

# Mount Holly Chit Chat



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August 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](http://www.ewbaptist.com)  
**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

1 <sup>st</sup>		<i>Francis Scott Key</i> 1779	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Christopher Columbus set sail w/Nina, Pinta &amp; Santa Maria</i> 1492	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	<i>Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ US Coast Guard Est.</i> 1790	7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>First Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima</i> 1945	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Annual Meeting, Library	<i>Purple Heart Medal Est.</i> 1782	6:30 pm
		<i>US Satellite Explorer VI transmits first pictures of earth from space</i> 1959	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Roast Pork Supper</b> , Benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building		7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Selectmen's meeting, Town Office	<i>Berlin Wall Built</i> 1961	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	<i>Social Security Act Est.</i> 1935	3:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Japan Surrendered Ending WWII</i> 1945	7:30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Panama Canal Opened</i> 1914	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Great Klondike Gold Rush 1896 ~ Battle of Bennington, VT 1777 ~ Crow Hunting Season</i>		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	<i>Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer</i> 1871	7:30 pm
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School		7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		8:00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Hawaii Becomes 50<sup>th</sup> State</i> 1959	7:00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Women's Suffrage</i> 1920	7:00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) born</i> 1910	7:00 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Oliver Wendell Holmes</i> 1809	
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Baked Ham Supper</b> , Benefit MH Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall		5:00 pm

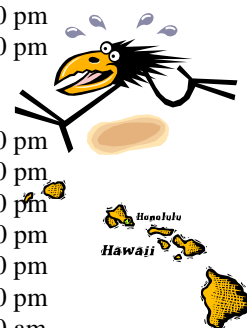
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## Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408		259-2211	American Red Cross	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	802-245-4452		802-786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	<a href="mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com">mhconstable@yahoo.com</a>		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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net)

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**August Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Jonathan Turco \* Joan McCallum. 2<sup>nd</sup> -Fern Adams \* David Johnson. \* Linda D. Miller. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Steve Howard \* April Norton Rumrill 5<sup>th</sup> -Michael Mattison. 6<sup>th</sup> -Kai Stanley. 11<sup>th</sup> - Mary Beth Dawley \* Katie Ann Labozzo. 12<sup>th</sup> -Lisa Hupp \* Armand Bernagozzi. 13<sup>th</sup> -Teresa Bolalek. 15<sup>th</sup> -Lauren Ely. 16<sup>th</sup> -Amber Taylor. 17<sup>th</sup> -Eric Gates. 18<sup>th</sup> -Maria Howard. 19<sup>th</sup> -Paul Deegan. \* John W.F. Miller. 21<sup>st</sup> -Judy Nevin \* Amy Spaulding. 22<sup>nd</sup> -Thomas Adams. 25<sup>th</sup> -Katie Wasilewski. 27<sup>th</sup> -Lynnette Audy. 30<sup>th</sup> - Matthew Ely. 31<sup>st</sup> -Russell Garrow \* Michael Huck.



**August Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Shari & Al Lewis. 9<sup>th</sup> -Jim & Donna Seward \* Chuck & Jean Palmer. 12<sup>th</sup> -Ted & Sue Crawford. 15<sup>th</sup> -Alec & Joan McCallum \* Pat & Debby Marro. 17<sup>th</sup> -Marilyn & Phil Dunwoody. 19<sup>th</sup> - John & April Ely. 20<sup>th</sup> -Donald & Lisa Patch \* Lars & Tina Anderson 21<sup>st</sup> -Russ & Joan Garrow. 23<sup>rd</sup> -John & Linda Miller. 25<sup>th</sup> -Diane & Paul Deegan. 27<sup>th</sup> -Frank & Jean Borrelli.

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](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) or call me at 802-259-2314.

