meeting was to open and review the responses to the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the new garage.

1. Highway: Clinton Woolley presented a concern the road crew had about the cable company installing the aerial cable for VTel. The roads are posted for spring conditions, but the company says the trucks weigh less than 18,000 lbs. Jeff was contacted and thinks it's okay.

2. RFPs for the Garage.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was **VOTED:** to go into executive session to open and review the RFPs.

The residents present raised some questions about executive session, about the establishment of the building committee, about a greater analysis of the activities at the proposed location and the adequacy of the site, a lack of analysis of the building (recycle shed) at the transfer station, and a lack of analysis of what will happen with the old garage building. Another resident felt that detailed answers to his questions have not been provided.

The Board noted that they had considered the recycle building but it is too small, and the town only owns the land around it. In addition there are new (not clearly known) requirements are current garage site is not suitable for rebuilding (too small, no septic possibility). The Board does not feel that what happens with the recycle building and the old garage is something that needs to be decided before moving forward on a new garage.

The Board restated that they had moved to go into executive session and that no decision on the proposals will be made tonight.

The Board went into executive session at 7:18 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:36 pm.

The Board decided to post the following statement on the Newsflash:

At the April 16 Special Meeting, the Board opened the two responses to the RFP for the proposed garage. The proposal costs were close, but the building specs were not identical. The Board decided to engage an independent third party to review and compare the proposals and provide a professional opinion. After the third party review is completed, the Board will schedule interviews with both contractors. No decisions will be made until after the interview sessions.

Note: The proposals are available for inspection at the Town Office. The Board notes that the proposals are a starting point; final numbers will likely be different, as items may be added or subtracted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF

Like most small town, Mount Holly depends on the generosity and willingness of its citizens to get involved with many activities and organizations that benefit the Town. There are currently a number of opportunities available. These positions are volunteer, with the exception of the Administrative Officer. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact the Select Board, at P.O. Box 248, Mount Holly, 05758 or email mthollysb@gmail.com or phone 259-2391. A **letter of interest** is requested for all of them.

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. Over the next several years, you will help the town understand and implement new recycling initiatives, including composting, which were enacted by the legislature last year as Act 148.

The representative and/or alternate attends the regular monthly meetings of the RCSWD and reports back to the Select Board. The RCSWD meets in Rutland on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for administering regulations of the Town that pertain to the Town Plan and land development, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. This includes working with property owners applying for subdivisions. 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.

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.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE

The Select Board seeks individuals to be the town's representative and alternate to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and its related group, the Rutland Regional Transportation Council. As the names suggest, these groups work on regional issues for the 27 municipalities in Rutland County and provide assistance to towns with planning issues. This includes updating the Town Plan, which is required periodically, and Mount Holly is working on this now.

The representative and/or alternate attends the regular monthly meetings and reports back to the Select Board. The RRPC meets in Rutland on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The RRTC meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. More information can be found at the RRPC website,

www.rutlandrpc.org.

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Final Call for PEGTV's Courcelle Scholarship Applications

Rutland County's public access television station, will again award a scholarship of \$1,000 to a Rutland County high school senior who has exhibited a high level of proficiency and interest in the video arts and intends to pursue studies in the communications field at an accredited college, university or trade school.

The 15th annual PEGTV Courcelle Scholarship honors the memory of Joe Courcelle for his pioneering work for public access television in Rutland. Joe Courcelle was an active member of the original board of directors, a dedicated independent producer and an integral part of the establishment of Rutland's PEGTV.

A special selection committee will review the written applications and interview potential candidates. Applications have been sent to Rutland County high schools for distribution to interested candidates and are due by May 1, 2013.

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

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



Vermont National Guard Office Opens In Downtown Rutland

The ribbon is cut by TAG Cray (holding the large scissors) at the opening of the new Vermont Army National Guard Recruiting Center located at 116 Merchants Row in Downtown Rutland. Several members of the Vermont Army National Guard were present including Col. Firky; Lt. Kirby; Chief Beaulieu; Msg Haskins; CSM Goldgett and SFC Barber, along with Rutland City Officials Mayor Chris Lours, Dave Allaire, President of the Rutland Board of Alderman and Alderman Ed Larson. Also present were Tom Donahue, EVP/CEO, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and RRCC Board Members Dave Correll, Jay Morel and Jerry Hansen.

