

Mount Holly Chit Chat

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June 2015

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

Saint Patrick's Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, 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

May 23 rd	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit Colfax Lodge #21, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
1 st	<i>Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801</i>	
2 nd	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm
	<i>US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian's 1924</i>	
3 rd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, MHES	7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, MH Elementary School	7:00 pm
	<i>1st American To Walk In Space Astronaut Edward White 1965</i>	
5 th		
6 th		
Sat 7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
9 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
10 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	3:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly School 6th Grade Graduation, MH School Gym	6:00 pm
	<i>Bass Catch & Release Season Ends</i>	
Sat 13 th	Free Fishing Day ~ Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass Season Begins	
Sun 14 th	<i>US Army Founded 1775 ~ Flag Day ~ 1st Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919</i>	
15 th	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:00 pm
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:00 pm
	<i>Bunker Hill Day 1775</i>	
	<i>Pan-Am 1st Airline for Around-The-World Flights 1947</i>	
18 th	<i>Sally Ride, 1st US Woman in Space 1983</i>	
Sat 20 th	Roast Beef Supper , Benefit MH Fire Dept., Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
Sun 21 st	<i>Summer Solstice Summer Begins ~ Father's Day</i>	
22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
	<i>GI Bill Signed Into Law 1944</i>	
	<i>Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942</i>	
23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
25 th		
26 th	<i>Korean War Began 1950</i>	
Sat 27 th	<i>Korean War Ended 1953</i>	
	<i>Helen Keller 1880</i>	
30 th	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford	8:00 pm

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

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June Anniversaries: 6th -Maurice & Ann Doucette (56th) 12th -Clinton & Carol Woolley 14th -Mike & Mary Beth Dawley 20th -Donald & Jean Gates 25th -John & Katie Wasilewski (24th)

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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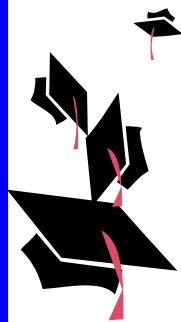
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Victor Cole

Vic's family would like to invite you to join us in a celebration of his life. Saturday June 27, 2015 at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at his beloved FROG POND BERRY FARM. Watch for signs for parking on Cole Rd. All Are Welcome.

A Message from the Constable

It has come to my attention that people with disabilities are having a difficult time accessing the marked handicapped spots in front of the Belmont Post Office and the Mount Holly Community Center. These businesses are required by law to provide a handicapped parking spot for vehicles, and although there are no pavement markings visible, there is a blue sign.

Please do not park your vehicle in these spots, even for a few minutes, unless you are a person with a disability, and display a valid special registration plate or removable windshield placard from any state or have a handicapped parking card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

If the complaints continue, citations will be issued, and if necessary vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

Thank you for your consideration. Paul Faenza, Constable

Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2015 at Mary Anderle's , 2475 East Clarendon Road, North Clarendon. We will be discussing the novels The Tricking of Freya by Christina Sunley and Away by Amy Bloom. Our last meeting on May 13th had to be cancelled so we are discussing both May and June's selections. Please call Minga to obtain a copy of the book at 259-2471. Also call if you'd like to car pool that evening.

The Library sponsors this program at no cost to the participants. We have a fairly small group over the winter, but we expand in the summer with second home owners and visitors, please consider doing something fun for yourself this upcoming season and drop in for a few months.

The Mount Holly School Farm to School Initiative presents

FOOD FAMILY & FUN NIGHT!

Friday, June 5th, 6 p.m.

Sponsored by Southern VT Hydroponics

Come join us at the Mount Holly School for a night of family fun with our farm to school program. We will have hands on activities including smoothie making, planting in the school garden, snack making in the newly renovated cafeteria, Karate, and good times for the whole community! Door Prizes!

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

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May 23 rd	Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham
June 20 th	MHVFD - Roast Beef
July 4 th	Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am
	Town Parade also that day Step off at 11:00 am
July 18 th	Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham
August 8 th	Odd Fellows - Roast Pork
Sept. 5 th	Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept. 26 th	MH Rescue Squad – Roast Port
October 10 th	MHCA - Roast Beef
October 24 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

What is Farm to School?

The mission of farm to school is to help students gain access to healthy, local foods as well as education opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local economy and contributing to vibrant communities.

**** NOTICE ****

Canoes and Boats at Star Lake Beach

The Dam reconstruction project is expected to begin on August 3rd

The construction area will include the boat storage area at the north end of the beach property. All boats need to be removed from the beach recreation area by July 15th. Boats that remain after that date are subject to removal and disposal by the Town. Mt. Holly Select Board

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and Chester Andover Elementary). Mr. Hutt Vater reported on SBAC testing and on the end of year events at the school, including graduation on June 11 at 6:00 p.m. The board approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 3 at Mt. Holly Elementary School.

Summer Break

From: Black River High School

Dear Black River Community Members, With summer vacation almost upon us, most students and parents are looking forward to the lazy days of summer. Sleeping in and not having to drive students to school in snowy conditions makes everyone feel a little happier. However, those lazy days of summer have the potential increase substance experimentation and use. Each day in June, July and August, roughly 11,000 youth try alcohol and 4,500 youth try marijuana for the first time. A significant increase over youth who try alcohol or drugs during the school year. It is important to talk with your teen about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drug use and teach them refusal skills. Attached you will find the Vermont Department of Health's newly updated ParentUp website <http://parentupvt.org/> which is one of the best resources on keeping teens safe and substance free. I invite you to read through it and use it as a platform for a discussion about summer expectations. Please contact me with any questions, Best, Megan Rudy, SAP Counselor Black River MS/HS megan.rudy@trs.u.org

Pictures of the VINS Presentation at Mount Holly School



Photos By Joseph Hammond

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, May 6 at the Ludlow Elementary School Gym. The board viewed a student presentation of the recent trip to France. They also discussed the food service program with Café Services. In addition they discussed other alternatives, such as a local program. The board discussed H361 and its impact on schools in the TRSU.