## Local Post Office Hours

### Mount Holly 802-259-2796

Post Master:

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
& 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm  
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

### Belmont 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill

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

### East Wallingford 802-259-2829

Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm  
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

### Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury 802-492-3585

Post Master: Barbara Perkins

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

### Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm  
Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am  
Window Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am

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**PHOTOS:** Color photos of events are welcome as they look great on the Chit Chat web edition

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<b>Third Page:</b>	\$45	\$125	\$240	\$350	\$450
<b>Half Page:</b>	\$75	\$200	\$375	\$550	\$720
<b>Full Page:</b>	\$125	\$325	\$625	\$1025	\$1250

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**INTERNET:** Each month's edition is published on the Mount Holly Town website: [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

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

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

**ORGANIZATION SUPPORT:** The Mount Holly Chit Chat has been published each month since 1974 and has been supported solely by donations until 2006 when readership was expanded as a public service to all who reside, vote, or own property in Mount Holly. The Chit Chat is supported by donations, advertisements, and a grant from the Town



## Audreylin J. Hawkins



Audreylin J. Hawkins, 45, died unexpectedly June 28, 2013, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. She was born March 16, 1968, in St. Ann, Jamaica, the daughter of Albert and Dorothy (Grant) Simpson. Audreylin married Maurice Hawkins on April 10, 2010 and had been employed by Okemo Mountain since 2007. She enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include her husband of East Wallingford; a daughter Olivia Ballin of Jamaica; two sons, Kevin Hepburn and Joseph Baldeo, both of Jamaica; her mother Dorothy Simpson of Jamaica; four sisters, Paulette "Dawn" Simpson of Jamaica, Pauline "Millie" Savage of Florida, Diana "Yvonne" Ricketts of Canada, and Ann-Marie "Shirley" Burnett of Massachusetts; seven brothers, Enos Simpson of New York, Neville Simpson, Andy Simpson, Danny "Boo" Simpson, Leslie "Les" Simpson, and Masco Simpson, all of Jamaica, and Audley "Raymond" Simpson of Massachusetts; three grandchildren; uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

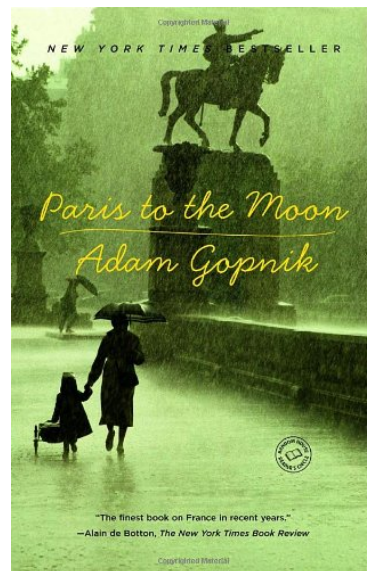
Graveside services were held Saturday, July 6, 2013, at 1 p.m. at the East Clarendon Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Diggins of West Rutland Reformed Bible Church. The bearers were Leroy Burnnett, Raymond Fowler, Tarrant Nivens, George Higgins, Enos Simpson, and Tim Savage. Friends and family attended the calling hours on Friday, July 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main St., Rutland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Holly Vol. Fire Department, 26 School St., P.O. Box 114, Mount Holly, VT 05758.

## Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading *Paris to the Moon* by Adam Gopnik for our August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will meet at 7:00 at Fern Melvin's on the Tiffany Road in Belmont.

We welcome new members and we would love to have folks who are here for the summer join us for a few months. The Library sponsors this great program and there is no cost to participants as the Library provides the books as well. Please call Minga Dana at 259-2471 if you have questions or want further details.



## FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ANNUAL FIELD DAY Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 12:00PM – 4:00PM

### EVENTS

- Michael Sylvester, from Ruger Firearms, will have pistols, rifles and shotguns for you to test fire.
- Paul Muzzey with the University of Vermont 4-H shooting sports trailer (Air Rifle Range) and 4-H Youth Archery.
- Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program with certified instructors: Bob Cram, Rod O'Neil and others from the department.

Barbecued chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, clam chowder, corn on the cob, salads, desserts and soft drinks are available to purchase.