Loyalty Day May 5th And Cairo Shriners

Do you like to walk? Do you like to jog? Do you like to run? Bring the family and enjoy a walk, jog or run around beautiful downtown Rutland prior to the Loyalty Day Parade. The route is planned, the roads are closed and the Cairo Shriners have planned a 5K (3.2 mile) route to enjoy with the family at 12 Noon, Sunday May 5th beginning at the Cairo Shriners office, 51 Washington Street in downtown Rutland. The registration fee???...well, you decide...YOU CHOOSE CASH FOR CAIRO (by donation). The run will end at 1:00, so stay downtown and enjoy the Loyalty Day Parade. Please register ahead of time by contacting Cairo Shrine at 747-3400 or emailing bjferguson@vermontel.net or admin@cairoshriners.com and a registration package will be sent to you. Fun for all...look forward to seeing you there!

The Great Kentucky Derby Gala

Mark your calendars now because our great Kentucky Derby Gala will return to Ludlow this year on Saturday, May 4 at 4:00pm at the Pot Belly Restaurant and Pub. This exciting evening will feature watching the Kentucky Derby race at 6:00pm and a series of 6 exciting other races. LPCTV is pleased to announce the return of the Kentucky Derby Gala as a fundraiser for their new facility.

The fun filled evening will feature food, opportunities to bet on the races, raffles and music. For information on sponsoring races or horses, contact Michelle at LPCTV, 802 228-8808 or mstinson@LPCTV.org.

The Sky Blue Boys Tickets now on sale for May 25 in Ludlow Auditorium

Just a reminder that the great music of the Sky Blue Boys will be featured on Saturday, May 25 at 7 PM in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, sponsored by FOLA. For more information on the Sky Blue Boys and tickets, go to www.fola.us. Hope to see you there! Ralph Pace

FOLA Up in the Air Preparing for New Movie Screen

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) is in the process of raising funds so that it can purchase a new, electronically-controlled movie screen for the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium. As it prepares to consider the type of screen to install, FOLA decided it was time to get a few measurements so that the selected screen would fit into the proscenium arch of the restored auditorium. Pictured above, on the right - and a bit up in the air, is Kevin Kuntz as he makes some key measurements for the screen location. Down below - on the slightly safer 'turf' of the auditorium's stage, is Jim Alic. Both gentlemen have been heavily involved in the technical issues associated with the new screen and previously aided FOLA in its selection of a new, and much more powerful, movie projector. While no firm date has been set for the screen, it is hoped that it will be installed by the Fall of this year.



CHURCH SHARES THEIR JOY



On Sunday, March 2nd the members and friends of Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Proctorsville celebrated a true milestone for the church as it opened its doors for the first time since August, 2011. Tropical Storm Irene dealt a severe blow to the parish when the swollen Black River undermined the foundation and swept away the parish hall. The devastation was enormous. Interior and exterior damage necessitated a complete refurbishing of the church inside and out, and a complete rebuild of the parish hall.

The long road back was filled with regulatory and monetary challenges, but parishioners overcame them all and now have a beautifully renovated church and a brand new parish hall. At the celebration held on March 2nd the parishioners decided to share their joy with the larger community. Therefore they dedicated their collection that day in

the amount of \$640 to the food shelf and financial assistance programs of Black River Good Neighbor Services.

Said Mary Springer, senior warden at Gethsemane Church, "We felt that the community supported us throughout our ordeal and we want to give back to that community. Our new parish hall is open for civic use, but we wanted to make a louder statement of thanks." Audrey Bridge, Executive Director at Black River Good Neighbors said, "We are proud to call the church a partner in what we do. We continue to support flood victims even now and the money is greatly appreciated."