The board discussed and approved the required Restraint and Seclusion policy. They also discussed and approved entering into a limited elementary school transfer program with the other elementary schools in the TRSU (Ludlow Elementary, Cavendish Town Elementary



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Highway Safety is Top Priority

For All Concerned

By Michael B. Guild

Summer season is here and the horses are out. This means that motorists and others enjoying the scenic beauty must be extra careful to avoid an accident. Highway safety is the responsibility of everyone involved. Both the motorist and rider have to be very cautious. The following sections are excerpts from the Vermont State Laws that pertain to horses and motor vehicles.

TITLE 23 SECTION 1127 – "Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor

vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving."

Title 23 Section 1014 – "A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawn vehicle upon a road is granted all of the right and is subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by this chapter except those provisions of this chapter which, by their very nature can have no application."

The Vermont Driver's Manual directs motorists to exercise "every reasonable precaution" to avoid frightening a horse being ridden or driven and to insure the safety and protection of the horse and rider. To help both riders and motorists understand what's meant by "reasonable precaution", the Vermont Horse Council offers these simple guidelines.

Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:

1. Always ride on the right side of the highway, preferably on the shoulder and be alert.
2. Always rid in single file when riding in a group.
3. To communicate to motorists that danger exists and they should approach with caution, wave the extended left hand with the palm face down.



FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

1. When meeting or passing horses on the highway relinquish the right lane to the horse in case an emergency should occur.
2. When approaching a BRIDGE or TUNNEL into which a horse has entered, STOP and permit the horse to complete its crossing.
3. Never be the cause of any loud, sharp noises, such as blowing the horn or applying air brakes. Acceleration in the lower gears can be sufficient to startle an animal. Motorcyclists should be extra cautious.
4. **Slow to at least 25 miles per hour or less**, both when meeting or passing a horse, and if necessary come to a complete stop as a means to avoid injuries.

Bicycles and joggers present a different kind of danger; they are quiet and just appear. Horses do not have vision directly to their rear; as such they have a major blind spot. A horse is a prey animal and their reflexive reaction is "Fight or Flight" when startled. Cyclist and joggers should speak in a normal tone of voice and ask the rider if it is safe to pass. This serves two purposes; it lets the horse know there is a human behind it and allows the rider time to prepare for what the horse may do.

I spend a lot of time riding in many different places. My horse is used to the hustle and bustle of the highway, but there are times when something will bother him. We could have ridden by it many times, but it may look a little different. During these times his reaction may place in a dangerous situation. Events like this happen less than 1% of the time. No horse is predictable. Everyone needs to be aware and prevent needless injuries.

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9th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour

The 9th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. This is a self-guided tour of diverse, high altitude gardens, including a wide range of perennials, organic vegetables, and truly creative landscaping ideas. Depending on the gardens in the line-up this year, you may be delighted by such features as a 12' topiary elephant, strolls through peaceful woodland gardens, or beautiful vistas from upland gardens. Many of our gardeners have designed their gardens around natural features in the landscape, e.g., huge rock formations and ledges. In one of the gardens that is on the tour almost every year, you will see displayed among the flower beds, a dozen or so incredibly colorful quilts! The gardener in this

case is not just a master gardener, but a master quilter as well. We are proud that our tour always includes gardens that are the creative endeavors of people with real dirt under their nails! Come meet them... there is something for everyone and much to be learned.

If you have children in tow, don't let that deter you...we have a special "Garden Hunt" for all the children who want to participate. It will keep them thoroughly occupied in whatever garden you are exploring. Tickets and a map of the garden sites can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library & Community Center on the Green in Belmont for \$12 (children 12 and under are free). The "Garden Hunt" Guides for the children can also be picked up when you purchase your tickets. In the crossroads across from the Library & Community Center, the Belmont General Store provides special "Garden Tour Lunches", which you can take and enjoy at a number of the gardens, which tour almost every year, you will see displayed among the flower beds, a dozen or so incredibly colorful quilts! The gardener in this case is not just a master gardener, but a master quilter as well. We are proud that our tour always includes gardens that are the creative endeavors of people with real dirt under their nails! Come meet them... there is something for everyone and much to be learned.

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Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad News

** All of us at MHVRS would like to thank the community for the overwhelming vote of confidence in the town vote for our budget this year! We are working hard to increase membership in order to be there when you need us.

** May 18th was National EMS Week. Take a minute to thank an EMS volunteer that you know!



** Thank you to everyone who showed us support for our fundraising dinner. We raised nearly \$600! Also, thank you to the Fire Department for sending a few members to help us out. A special thank you to those community members who helped us out by sending in a homemade dessert.

** Consider coming to a meeting to see what we're all about - our business meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00pm at the Rescue Squad Building. We need volunteers at all levels! Also, check out Vermont EMS recruiting and public health volunteer website oncallforvt.org. Thank you for the support!

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Star Lake Dam & Beach Reconstruction Project: Update

Fundraising:

The Mt. Holly Conservation Trust has raised over \$80,000 since December so we now have the funds in place for the Town to reconstruct the dam and to dredge some of the swimming area. We are hoping for additional contributions which will allow us to expand the beach dredging, and to cover any unexpected costs. THANKS to everyone who has already contributed. To those of you who are still planning to contribute, please do. Your gifts will allow us to maximize the project's objectives.

Schedule:

Casella Construction was chosen as the contractor for the project and is planning to start work on August 3rd, dependent on final Permits. The construction should be complete by October.... and we will have Saved Our Lake ☺

Mount Holly Conservation Trust PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730
www.mounthollyconservationtrust.org

For more information contact Ron or Dottie at: ron@unterman.com or 802-259-2491
MHCT is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
This project is being managed as collaboration between the Mount Holly Select Board and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)/Friends of Star Lake (FOSL).



IS FATIGUE NEXT TO GODLINESS?

Remember those Datsun Commercials that shouted out, "We are driven!" Well, that can become the motto of just about any of us in this hard driving, "life-in-the-fast-lane" society... yes, even in Vermont. There is this neurotic compulsion to perform, compete, produce, and accomplish that can cause us to find our primary source of identity in what we "do for a living". I've heard even tired Christians use the proud sounding "burn - out-rather-than-rust-out" line, as though exhaustion in Christian work earns God's smile of approval. Bum or rust, either way, you're OUT. Someone has gone so far as to suggest that we've become a generation of people who worship our work, who work at play... and who play at our worship!