*Bring the whole family and enjoy the day!  
If you have any questions regarding this event, please  
contact any of the following coordinators:*

Scott Baitz, President      Cell (802) 384-3603  
Bob Cram                      Cell: (802) 345-5699

Mary Nortunen              Tel: (802) 259-2412

## BLACK RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB

Rod & Gun Club Road, Route 100 North, Ludlow, Vermont  
(across from Clear Lake Furniture)

## Writing Group

The Writing Group will be August at the scheduled time: 3rd Thursday of the month, i.e., August 15th at 6:15 pm. at the Mount Holly Library. Newcomers are welcome!



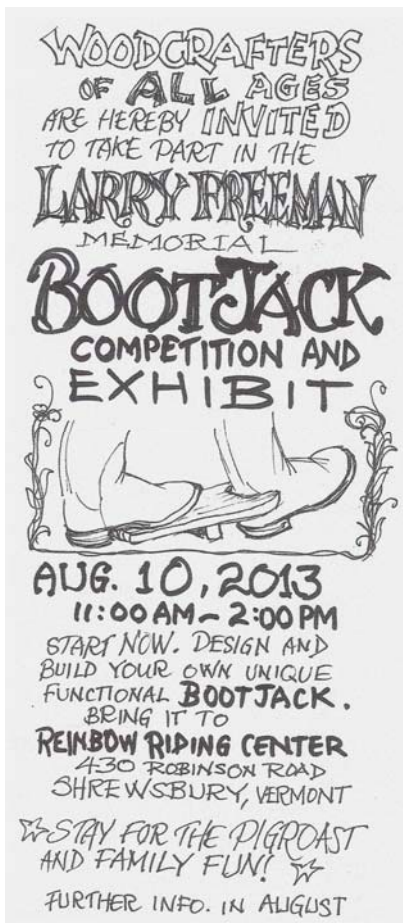
## Jewelry Wanted

The community Guild of Mount Holly is looking for donations of used old or new jewelry for their Annual Bazaar in August. All donations are Greatly Appreciated. Please contact Bessie at 259-3564



## Attention All Mount Holly Residents

There is a salesman who is frequenting homes in the area, selling educational books. He drives a silver/white vehicle with Nebraska license plates. He can be very forward, and persuasive. He works for a legitimate book company, and has been visiting families, often asking for referrals. If you are not interested in his products, ask him to leave. If you feel uncomfortable, or think he poses a threat to you or your property, please do not hesitate to call the State Police at 773-9101 or myself. 786-4404. Paul Faenza, Constable



this year's treatment program will range between \$13,000 and \$16,000.

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 water body, recreational area and beautiful natural habitat.

#### **Mechanical harvester 2012**

#### **Annual Membership Levels (checks payable to "FOSL"):**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporter: \_\_\_\_\_

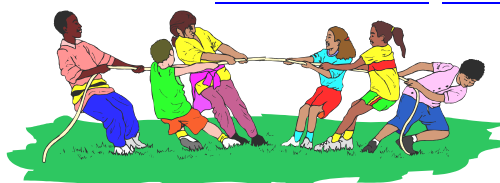
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



- \_\_\_ \$5
- \_\_\_ \$15 Individual
- \_\_\_ \$25 Family
- \_\_\_ \$50
- \_\_\_ \$100 Donor
- \_\_\_ \$500 Sponsor
- \_\_\_ \$1000 Patron
- \_\_\_ \$ Other

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty co-chairs FOSL, a committee of the Mt Holly Conservation Trust [www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/](http://www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/) P.O. Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-2491 [ron@unterman.com](mailto:ron@unterman.com) [dottie@finnerty.us](mailto:dottie@finnerty.us)



**Star-Spangled Banner** author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1779 in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry* which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

#### **Thank you, Sylvia and Sam**

Thank you so much to all our good friends, neighbors and family who joined us to help celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise party hosted by our dear children, Tina Anderson of Hadlyme, CT, Pamela Wynn of East Lyme, CT, and Kevin Smith of Mount Holly on June 29th at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Thank you for the many cards, gifts and good wishes we received. It was a special day that we will never forget.