Pictured: Mary Springer (right) Senior Warden of Gethsemane Episcopal Church presents a check to Audrey Bridge, Executive Director, and Peter LaBelle, Board President of Black River Good Neighbors.

Chestnut Trees are in Focus in Cavendish

On Thursday, April 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Grace Knight of the American Chestnut Foundation, and Forrest Hammond of Vermont Fish and Wildlife will present a discussion on the subject of the American chestnut tree. The event will take place in the new meeting hall of the Episcopal Church next to Crows' Bakery on Depot Street in Proctorsville.

The disappearance of the American chestnut tree due to blight has been one of the "greatest ecological disasters of the century", according to Forrest Hammond. Grace Knight of Weathersfield Vermont will present a slide show and share what the foundation has done to breed a blight-resistant chestnut tree. She will tell us where the foundation is in their progress, and how willing landowners might help with the cultivation of American chestnut trees. Chestnut flour cookies and a beverage will be served.

This is the latest in the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association's Walk and Talk Series of events. The series is designed to present topics of general ecological interest to the public in the Cavendish area. Anyone can attend, space permitting, and the presentation is free. For more information please contact Robin Timko at 226-7736.



RRCC Golf Classic set for May 31st

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce 28th Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, May 31, 2013 at Green Mountain National Golf Course in Killington and is sponsored by VSECU and Small Dog Electronics.

The day will include a shot gun start at 1:30pm with a fun day of golf, great goody bags, a chance to win a car from Shearer

Honda and a hot tub from Allen Pools & Spa's on two designated hole in one's, awards dinner featuring special guest Master of Ceremonies Jack Healy of Northeast Sports Network and the WSYB Morning Show and much more.

The tournament format is Captain and Crew with teams of four players. The cost is only \$99 per person and includes greens fees, cart rental, awards dinner, goody bags, a chance to win great door prizes, team prizes, trophies and a silent auction. This is a great networking opportunity and an important Chamber fundraiser.

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Vermont Digital Economy Project Begins Assisting Flood-Impacted Communities

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) announced the first round of communities to receive intensive services from its Digital Economy Project this year. The Vermont Digital Economy Project is designed to increase resilience and foster economic development in flood-impacted Vermont communities. In the past week, project staff met with town officials and other community leaders in Bethel, Royalton, Waterbury, Wilmington, and Halifax to commit to the provision of key services. In the coming weeks they will visit Rochester, Killington, and Woodstock, among several other towns.

"It was difficult to prioritize which towns to serve first, because we received so many compelling applications from towns that were greatly impacted by flooding," said Sharon Combes-Farr, project director of the Vermont Digital Economy Project. "The town's self-assessment of their community's level of need for our disaster relief services and the degree to which flooding had impacted the community were the most important considerations."

All of the services delivered by the Vermont Digital Economy Project will foster resilience and economic development through greater utilization of online tools. These services include: providing digital workshops and one-on-one advising for nonprofits, farm and forest businesses, and other small businesses; creating new downtown Wi-Fi zones and hotspots; evaluating town websites and enhancing them; deploying an integrated community calendar and community-based online forum; and establishing an Internet Intern program to provide digital literacy training at local libraries. These services are delivered at no cost to selected towns as part of the project's disaster relief grant from the Economic Development Administration.

"We are carefully considering where to deploy public Wi-Fi and make improvements to town websites, since these are the two most requested services from the towns that applied, as well as the most resource-intensive for us to deliver," said Combes-Farr. "Our announcement today is just the

beginning. Fortunately, we have the resources and partnerships to serve nearly every town that has applied so far. The Digital Economy Project is interested in hearing from additional towns that may need services and will identify a second round of communities for services before the end of the year."

Over the past several weeks, the VCRD and Vermont Digital Economy Project staff had reached out to town clerks, local chambers of commerce, libraries, and all of Vermont's state senators and representatives to encourage as many communities as possible to apply for project services by the March 15th round-one application deadline. Twenty-four towns applied. The Vermont Digital Economy Project is an 18-month project that ends in July, 2014. In the coming months, we will announce the procedure and timing for how additional towns can submit applications for grant services.