You'll never support that philosophy from Scripture or the life and lifestyle of Jesus. Never once do we read, "And straightway Jesus RAN unto Galilee!" He, on various occasions, (Mark 6:30-34) sought relief from the demands of the public and enjoyed periods of relaxation with His disciples. His was a life of beautiful balance.

We, however, often suffer from a lack of balance in our lives and therefore need the counsel of God's word. The Book says, "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children..." (Eph. 5:1) To do that, we've got to come to terms with the value of quietness, slowing down, coming apart from the noise and speed of today's pace and broadening our lives with a view of the eternal reach of time. It means saying no to more and more activities that increase the speed of our squirrel cage. Knowing God requires that we "be still" (Ps.46:10) It means, whether I'm a business person or homemaker, refusing to be driven by guilt and unrealistic demands (mine or others).

If we intend to imitate God, we need to observe and implement a few hints from Genesis. First, God takes time to create with his own hands. Are you taking time to create? Second, we need to have relaxed times of communicating with others who are important to us, just as God the Creator did with man the creature. (Gen. 2:16) Third, He rested. (Gen. 2:3) It's not that He was tired or ran out of ideas. He just stopped and "Blessed the 7th day and sanctified it." He marked it off and made the day on which He rested a "priority" period of time. Do you?

Here are a few suggestions for those times that Elmer Fudd used to call "west and wewaxation". Do some bicycling. Put on some of your favorite music and lie back and drink in the sounds. Take an art class and try painting. Take up a new hobby, like photography or psycho-ceramics (the study of crack pots). Make something out of wood. Dig around in the soil and plant something. Take a gourmet cooking class. Spend some time relaxed at the library...reading. Take a camping or backpacking trip soon with your kids, mate, or your friend and spend a night out under the stars. Pull out those old snapshots, sort 'em, and put 'em in albums. Write some poetry. Look for things to laugh at... and laugh out loud. Treat yourself to a sunrise or a sunset.

Don't wait until it's too late to enjoy life.
O' God, Bring out the child from within us. Introduce us again to the sounds and smells and sights of this beautiful world you wrapped around us. Convince us of the importance of friendships and laughter and wonder. In your Son's name we pray, Amen ~
Pastor Glenn Davis

Enjoy the summer Sun!

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This hugely popular program will be offered again through the Mount Holly Town Library. Thanks to Kevin Neubert at the Belmont General Store you will be able to check out the day pass which allows entrance for up to eight people in one vehicle for the day. Mount Holly residents can pick up the pass early in the morning and return it back to the store on your way home from the park. Stop in and pick up a brochure that explains how the pass works and how you can sign it out for the day. It worked really well last year and we appreciate Kevin and his associates for taking the time to administer this program. Take advantage of all the sun and fun Vermont Parks have to offer!!

Annual Book Nook In Store Book Fair

Friday, June 12th through Sunday, June 21st The Book Nook in Ludlow, Vermont will hold an "In Store Book Fair". When you purchase a book 20% of the sale will go to the Mt. Holly Library. You can also purchase a book for the Library from a wish list and 20% of that sale and the book will go to the library. Stop in The Book Nook and see their amazing selection of books. This is a wonderful benefit to the Library and we appreciate the Book Nook supporting libraries. Isn't it time to stock up on books for the

summer? Don't forget to mention that you are supporting The Mt. Holly Library.

Edward Rubin - Author visit - "Vermont: An Outsider's View"

Prominent photographer, Emmy Award winning production Designer and fine art painter, Ed Rubin has published a book of amazing photos that he has taken throughout Vermont. This is not your average book of pretty photos of scenery but a montage of the real people and places that make Vermont so unique. Mark the date **Wednesday, July 15th at 7 pm** on your calendar. Ed will share the stories that impacted his life and talk about his photographic inspiration.

Green Up Day

Thanks to Marianne McGee for her help with processing Green Up Day participants. We had an enthusiastic crew of trash collectors and good turnout for the lunch provided by the Belmont Store. Thanks Kevin!! Lydian Skiathitis, Kindergartener, won the basket of summer fun. I am happy to report that 73 people collected 139 bags of trash from Mount Holly's roads. Thanks to all the community members who cleaned up our town and to the Mount Holly Town road crew that picked up all the bags on Monday morning.

Mount Holly School gets Introduction to the Summer Reading Program

Amos Natural Education Service will present a program on Tuesday, June 9th to the Mount Holly School at the library. The program will be about "Nature's Heroes". We all depend on Nature - for food, for resources, for medicines, and for our enjoyment and state of mind. There have been plenty of heroes that have helped to protect and build upon our knowledge of nature; Charles Darwin, Alfred Russell Wallace, Teddy Roosevelt, and more recently Steve Irwin and Jane Goodall are just a few among many.

4th of July Book Sale

The Library will have our annual July 4th book sale on Saturday the 4th from 10 to 4 pm.

Drop off any donations for the book sale as soon as possible.

Please remember what we are unable to accept:

THE MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Be A Hero



Continuing the reading habit during vacations helps students maintain the skills learned during the school year. Vocabulary is enriched and reading horizons broadened when children keep reading year-round. And, best of all, reading is fun!! Each year the Mt. Holly Library holds six free sessions that include story times, crafts, games, special events and a snack. The program is open to elementary school age children residing in Mt. Holly and their guests. The program's goal is to motivate children to read books from the library or their own home and experience some new things in a relaxed atmosphere. Each child who participates in the program receives a reading record, on which to write the books he/she reads, and prizes. We hope you will encourage your child to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program.

The program is from 9:30 - Noon the following days (spread over two weeks)

Tues. June 23, Wed. 24, Thurs. 25, Tues. 30, Wed. July 1, and Thurs. July 2!

Special guests: June 25th Eric Cram, Comics, Colors, and and Everyday Super Powers

July 1st Trooper Joe Duca with K9, Buck

If you know for sure your child will be coming we would prefer to get a registration form but if you are unsure of your schedule, know that your child can participate in any of the six days by just showing up.