Thank you....Edward (Sam) and Sylvia Smith

#### **Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) 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. 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



#### **Mount Holly 2014 Calendar**

**ON SALE in Early July!!!**

Belmont General Store, Community Center/Library.  
and Mount Holly Town Office

16 wonderful photos – 16 great ways to appreciate  
our beautiful photogenic town!

\$20 per calendar  
(\$10 tax deductible)

For more information call  
Janet Warren at 802-259-2007

Sponsored by the Mount Holly Community  
Association

All proceeds support community activities



## MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

**It's All About the Book Sales:** Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm is the upcoming book sale. Donations have been pouring in again and we have plenty of books left from the winter. We have gotten another large donation of kid's books. Our book sales help us cover our costs and make it possible for us to continue the current services and hopefully continue to increase what we offer the community. The last sale was very successful but not enough books left to go home with happy readers! My thanks to Susan Presson, the Linehan family (David, Ben and Eric) and the McGee family (Marianne, Dave and their friend Eric) for their help carting books. It's a big job setting up for the sales and we are always looking for strong young people who would like to do something for their community. If you can give us a few hours help before and after our sales please give me a call (259-2823) or stop in the library.

### Village Daylilies

Pam & Lucille Fiske Proprietors



Over 30 varieties of daylilies as well as primroses throughout the summer. (Perennials available until June 25th)

Homemade quilts by Lucille  
Call for appointment 492-3337.

Johnson-Dairy-Aire Farm, Morgan Skiathitis - Vermont Croissants and Stephanie Smith - Belmont baker) have graciously agreed to supply wonderful refreshments for the event. This will prove to be a very timely worthwhile program with farms small and large making a comeback in Vermont. Gregory Sharrow will talk about past farming history and the road to the future.

**Have You Done Your Summer Reading Assignment?** Mt. Holly students entering the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are given a summer reading assignment by their teachers. At the library we have a large number of books to choose from that are on the teachers' lists. School starts Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> so there isn't much time left to read two books and complete the writing part of the assignment. Parents need to help with being proactive by bringing the children to the library. We have a wonderful library and not enough Mt. Holly children use it. Kids will make it a priority when encouraged by their parents.

**Shakespeare in downtown Belmont:** On Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> the Rutland Youth Theater performed "*Much Ado About Nothing*". The Rutland Youth Theatre has brought their summer troupe to Mt. Holly audiences since 2007. They can be proud of the evolution in costumes, playbills, quality of acting and overall promotion of the group since their inception. Kudos to director Saskia Hagen Groom for bringing out the best in the kids and the theatre. Thanks and hope to see you next year.

**New Book Bags with Logo:** Have you seen our terrific new books bags with the lovely Mt. Holly Library logo? Stop in and pick up one or two of these sturdy canvas totes for all you shopping and book toting! Only \$12.00!

**Who Is Your Favorite Author?** We want to know who you love to read. We keep track of these kinds of things so we can be sure we have the latest book releases. Our list is large and we like to let you know when they come in. Some folks have even adopted an author. You pay the wholesale price of the book and we make sure you are the first to read it. With the untimely passing of Vince Flynn we are suggesting Daniel Silva's just released "*The English Girl*". Brad Thor is another author that Flynn readers seem to like and his latest is "*Hidden Order*". We have Dan Brown's much anticipated "*Inferno*" and for all you Stephen King fans there is "*Joyland*". Check us out and check them out!

**Wrapping Up the Summer Reading Program:** Many thanks to Stephanie Smith for conducting the six Summer Reading Programs with me. Our last one is coming up this Thursday. We have had great kids in attendance. They seem to love the activities and I think have learned a few things along the way. They weren't a squeamish group as we sorted through soil, touched worms and bugs while we learned about what goes on under our feet. Some of this creative group's projects were painting rocks, making mosaic bean pictures and creating and decorating a bean stalk. Children also had visits from Spencer the Read Dog and his master Joan Bradley. Thanks to parents and children and hopefully it was as much fun for them as it was for us.