About the Vermont Digital Economy Project

The Vermont Digital Economy Project was created to address vulnerabilities of Vermont business and communities that are not fully utilizing online tools. The project will offer free support that will speed flood recovery, spur economic development and job growth, and improve community resilience to disasters. The project will work directly with at least 25 of the towns that were affected by flooding to help businesses, nonprofits, and municipalities expand their innovative use of online tools. The Vermont Digital Economy Project is funded by a disaster recovery grant from the Economic Development Administration and from the donations and expertise of its partners: IBM, the Snelling Center for Government, the Vermont Department of Libraries, the Vermont Small Business Development Center, Microsoft, and the Vermont State Colleges, to provide project services. More information can be found online at: <http://vidigitaleconomy.org/>.

About the Vermont Council on Rural Development

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. A dynamic partnership of federal, state, local, non-profit and private partners, it is actively non-partisan with an established reputation for community-based facilitation. Through collaboration with government entities, businesses, and other groups, VCRD helps Vermonters and Vermont communities develop their capacity to create a prosperous and sustainable future through coordination, collaboration, and the effective use of public and private resources. To find out more, visit <http://www.vtrural.org>.

Quest Committee Continues Planning for Summer Program



Members of the Ludlow Rotary, local school system, and Town of Ludlow met recently to continue planning for the first Quest Summer program they will jointly sponsor to support area students in a seven week program. Modelled on a similar program initiated by the Rotary Club of Jaffery/Ringe, New Hampshire, the program will feature both recreational and educational projects for area students, including both breakfast and lunch.

Pictured above discussing program details are, from left to right, Frank Heald, Ludlow Town Manager, Ralph Pace, David Almond, Venissa White, and Howie Paul. For additional information, contact 228-2841.



Real Estate Trends

What the Experts are Saying Nationally & Locally

By Gail Graves, Realtor®, Engel & Volkers, Woodstock & Ludlow

NATIONALLY: In major markets like California, New York City, Boston and Washington, DC, intense bidding wars are going on. Buyers are seeing less inventory and are in a hurry to purchase while the interest rates are still low.

Christopher Matthews of *Time.com* (*Time Business and Money*), recently wrote: "Economic recoveries usually begin at home. Even though housing construction has only accounted for approximately 5% of America's economic activity, that number tends to rise following a recession. Why is this? There are several reasons. First of all, since a new home is usually the biggest purchase any of us will make, we tend not to do it during recessions. Recessions cause housing demand to become pent up and then released once a recovery begins. Secondly, investment in a new home usually necessitates many other big ticket purchases like furnishing and appliances. Finally, construction is a great source of relatively high-paying jobs for lower-skilled workers — the sorts of jobs that we've been sorely missing since the financial crisis. And just as housing construction creates demands for different consumables, it also has a trickle-down effect on employment, creating the need for real estate brokers, landscapers, and lawyers, just to name a few."

There are some contrary thoughts about this housing recover. Regina Lewis of *USA Today* writes: "It's wise to stay level-headed. Early indications of a housing turnaround are no reason to throw caution to the wind. Nationally, home values are still 30 percent below their peak. If you want to sell in this environment, be measured about investing in home improvement — you may not get the return you are hoping for."

After all, even with today's low interest rates, getting a mortgage is a daunting process. Most people who buy today will want or need to sell in the future, so looking ahead to that future sale means being conservative with over improving your home.

LOCALLY: As indicated above, there is a shortage of inventory, nationally. That has not happened in Vermont....yet. We tend to be 6-12 months behind the National trends. Vermont's single-family, primary home median price for the past four months is up 2% from a year ago, while the single-family vacation home price is up 5.1%.

There has been a noticeable increase in interest of large tracts of land in the area. *BLOOMBERG NEWS* ran an article March 12 about Andrew Hall, who has accumulated 2,400 acres in Reading. Hall, a British citizen, is CEO of a commodity-unit of Occidental Petroleum, which is owned by Citigroup, and has been buying land in Reading since the early 1980's. Hall has purchased four houses and three parcels of land in the past three years.