Return this form to the Mt. Holly School office before school ends, stop by the library or mail to:

Mt. Holly Town Library, PO Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730

mthollylibrary@gmail.com



My child/children _____

(Child's name and age)

(Child's name and age)

would like to participate in the summer reading program.

Parent's name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

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MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL GRADUATES "THE SUPER SEVEN"

JACK LIENHARD, SARAH MCHUGH,
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ABIGAIL FARROW, JOSHUA COHEN

*Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on
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- VHS tapes or cassettes.

We are happy to accept:

- Gently used hardback and paperback books, fiction and non-fiction, for children and adults.
- All antique or collectible books, including first editions and autographed copies.
- Multi-media (books and movies) including record albums and commercially recorded, CDs and DVDs.

Your generosity in donating books to our library helps fund our programs and book purchases, we thank you!

Transfer Station News

In 2012, the State Legislature passed Act 148, establishing universal recycling of solid waste. This Act has provisions that will be implemented over several years, which include changes regarding recycling, composting and pricing of solid waste collection.

By July 1, 2015, municipalities must implement variable rate pricing that charges by volume or weight of the waste collected. To accomplish this, Mount Holly has for a long time used stickers, which must be attached to the bagged waste or other items put in to the trash compactor.

Also starting July 1, 2015, recyclables are banned from Vermont

landfills. The Zero-Sort compactor at the Transfer Station accepts more types of recyclables than the old system did, **at no charge**, however, not everything can go in the Zero-Sort. **The following items are NOT ALLOWED in the Zero-Sort:** Plastic bags or wrapping, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, Pyrex, ceramics, paper towels, facial tissue, Styrofoam, paints, oils, hazardous material, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metal, pots, pans, batteries, hard cover books, clothing/textiles, wood/lumber, 3-ring/spiral notebooks.

Kevin and David, our Transfer Station Attendants will cheerfully help you to determine what goes in the Zero-Sort compactor and what goes in the solid waste compactor if you have questions. Please help them out by purchasing your stickers ahead of time, either at the town office (\$2.00 each) or at the Belmont General Store (\$3.00 each). Note that **no cash** is accepted at the transfer station. Contact the town office for a copy of the rate schedule. More information on recyclables can be obtained at www.casella.com/ZeroSort

While we may not agree or like these changes, changes are coming and the Town will do its best to help prepare you ahead of time and to help adjust to the changes at the Transfer Station. Watch for more Transfer Station News!



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Roast Beef Supper



June 20th, 2015

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Roast Beef Supper

Mashed Potato W/Gravy, Veggies, Rolls
And Homemade Pies
All you can eat – Home Style



Adults \$12.00
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More Info Call 259-2460

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

Many major bills have moved onto the Senate in the last month. The most important deal with must pass spending and associated tax bills. The proposed cuts directly affect how much has to be raised in revenue. We are looking at a total difference just short of \$115 million dollars. The Vermont House passed bills to increase fees that total \$2 million dollars, and another to create new taxes that raise \$33 million dollars. The proposed cuts add up to \$43 million dollars, with another nearly \$11 million dollars in projected labor savings. You can see there is still more to be raised in other areas. Some of the plans yet to be finalized include revenue to be raised to pay for our water cleanup fund and health care. Taxes have been proposed to fund both, but there is little agreement on them so far.



Some version of the Child Care Protection Bill will likely pass before we leave in May. The House removed some of the penalties in Senate bill S.9, but the focus remains on the best interest of the child where it belongs.

Our committee has been considering licensing foresters through the Secretary of State's Office. A report recommended this should be done to ensure people have qualified foresters with credentials that include forestry related college classes and experience. The bill would contain a grandfathering provision for most of our experienced foresters. Now it seems anyone can call them self a forester. The value in using a professional will be seen in improved forestry practices that protect our water supplies, woodlands and wildlife.

A bill to provide oversight on federal military equipment being purchased by our local law enforcement agencies went through our committee. We added language that requires any municipal police department that applies to purchase a dangerous weapon or any armored vehicle to notify the legislative body of the municipality. It also requires the sheriff's department to notify each legislative body within their county of these purchases when they are received. The thought was to have local governing bodies aware of the items being applied for and which municipalities possess them.

The Judicial Branch made a presentation to upgrade their IT systems. The \$8-\$10 million dollar project will create an integrated court system that will provide long-term savings. It makes sense to invest in this improved system, but the timing will likely be delayed until a future capital bill.

You can reach me with a message at 800-322-5616 or ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us, and at home at 802-259-2460.

NITKA'S NOTES FROM THE STATE HOUSE

By Senator Alice Nitka, Windsor County



We are on a countdown to the last day of the Legislative Session which is expected to be the Saturday, the 16th. Conference Committees have been meeting well into the night doing some tense negotiating re the differences in bills that the House and Senate passed. The Governor is also weighing in with his thoughts on the same bills. The Joint Fiscal Office analysts who crunch numbers, so to speak as to the spending and revenue needed for every bill as well as calculating every change plus future needs on these bills are burning up their brain cells more than ever these days. Their offices are in an old Victorian House located next to the State House called the "Pink Lady" and all three floors of their lights were still on at 11:00 pm and you could see them still sitting at their computers. The biggest bills in play these last few days are the Budget, H-490, the Tax bill, H-489, the Education bill, H-361, Economic Development, S-138, Capital Construction, H-492, Child Protection, S-9, and Health Care, S-139. A bill generating a great deal of consternation around the state for families is S-10, a health database bill which suddenly had an issue re childhood immunizations/vaccines attached to it. The bill which passed both the House and the Senate this week removes the philosophical exemption from current law. It leaves in place the religious and medical exemptions as reasons acceptable for a child who is not immunized to be allowed to attend school or a licensed child care center. The definition of school includes public, private and independent schools. The date of implementation is July 1, 2016 thus the current law which allows the philosophic exemption will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year.

A bill that has dragged on for days is the Renewable Energy bill, H-40. There have been amendments that have passed and others that have been unacceptable to the committee so never made it to the floor. More are coming. Many feel this bill should be carried over to next year while others are anxious to have it pass before adjournment. The Clean Water bill, H-35 passed and is headed to the Governor's desk for his signature. At this time of year, there is always speculation as to whether the Governor will veto any bills and the talk centers around the Tax bill and the Budget. We'll have to wait and see.