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

### 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**

August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Fellows - Roast Pork
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	MH Rescue Squad – Roast Port
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	MHCA - Roast Beef
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	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**



## SHRINERS OF CAIRO TEMPLE 2013



**\$20,000 BINGO PLUS!**



Riley Rink At Hunter Park  
410 Hunter Park Road  
Route 7A North  
Manchester Center, VT 05255  
20 Miles North of Bennington, VT  
25 Miles South of Rutland, VT

Please Review Riley Rink's Website [www.rileyrink.com](http://www.rileyrink.com)  
Please Save These Dates All Games Start at 1:00 pm

**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

**(802) 438-2303 x 227.**

If you have any questions about this program or would like a brochure or more information, please feel free to contact NeighborWorks at **(802) 438-2303 x 227.**

Join your neighbors who are saving money and have a warmer house!

## FOR A SHORT TIME THERE ARE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO WEATHERIZE YOUR HOME SO CALL NOW TO SAVE EVEN MORE MONEY

If you have been thinking about weatherizing your home, this is a good time to call NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. Incentives from Efficiency Vermont are normally up to \$2,000, but to encourage more people to complete home energy improvements, there are additional \$500 incentives being offered for improvements.

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad can help you make the improvements that will qualify you for the Efficiency Vermont Incentives. It all starts with a \$100 energy audit. Call NeighborWorks now if you are interested in an energy audit and/or would like help with your energy improvements



## BRACC Update

### Summer Reminders

- Second hand smoke is as toxic to your children's lungs as smoking itself. In cars it is even worse. Opening the windows does not eliminate the danger as the toxic chemicals stick to steering wheels, seats, car seats, and dashboards.
- Offering alcoholic beverages to children and teens as a joke sets the mentality that it is okay for them to drink. While it is funny at the time, this opens the possibility in their impressionable minds. Don't do it!!
- The decriminalization of marijuana in Vermont does not make it safe for use by the rapidly developing brains of children, teens or young adults. Our brain is not fully matured until the early 20's. Give it a chance to develop to its full potential.
- Secure your prescription drugs from children and grandchildren. The bathroom cabinet is the easiest place to get prescription drugs for illicit use.
- Adults, and especially parents, are the best role model children have and they want to grow up like us. Act the way you want your children, grandchildren or neighbors to act when they grow up.

Have a safe and healthy rest of this summer that is flying past us!!

## Deep Summer Style

Fun. Funky. Funktional.

Downtown Rutland's SummerFest Aug 2-3\*

\* formerly Sidewalk Sales Days

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

96 Merchants Row, Downtown Rutland [TattersallsClothing.com](http://TattersallsClothing.com)



## Mount Holly Community Association

Once again **Mount Holly Day** and the **Garden Tour** were great successes! There were about 100 people in attendance at *Mount Holly Day* and it was a true demonstration of this town's spirit of community. Many thanks to all who supplied the wonderful salads and sides...scrumptious as usual! And special thanks to all of the volunteers, who helped set up, cook, and clean up. It couldn't have been done without you! The *Garden Tour* again attracted many garden lovers; in fact there were exactly the same number of people on the tour this year as last...64! From all that we heard this was an especially beautiful tour and we thank all of the people who generously opened their gardens for the benefit of the MHCA...Carol Ballou, Philip Blyskal & Gwen Gautsch, Jim Corven & Monique Szechenyi, Phil & Mary Leonard, Annette Lynch & Candace Neary, Linda & Bill McGrath, Jeb Porter, and Marcy & Andy Tanger!