What we are seeing in Mt. Holly is housing prices are still falling, but if it is perceived as a good value, buyers are out there. Our residential home inventory is down approximately 30% from last year at this time. 7 homes have sold in the past 6 months ranging in price from \$65,000 to \$312,225. Only 1 parcel of land has sold in the past 6 months 5.5 acres for \$30,000.



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Great News! The Transportation Board has approved the

designation expansion of our existing 31-mile Scenic Route 100 Byway to include communities from north to south: the Granville Gulf area, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, Weston, Londonderry, Jamaica, Stratton, Dover, Wilmington, Whitingham and Stamford. As a region the towns share many common features, particularly the juxtaposition between the Green Mountain range in the west and the river valleys in the east, which provide a stunning scenic backdrop and a foundation for a wide range of recreational activities. Each town has its own historic and cultural tradition, which is centered around its historic villages. The communities of Addison, Windsor, Rutland, Windham and Bennington County share a desire to promote economic development in a manner that balances economic development and tourism with stewardship of important local resources. The Route 100 corridor will not only fill a Byway void in the state interior along the spine of the Green Mountains, but will also promote linkage to the Mad River Valley, Stone Valley, Molly Stark and the Crossroad of Vermont Byways, thereby encouraging visitation. The theme of this byway is its scenic and recreational resources which draw from the eastern side of the Green Mountains and the river valleys that run alongside.

Our byway committee will be spearheading a Passport Program in the upcoming months.

We had a successful 1st Annual Home & Garden Show on April 6 & 7 at the Ludlow Community Center and will continue each year to be the **THE** Southern Vermont Home & Garden Show again, in early April.

About 50 businesses came to the VT Tourism Team Road Show that we held on April 1st.



Do you enjoy HORSES? PEOPLE? Young and old? Are you a student looking for important community service projects? Volunteers are needed at Rainbow Riding Center (PATH certified therapeutic riding program) for leading horses, side walking spotters, obstacle course help. These volunteers must be 14 or older, but folks of all ages are needed for other projects at RRC. Sound interesting? Come and see!

Training Day for Volunteers

Saturday May 4, 10:00am to noon

(Rain date May 5)

Rainbow Riding Center Open House

Saturday May 18, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

(Rain date May 19)

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Information For Seniors

Information & assistance for older adults (age 60+) living in Rutland and Bennington counties is easily accessible by calling the Senior HelpLine at the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. Callers are connected to a real person who can answer questions on a variety of programs and services: transportation, housing, home care, meals on wheels, Medicare and Medicare D, prescription assistance, care-giver supports, financial assistance, assisted living, senior groups, recreation, etc. This is a free service of the Council on Aging, a non-profit agency serving Seniors and their families since 1974. Contact the Senior HelpLine at 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119; or visit the website at www.svcoa.org.

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!

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RAVNAH FOOT/BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC SCHEDULE MAY 2013

Day	Date	Town	Site	Time
Wednesday	5/1/12	Wallingford	Wallingford House	10:30 am
Thursday	5/2/12	Rutland	Parker House	10:00 am
Wednesday	5/8/13	Rutland	Templewood Court	1:00 pm
Wednesday	5/15/12	Rutland	Sheldon Towers	9:00 am
Wednesday	5/15/12	Rutland	Linden Terrace	11:00 am
Thursday	5/16/12	Rutland	Maple Village	10:00 am
Wednesday	5/29/12	Rutland	Godnick Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	5/30/12	North Clarendon	Community Center	12:30 pm

Family Caregiver Information and Assistance

Approximately 22 million American families and friends provide unpaid care to another adult. Daughters, sons, spouses, partners, fathers, nieces, brothers, neighbors - they provide approximately 80% of the long-term care in the United States.