Our present group of pages is completing their work this week and was as anxious as we are to go outside and get some fresh air. At the close of their work day, I saw the boys outside climbing on the cannons in front of the building, (still in their blazers and ties with their shirt tails out) falling off them onto the lawn. It was a great sight!

This will likely be my last report as I believe we will adjourn this weekend. Feel free to contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us I am able to read all your e-mails however the volume has made it impossible to respond to all of them.

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Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting June 9, 2015. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD - MAY 12, 2015 ~ 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 no additions to the Agenda.

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.

2. Minutes:

- * The minutes of the regular meeting of April 14 and the special meeting of April 09 were sent out before the meeting for review. Upon motions made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the April 09 minutes. (3-0)

VOTED: To approve the April 14 minutes. (3-0)

3. Highways

- * Jeff has not heard yet on the Paving Grant (probably in a couple of weeks). Paving will be on Hortonville Rd, from Lord Rd up to Perry Rd (or as far as we can if we do not get the grant). Culverts will be replaced during the project as well.
- * Jeff also checked about the grant for the Tarbellville Culvert replacement, which we have until December 2016 to complete.
- * Storm Cleanup (FEMA grant) – is underway and likely completed this week. Between the federal and state match, we should have about \$30,000 for the work. The amount is enough to have the crew do some extra work in the same areas as well as the cleanup.

4. Report of Treasurer

- * David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated April 30, 2015 showing cash balances of \$1,728,013. Property taxes still outstanding are about \$44,900, which is about average. David noted that 17 properties may be turned over for tax sale. The Town received \$8,800 for the sale of the old garage and chipper. State Aid for the roads is slightly above the budgeted amount. Solid Waste revenue (label sales) is up slightly from last year at this time. Solid Waste expenses are a little high; we had two extra pulls for the spare containers used when there were problems with the compactor. Under highway expenses, David noted that equipment repairs are under budget and the winter road expenses were about \$10,000 over budget.
- * TRSU Bond Payment – The Town received a letter from Two Rivers Supervisory Union for a final bond payment. We thought the final payment was last year and did not budget for any payment this year. (The bond was for renovations to the Senior Center which the Rutland Windsor Southwest SU used as office space.) The Board agreed to make the payment.

5. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction Project – Ron Unterman

- * Permits: The project is on track, even though two permits are still outstanding. The Army Corps of Engineers must approve the dredging disposal sites. They have agreed to them, but it is still out for public comment period. The State has asked for a peer review of the dam design before approving the Dam Safety permit. Ron is hopeful for both permits by the end of May or early June.
- * Schedule: The work is scheduled to begin August 1, with the work estimated to take 5 weeks. This is a fairly tight window, as the State has a September 30 date to be out of waterways.
- * Contract: D&K have not sent out the physical notice of the award, as that action triggers two clocks regarding the contract. D&K wants to wait for the permits before signing the contract, but Casella needs to get started ordering materials and may need to do that before permits arrive. The Board agreed that a special meeting will be called if needed to get the contract signed in a timely manner.
- * There was discussion about preventing water flow during the Tarbellville culvert replacement and the coffer dam to be built to allow the dam project to be done. This may require careful coordination so both projects can proceed.
- * Fundraising has surpassed \$600,000, but are hoping for an additional \$5-10,000 to provide for additional dredging and be sure to cover the additional expenses with the design changes.
- * Canoes: All canoes at the beach area will need to be removed. Ron will post notices in both the June and July Chit Chat and on the Newsflash.

6. Transfer Station –

- * The Town has had our electronics recycling certification pulled. The electronics must be separated by type and must be on pallets, among other requirements. Jeff has found an appropriate used container (\$2000) that could be set near the trash compactor to meet the requirements. A pallet jack (\$250) would also be needed. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To purchase the used container and a pallet jack for electronics recycling. (3-0)

- * Casella called Jeff and said that the spare containers belong to Casella. When Jeff told them that the Town had purchased those years ago, Casella asserted that since they maintain and paint them, over time the containers revert to them. The Board requested a letter from Casella regarding this.

7. Planning Commission

- * RR Transportation Council report – David Hoeh reported that much of the last meeting was on the Pittsford/Brandon Route 7 project, which has no direct impact on Mount Holly. The Complete Streets initiative (guidelines to accommodate multiple transportation modes that must be addressed on any road projects) is difficult to apply in Mount Holly, as our roads have limitations that prevent specific changes.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

BURN PERMITS

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Home: 259-2211

Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back.
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SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

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.

- * There was no news on the Killington Bridge replacement detour mentioned last month.

8. Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)

* The Board reviewed the updated LEOP (a few corrections in names/addresses). Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To approve the updated LEOP for 2015. The plan and the notice of adoption will be sent to Laura Keir at RRPC.

9. Cell Phone and Internet Access

Ted Crawford spoke with a spokesperson at VTel, who stated there is a cell tower coming in the Star Lake area which will have an 8 mile radius. No carriers have been selected yet. There was speculation regarding the location (the large new pole near 2831 Healdville Road?). The VTel person said 2016 is the planned completion date for fiber optics (data not voice).

10. Insurance

- * Delta Dental's rates for next year (July 1 thru June 30) will decrease 1.89%. The plan will include a new program (HOW) which employees will need to sign up for individually.
- * As part of the Affordable Care Act, there are penalties for "Cadillac" health plans starting January 2018. VLCT provided notice in their newsletter that most municipalities will likely face this (towns with unions need to start planning now, due to long lead times in negotiations).

11. Other Business

- * Pat Teter, the Town's current representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, requested (thru Jeff) that the Board appoint Don Richardson as the alternate rep. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board VOTED to do so (3-0).
- * David Hoeh reported that three additional trees have been planted in Belmont and thanked all who have supported this program.

12. The Board reviewed and signed the April orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion made, seconded and approved, at 8:21 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

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.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32, Section 4111 Vermont Statutes Annotated, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of **MOUNT HOLLY** have this day completed the abstract of individual lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said Town on the first day of April 2015 that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the **29th of May 2015 between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm; 30th of May 2015 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm**, the undersigned Listers will meet at the **Mount Holly Town Office** in the Listers Office in said Town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts such Listers who objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2015 become the Grand List of said Town and of each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named.