**Highlights for August:** Our wonderful Thursday night tradition, **Music on the Green**, continues on the Village Baptist Church Green. Please join us at 7:00 pm to hear a variety of our talented local musicians. This Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, don't miss the "Belmont Balladeer", Tim Caira. All of the musicians do this for free, so be sure to be generous in your contributions each Thursday evening. We look forward to seeing you this Thursday and each Thursday through August 29<sup>th</sup>! The **Annual Meeting of the Mount Holly Community Association** is on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center Building. **Refreshments** will be served at 6:30 pm and then we will have a brief meeting at 7:00. The socializing will continue after the meeting, so please join us for an evening with friends and neighbors from our wonderful community! The annual **Square Dance** will be held this year on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the crossroads in Belmont. We are very pleased that Lou Flego, our local professional caller, will once again be getting you to do things you never thought you could, or would! Come burn a few calories and have a great time doing it! See you all in the crossroads on August 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Upcoming:** Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon will once again be delivering their smooth jazz sound at this year's **Cabaret!** Be sure to join us on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm in the library for music and scrumptious desserts.

Last year **Cider Days** was such a huge success that vendors are already calling Morgan Skiathitis to reserve space for next October! If you are interested in renting a space on Cider Days Weekend, please contact Morgan. She has said that the spaces will be distributed on a first come first served basis, so best reserve your space now. Morgan can be reached at [morganskiathitis@gmail.com](mailto:morganskiathitis@gmail.com).

**Announcements:** in case you are not aware, the **2014 Photo Calendar** is available for sale in the Belmont Store, the Library, and in the Town Office. They are out early again this year and we sold out completely last year, so be sure to get the ones you need, while they are available! One can also pick up applications in those locations for this year's **photo contest**. This competition is a favorite activity during Cider Days weekend, so be sure to join in the fun and submit a photo and your application for this year's contest.

The **MHCA Membership Drive** is well under way and we are ahead of the number of memberships we had at the same time last year. However, our goal each year is to surpass the number of members and the member contributions over the year before, a goal we have successfully reached for the past three years! Please help us do that again this year. We have to get more than 147 family memberships and exceed membership fees of \$8,060, an ambitious goal, but one we know we can achieve with your help!

In case you may have overlooked your **membership application** for the MHCA, you can find them in the Belmont Store, the Library, and the Town Office. Please be sure to join today to support all of the activities that the Community Association provides, as well as support the on-going maintenance and restoration of the beautiful Library & Community Center building.

### ***Please join us...***

#### ***Mount Holly Community Association Annual Meeting***

***In the Community Room at  
The Mount Holly Library &  
Community Center***

***Wednesday, August 7, 2013***

***Refreshments served at 6:30 pm  
Annual Meeting begins at 7:00 pm***

***Please join us for a short meeting  
with refreshments before and after!***

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#### **Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2013 – 2014**

**Please join to support...Music on the Green-Mount Holly Day-  
Garden Tour-Square Dance-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-  
Roast Beef Supper-Halloween Party-Christmas in Mount Holly-  
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling**

**And the maintenance of our historic  
Community Center Building  
Please join today!!**

**(Brochures available in the library, the General Store, and the  
post office.)**



## “We May Never Pass This Way Again”

Ever felt lost in a new location? I am sure that you have had the experience we had recently of arriving at a beautiful area, such as the awe-inspiring vistas of Yosemite or the breath-taking views of Big Sur’s rocky coastal cliffs and wondering, “what should I see first? How can I make the most of my time here?” We found several resources to be extremely helpful in the face of over-whelming choices. Number one was to ask a local or someone leaving that site or trail for their advice. Veterans on the path back can be fountains of knowledge to the inexperienced traveler: which way to turn, what not to miss, warnings (a treacherous riptide or trailside poison ivy or oak), how to avoid the crowds or a sight or view that most tourists overlook. Number two was a signboard map. That can immediately orient you to what’s in the vicinity and how long it will take. Keeping a hike or your itinerary manageable means the difference between returning refreshed or exhausted and grumpy. A third help was a guidebook. Several paragraphs on what you are going to see, the history of the place and where to find water, food, and rest stops is crucial to making this your new favorite vacation spot. As

we walked and talked in these mountain cathedrals or observed the wildlife, marveled at the power and beauty of the emerald Pacific we came to realize a metaphor for life.