Whether helping out an hour a day or around the clock, caregivers may find their roles to be very challenging. In Rutland and Bennington counties, the Senior HelpLine of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging provides information and assistance to those who are caring for people over the age of 60. Questions about finding and paying for private home care, home care assistance programs that may pay the family caregivers, Meals on Wheels, respite care, adult day programs, transportation, support groups and more can be directed to the Senior HelpLine at 802-786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119, website www.svcoa.org.

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*Brush Hogging*Mowing & Care Taking 802-353-6289 Cell 259-3108
Russ Garrow –Lawn Mowing*Brush Hogging*Garden Tilling*Snow Plowing
*Care Taking greenerpastures@vermontel.net 259-3167

Farm Fresh Products

Padema Blueberry Farm 259-2132
Plew Farm – Kevin & Pattie Plew plewfarm@gmail.com 259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm- Grass Fed Beef Cuts-Fresh Frozen 492-2151
www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works Harley-Davidson, ATVs, Small Engine 259-3178
Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab gdurgin67@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 Gardens Quality Custom Stonework 259-2364
Butler's Lawn Care & More, Johnny Butler Cell 802-282-2656 259-2465
Frost Hill Farm, Peony Nursery, Fresh Cut & Dried Peonies 259-2716
Jeb Porter Landscaping rocker@vermontel.net 259-3058
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964
P.J. Bushey Landscape & Garden Ctr. www.busheyland.com 259-2542
Salt Ash Nursery, Scott Crawford 259-2146
Traveling Hoe Gardening www.thetravelinghoe.com 259-3345

Guns & Ammo

Seiple's Shoot Shop www.sssvt.com 236-8104

Hair Cuts

Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

Health Care Providers

Belmont Body & Soul Shop-Massage/Body work & Unique Gifts 259-2131
Robin Nelson LMT www.thebelmontbodyandsoulshop.com 259-2131
Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 446-2499
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 446-2499
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Home Management Services

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

Home Ownership Services

Neighbor Works of Western VT, Jacki White 802-438-2303 Ext 215

Lawyers

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Locksmith & Security

Countryside Lock & Alarms (Mike Blais) 259-2213

Lumber

Cole Lumber coleglumber@gmail.com 518-568-3271 259-2736

Manufacturing & UPS Outlet

DECO Manufacture Machine Job Shop 259-2477
Nutmeg Fabricating Inc. – David Graham -971 Northam Rd. 492-3575

Maple Svrvp

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

Marketing & Promotional Services

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

Merchandise Sales & Service

Black Satin Silversmiths, Daryle Thomas 259-2841
Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV 773-8650
www.turcosyamaha.com sales@turcosyamaha.com
Environmentally Safe Products For Body & Home - Pat LaBella 259-6078
Fuller Brush & Rawleigh Products – Diana Garrow 259-2314
Hearth & Cricket Stove Shop – Daryle Thomas 259-2841
Mary K – Natalie Brown 259-2067
Sew Easy Interiors - Home Décor & Window Treatments 259-2048
bethjosselyn@gmail.com Fax 259-3905

Painters

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

Personal Services

Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564
Ang's Cleaning Service 259-3598
Jencot Cleaning Co. 259-2146
Perfect cLEEn House Cleaning Service – Donna Lee 259-3936
Pet Sitter – Barbara Pallotta 259-2856

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Engel & Voelkers, Woodstock & Ludlow Gail Graves 259-3005
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Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Broker/Owner H 259-2646 228-5333
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Carl Mitchell H259-2107 - Cell 384-3202
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Refrigeration

J.C. McDonald Inc. ~ Commercial Refrigeration
Air Conditioning Sales & Service joemc@vermontel.net 259-3152

Septic System Design

Chase Design & Construction www.chasevermont.com 259-2633
Krueger Engineering – Arthur G. Krueger, P.E. 492-3653

Tree Services

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

Veterinary Care - Equine Services – Pet Care Needs

Mt. Holly Feeds, Jim & Millicent Johnson 259-2386

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899
Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663
Neighborworks Of Western Vermont 438-2303

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking cwv@vermontel.net 259-3232