To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 28th of May 2015.

Given under our hands at Mount Holly in the County of Rutland this 13th day of May 2015. Listers of the Town of Mount Holly, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Christine Pratt, Nicole Griffin

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. 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, including from the incumbents.**

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Select Board seeks an individual to be the town's Emergency Management Coordinator. The EMC is responsible for coordinating with the State Emergency Management Office, preparing and updating the town's Emergency Operations Plan and is responsible for setting up an Emergency Operations Center during an emergency (such as Irene in 2011). A full description is available at the Town Office.

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. All appointments are for the fiscal year, 07/01/15 – 06/30/16.

The representative and/or alternate attend 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.

Mount Holly Planning Commission - Regular Meeting May 18, 2015

Members present: Clinton Woolley, Michael Valente, Bill McGrath, Jim Seward, Tim Martin and Nicole Griffin

Public Present: Jeff White, Don Richardson, Ted Crawford, Annette Lynch, Tim Bickford and Frank Bickford.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

OLD BUSINESS: Clinton Woolley made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Michael Valente seconded the motion; the motion was carried by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff White inquires about a subdivision for Don and Kevin Monroe, located on rte 155. Don will convey acres to Kevin. Bill McGrath advised Jeff to come back to the June meeting with all subdivision applications. Once completed The Planning Commission will set the public hearing date for the property.

BCR: Phillipe Crane- Kitchen renovation and a new deck, located in Belmont. Approved by Commission. Other: Frank Bickford inquired about subdividing his property to convey a portion to family member. Property located on 155. Frank was informed to get a surveyor to help with the process.

Waste Water Permits: Timothy Quinn: Construction of new 5 bedroom dwelling located on Teer Rd. Steven Zeichner and Rachel Moon: Construction of new 4 bedroom dwelling located on Old County Rd. Robert Beardmore: Renovating existing barn into a 3 bedroom dwelling located on Dana Lane.

Town Plan: The Planning Commission continues to amend the Town Plan. Each member has a section to revise. It is an open meeting anyone is welcome to attend. Annette Lynch asked if the Town plan revisions could be stated in the meeting minutes for The Planning Commission. Bill advised that we will not put the revision into the meeting minutes. There will be an open period where all community member will be able to look at the Town plan and give there feedback.

ADJOURNMENT: Michael Valente made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Clinton Woolley and the motion was carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 Nicole Griffin, Mount Holly Planning Commission, Administrative Assistant

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**At the
MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION
Saturday, June 27
8 AM to NOON**

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station.

Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans
Bug Sprays
Floor Care Products
Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Garage Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish
Pool Chemicals

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Rechargeable Batteries
Photographic Chemicals

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKS ON REVISION OF TOWN PLAN

I attended the March and May meetings of the Mount Holly Planning Commission (there was no quorum for a meeting in April) and was impressed by the amount of work being done by the commissioners in revising the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan.

As the PC's minutes have not recorded the work it has accomplished since January, I thought that town residents might appreciate some update.

At the meeting in March, the PC returned to reviewing the action portion of the Town Plan (Part 2). This involved reviewing the Goals, Policies, and Implementation Tasks for each of the Plan's subject areas: such as land use, transportation, environment, energy. The commissioners, by majority agreement, made decisions to remove, change, or retain items. I did not take notes, but I was surprised that the section on Child Care was removed, despite the state statute requirement that it be included.

At the May meeting the PC turned to the beginning of the Town Plan (Part 1). This part describes the Town and forms to basis for the action plan (Part 2). The Administrative Officer, Nicole Griffin, was able to present the results of her research in updating data on demographics and land use. The commissioners noted the need for current education and housing data, and by a process of majority agreement they removed, changed or retained information. Apart from data and facts provided by the Administrative Officer, it appeared that the basis for making many changes was the opinion of individual commissioners; e.g., Tiny Pond was removed from the Natural Resources chapter based on one commissioner's input that it is not situated in Mount Holly

At its next meeting (June 20) the PC will continue work reviewing Part 1 of the Town Plan, beginning at the section on Housing and it will receive the first drafts of sections rewritten by individual commissioners. The PC announced its intent to present a draft Town Plan to the Select Board in August. This will occur after public hearing(s) and by input from local, regional, and state governmental bodies.

Copies of the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan are available in the Town Office and on the Town's unofficial website. Vermont Statutes governing town plans can be googled: VSA Title 24, Chapter 117, subchapter 5 # 2402 (for content) and #4384-7 (for process). Annette Lynch

Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Marji Graf, CEO 802-228-5830



The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce would like to announce the following new Board members to serve a two-year term:

l-r: Emmett Dunbar, Anjali Farm, Londonderry - Julie Wood, Golden Stage Inn, Proctorsville - Terry Bane, Imerys Talc America, Ludlow - Marilee Spanjan, Inn at Weathersfield, Perkinsville - Jules Lavoie, Hartness House Inn, Springfield - Marji Graf, OVRCC

They join the current Board: Julie Bowyer, CTM Media, Proctorsville - Dan Cote, Inn Victoria, Chester - Doug Ficken, ClearLake Furniture, Ludlow - Sheldon Ghetler, Stone Hearth Inn, Chester - William Jenney, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth - Barbara LeMire, Peoples Bank, Ludlow & Chester - Kevin Marvelli, The Vermont Country Store, Weston - Steve Mulcahy, Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow - Rick Paterno, The Free Range, Chester - Katelyn Sirois, Berkshire Bank, Ludlow



We honored Mark Williams of Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grill that received the Member of the Year for his outstanding service to the Chamber and the community.

We said thank you for their 4 years of serving on the board to outgoing board members: Donald Dill, Images by Donald Dill

Thank you to outgoing Board Member Layne Herschel of Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts for serving 4 years on the Board.



BRGNS To Hold Spring Rummage Sale

Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its annual Spring Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farms, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 17th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The sale will feature clothing, housewares, books, linens, furniture and all manner of goods. "We've been stockpiling good quality items for several months and will have something for everyone," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of the organization. "We will have the tables piled high and the prices marked low." There is also a bake sale with all manner of edibles.