How often have we found ourselves overwhelmed and disoriented on the steep, winding path of our experience? When was the last time you took the trusted advice of a wiser, older friend, and allowed them to share from the wealth of their experience? Maybe someone has been through what you are in the middle of and could offer some encouraging pointers or warnings. “Without good direction, people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.” Proverbs 11:14

Sometimes we need to step back and get a wider view of this experience that has engulfed us. Can I go the distance? How long is the journey? Do I really want to put in the effort for this outcome? Is



## Vacation Bible School!

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Pre-K through grade six

Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Closing Program on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

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this a time for some mid-course correction or mapping out a better plan than the one I’ve been following? How can I get refreshed and refresh others along the trail? The best place to find enlightenment, hope, and perspective is the Guidebook. “By your words I can see where I’m going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.” Psalms 119:105

We only get to travel through this life once. We want to learn from the wisdom of veteran, fellow trekkers, and map out a realistic, purposeful plan seeking God’s perspective on this pilgrimage. Then, helping someone get back on the trail and lift their eyes to view the eternal can give us an assurance that the journey has not been in vain. Pastor Glenn



## Host Families Needed

Dear James

I am a Regional Director working for CIEE, the non-profit agency that coordinates foreign exchange students. We are one of the agencies that the State Department has designated to supervise the students when they come into the country. Our mission is to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. We are always looking for good host families and Local Coordinators to help make sure the students that come here have an enriching stay.

I am writing today because we have a couple students coming to Mount Holly for the 2013-2014 high school year and we need assistance in finding them good homes and families. In your position in the community, I thought you may be someone or know of someone that would like to host a CIEE student. We accept all kinds of families - kids, no kids, empty nesters, single parents, and so on. The main requirement is kindness and a willingness to learn about a foreign culture. Families who welcome a student will not only gain a new member, but will also learn about the world, its many values, traditions, languages, food, and more.

Our students have the appropriate visa, medical insurance and pay for all of their own expenses, with the exception of food and utilities. Students are between the ages of 15-18. They are arriving in August and are on a 10 month program. A family may act as a welcome family and bring the student into your community for a part of their experience as well.