Black River Good Neighbor Services holds a rummage sale twice each year, in the spring and in the fall, and sells gently used items that are donated by the community. 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.

"We can always use more merchandise," said Bridge, "but right now we can also use volunteers to help set up and staff the sale, and lots of people to donate baked goods." For more information or to volunteer, please call Audrey at 802-228-3663



June Chamber Corner
Submitted by Marji Graf, CEO
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

- We held our annual meeting on May 13 at Newbank Conference Center. Thank you to Heritage Deli for catering, thank you to our speaker Kerry Seacrest for our uplifting talk about living in community and we welcomed 5 new members to the Board: Jules Lavoie from the Hartness House in Springfield; Julie-Lynn Wood, Golden Stage Inn, returning for a second 2 year term; Emmett Dunbar from Anjali Farm in Londonderry; Terry Bane from Imery's in Ludlow and Marilee Spanjian from the Inn at Weathersfield.
- Kim Dixon from Insights held another email marketing training on May 14.
- Our guests this month on lpctv are Tesha Buss, Chair of our Energy Committee and Joe Evans from Table 19 in Springfield.
- We presented Mark Williams of Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grill the Member of the Year award.
- We thanked Donald Dill and Layne Herschel for their 4 years of service on the board.
- We're gearing up for our Home Garden & Recreation Show on May 23 at the Ludlow Community Center from 10am-4pm. Please come and support your local businesses!! Food, vendors, music, family fun.
- We have an exciting trip scheduled for next May 6-13, 2016. It is the 100th anniversary of the National Parks and we will be heading to the Southwest. An 8-day tour from Scottsdale Arizona to Las Vegas for only \$2499 per person, leaving from Boston. Details can be found on our website; www.YourPlaceInVermont.com

Mark your Calendars:

May 23 Home, Garden & Recreation Show, Ludlow Community Center-Ludlow
June 10 Mixer at President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site – Plymouth
June 12 Chamber Day at Okemo's Adventure Zone – 2pm-7pm – Ludlow
June 17 Understanding your credit score with Carrie Allen of Heritage Family Credit Union – Chester
June 30 Chamber night at the Weston Playhouse – discounted tickets for "Pump Boys"
July 8 Mixer at Inn at Weathersfield –Perkinsville
July 21 Building Stronger Teams with Ross Gibson of The Richards Group at Newsbank Conference Center
August 4&5 Constant Contact email marketing & more with Kim Dixon Newsbank Conference Center
August 12 Mixer at ClearLake Furniture – Ludlow
August 29 &30 Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts grounds
Sept 9 "Let's Make A Deal" mixer at the Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern – Chester
Sept 24 OVRCC Golf Tournament at OVG
Oct 14 Mixer at Crowley Cheese in Mount Holly
Oct 20 An Introduction to The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Ross Gibson of The Richards Group and Newsbank Conference Center - Chester
Nov 11 Mixer at Jackson Gore Inn – Ludlow
Dec 9 Holiday party at The Hartness House - Springfield



BRAM Presents Common Core Program "Finns as Immigrants"



The Black River Academy Museum and the Ludlow middle and high school classes last year developed this program and recently it was presented to sixth grade students from Mt. Holly. The program is a day-long immersion experience that combines the fields of social science, language and arts and utilizes the Museum's research facilities and collection of artifacts.

The students formed groups and participated in birch bark crafts, learned Finnish dancing, singing and cooking. Lunch was a traditional Finnish pancake that they had prepared and the very traditional coffee hour included Finn Crisp with Finlandia cheese, salted herring and *pullaa*, a braided cardamom coffee bread.

The team, which presents the program it developed, is comprised of

Georgia	Brehm,
Director	of the
Museum,	Linda
Tucker,	Assistant

Director, Sue Pollender, president of the Board of Directors and former Ludlow teacher, Alice Suojanen, past president of the Finnish-American Society and Joan Willett, former secondary education teacher.

This program is available to any student group, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, 4-H members, church youth groups and many others.

For more information please contact Georgia Brehm at [802-228-5050](tel:802-228-5050) or email glbrehm@tds.net.

Mt. Holly' sixth grade class posing in front of BRAM's Finnish exhibit top left.

Students enjoying the traditional Finnish Coffee Hour bottom right.



ALAN JORDAN STEPS DOWN AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Board of Trustees of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and Alan Jordan, Executive Director of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra since 1999, announced his resignation effective May 15, 2015. During his tenure of 16-1/2 years, the VSO achieved significant artistic and administrative growth.

Through its first-ever endowment campaign, the Orchestra raised more than \$3.5 million, at the same time the country was going through the Great Recession. Since 1999, the VSO's endowment has grown, currently standing near \$4.5 million. Jordan directed efforts to acquire significant new equipment, including a new Steinway concert grand piano, a concert hall sound shell, musician chairs and stands, tympani, and two vehicles.

New media initiatives were affected, including local weekly radio broadcasts, a concert DVD, national radio broadcasts ("Performance Today"), two commercial CD projects, and an internet e-boutique. In addition, New music activities were greatly expanded, including the creation of a New Music Advisor position and the commissioning or co-commissioning of more than 30 new works.

"It has been an honor to serve the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and its statewide family of volunteers, musicians, and fans for a large part of my career," said Jordan. "It is time for me to seek out new challenges with another orchestra, and for the VSO to find someone with new perspectives and ideas to continue the VSO's progress.

"It saddens me greatly that Alan Jordan has resigned as Executive Director of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Alan and I came to the VSO at about the same time and have worked together for many years. He has been an extraordinary partner and loyal friend, and I will always be grateful to him for his devotion to the VSO and its musicians," said Jaime Laredo, VSO Music Director since 2000.

"Alan joined the Vermont Symphony Orchestra as Executive Director at a critical time and has been key in building its success as the brilliant organization it is today. We wish him well," said Victoria Young, Chair of the Governing Board of Directors.

During the transition period until a new Executive Director is engaged, Jordan has agreed to serve in a consultant role. The Governing Board of Directors and a search committee plan to explore a full range of options as they consider Mr. Jordan's successor.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will be presenting its annual Summer Festival Tour throughout the state July 1 – July 11. Upcoming concerts include:

July 1, Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden
July 2, Riley Rink at Hunter Park, Manchester
July 3, Grafton Ponds, Grafton
July 4, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne
July 5, Trapp Family Lodge Concert Meadow, Stowe
July 9, Suicide Six Ski Area, South Pomfret
July 10, Okemo Mountain Resort, Ludlow
July 11, Three Stallion Inn, Randolph

Tickets are now on sale. For more information please visit vso.org.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra providing live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

If you would like more information or would like to schedule an interview, contact Amy Caldwell at [\(802\) 864-5741 ext. 16](tel:8028645741) or amy@vso.org.



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Tickets for all venues: On Sale now at flynnitix.org (tickets for Stowe coming soon!)

Manchester

Date: Thu. 07/02/2015

Time: Gates - 5:00 for picnicking I Concert 7:30

Location: Riley Rink at Hunter Park, Manchester

Ludlow

Date: Fri. 07/10/2015

Time: Gates - 5:30 for picnicking I Concert 7:30

Location: Okemo Mountain Resort, Jackson Gore Inn, Ludlow

CHARLES SMITH ACCEPTS ROLE OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Vermont Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors has named Charles Smith of Burlington, Vermont, as Interim Executive Director. Alan Jordan, who held the position of Executive Director for sixteen years, has stepped down to pursue other orchestra management opportunities.

"I'm delighted that Charles Smith has agreed to be our Interim Executive Director," said Board Member Brian Harwood. "His experience in working strategically with non-profits makes him an ideal choice to head our organization through this period of transition." "Charlie is highly respected in Vermont's business community as well," added Board Chair Victoria Young. "We are confident that he will not only lead us through our transition but help us define the next steps for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Smith's willingness to take on this role leaves the VSO in a good position to take the time needed to secure the right leader for this organization."

As Interim Executive Director, Smith will guide the Vermont Symphony Orchestra as it continues its mission of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber

music and providing quality performances for a broad and diverse public throughout the state of Vermont.

"I am honored that the Board of Directors has selected me to lend a hand to such a great organization," said Smith. "The quality of the work of the musicians, staff and volunteers speaks to the importance of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra to our state. Now in its 80th season, the VSO is in good shape. It's a wonderful asset for Vermont, and one of the finest orchestras in northern New England," he added.

Most recently Smith has worked with [Vermont PBS](#) in team building, strategic planning and managing the company's transition to a new permanent president and CEO. He owns and operates [Charles P. Smith Management and Strategic Consulting](#), specializing in business, finance and government matters, primarily in Vermont. Recent areas of project focus have included bank markets, health care reform, alternative energy, and the state 911 system.

Smith had a long career in banking, leading sales and marketing operations in commercial banking services for Key Bank in Vermont. He served under Jim Douglas in State Government and also as President of the Snelling Center for Government. He currently holds board positions with [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont](#), Vermont [Energy Investment Corporation](#), and [United Way of Chittenden County](#). Smith resides in Burlington.

WESTON ANNOUNCES ANNUAL LONDON THEATRE TOUR FOR NOVEMBER

Registration deadline May 29

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company has announced plans for its 14th annual London Theatre Tour, visiting the capital of the English-speaking theatre world from November 3 to 12, 2015. Weston Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler and London Tour Director Giles Ramsay who have designed all of the company's previous tours will again be leading the group. Registration has begun, and the company expects to have a full group prior to the official registration deadline of May 29.

Tour members will spend 9 nights at The Montague on the Gardens, a 4-star boutique hotel in a row of restored Georgian townhouses adjacent to the British Museum in Bloomsbury, a quiet neighborhood of parks and cafes. The package includes 6 plays, a concert, special meals, and a series of visits, lectures and discussions. Billed as "a tour for people who don't do tours," the hallmark of Weston's trip is the stimulating discussions that occur, both planned and impromptu, and plenty of free time to take advantage of all that London has to offer.

"When we began these tours we had no idea they would be so popular," comments Stettler. "The group itself is always fun and stimulating, and many participants repeat year after year. November is a perfect time to visit London, as the weather is temperate and we can enjoy the shows opening in anticipation of the holidays while avoiding the crowds to come. You don't have to be a theatre expert to attend – our discussions are open and informative, and we love sharing opinions on everything."

A group of approximately 25 will enjoy London's latest hits and most acclaimed new productions. Already booked: David Suchet (PBS Mystery's Poirot) in *The Importance of Being Earnest* on the West End, Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at the Young Vic, and a new *Medea* at the Almeida Theatre. Other possibilities include West End appearances by Kenneth Branagh and Nicole Kidman, and a new musical at the National Theatre. Tour members will meet with actors and other artists involved in the productions, as well as top journalists and critics.

All participants receive scripts and welcome packets with recommendations of additional plays, concerts and exhibitions. The tour price includes luxury accommodations, many meals, all performances, discussions and visits, ground transportation in London and a tax-deductible contribution to the theatre company. A group flight from Logan to Heathrow is recommended and will be met by the tour leaders.

Pricing, registration forms and a draft itinerary for the Weston London Theatre Tour can be found on the company's website at www.westonplayhouse.org/london-tour-2015 or by contacting Charma Bonanno at [802-824-8167 x108](tel:802-824-8167) or cbonanno@westonplayhouse.org. Interested tour members are urged to return a registration form as soon as possible in order to receive preferred seating for all performances. Questions about the tour can be addressed to Steve Stettler at sstettler@westonplayhouse.org.



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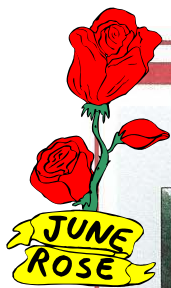
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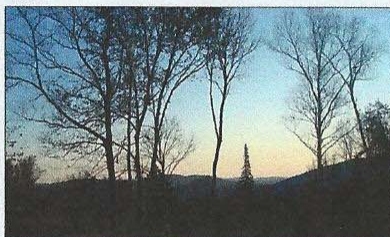
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