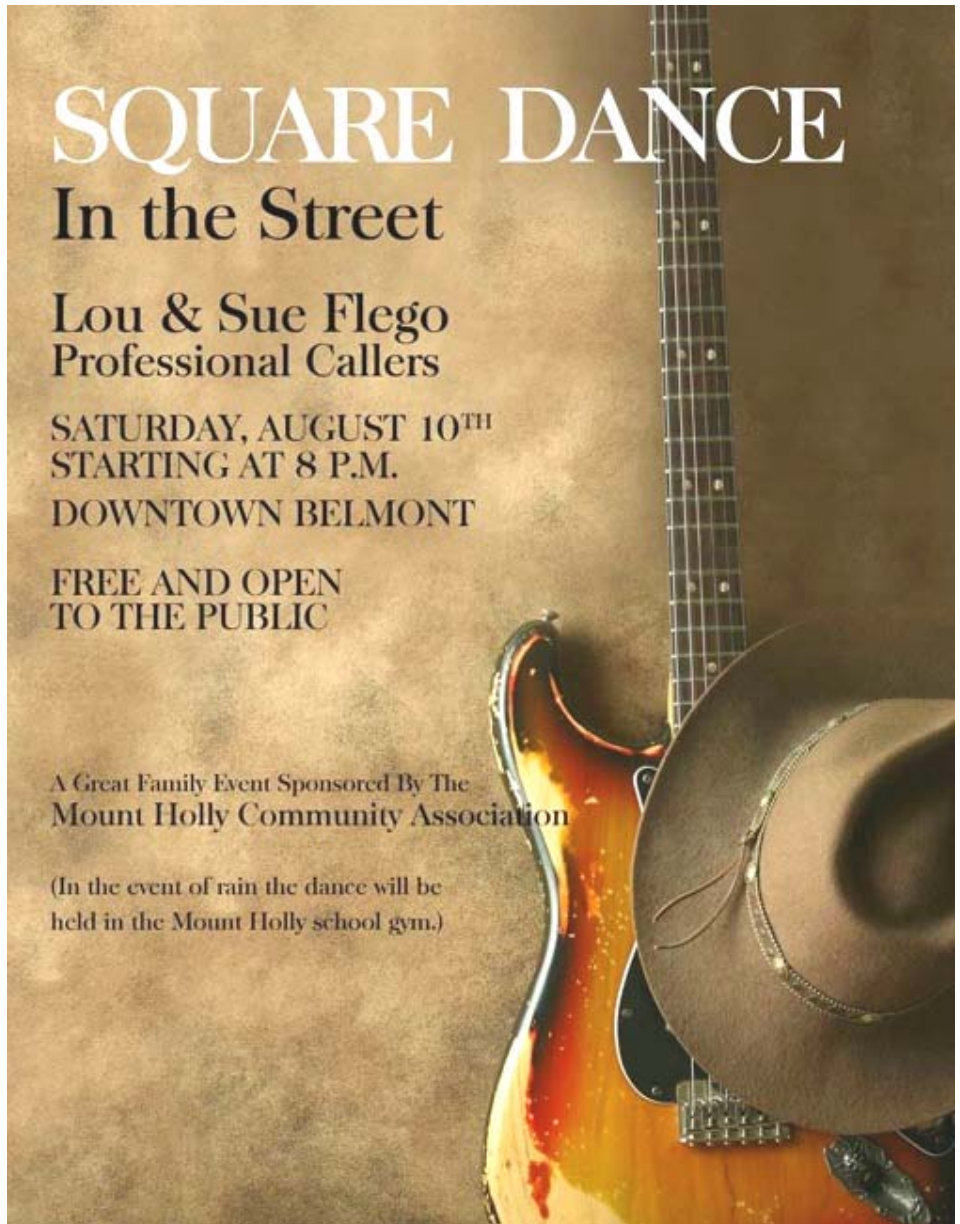
If you are not in the position right now to host a student, we would greatly appreciate your help in forwarding this along to your network of friends and family. Thank you for your time!

**HAN13039-Boy.** Ji Min is a 15 year old boy from South Korea. "I try to respect other people and have much of affections." He loves sports, especially soccer and basketball. Here he would like to join the soccer team and a guitar club. He has one older sister and a twin brother, who is also participating in an exchange program. He doesn't have any pets. He is looking forward to experience American culture and to becoming a real member of his new family. GPA: 2.7. SLEP: 50

**FSL13032 Boy.** Alvaro is a 15 year old boy from Spain. "I love music. When I listen to a good cellist, I get goose bumps." Alvaro enjoys tennis, judo, playing the cello in an orchestra, watching movies, acting, and bowling. He looks forward to science clubs and sports while at his US school. He dreams of one day flying an airplane. Alvaro is an only child. GPA: 4.0, SLEP: 59, Allergies: None, Program Length: 10 months, Arrival: August

**OEG13097- Girl.** Thipchutha is a 17 year old girl from Thailand. "I love to experience new things and good challenges, that's why I choose to be an exchange student. I'm very unique because I am open to try new things but this does not mean I am an impolite person. I'm actually very polite." She likes to ride her bike in her free time. She is a cheerleader at school and is part of her student council. She is interested in media and fashion. She has a younger sister and brother. Buddhism. GPA 3.4 Slep 48 Program Length: 10 months Arrival Date August 2013 Allergies: None

**ELC13004 - Girl.** Alice is a 16 year old girl from Brazil. "I love to meet new people and make new friends." Alice enjoys going to the gym, going to the movies, and spending time at the beach with her family. While she doesn't play on any teams, she likes Volleyball, soccer and swimming. Alice is interested in joining a sports team or drama club here in the U.S. She likes pets and has one older sister. She is excited to live in a new culture. GPA: 3.3, SLEP: 46, Program Length: 10 months, Arrival Date: August 2013, Allergies: none. DPOK. VIRGINIA DOSS // CIEE, Regional Director MD ME NH VA VT, 300 Fore Street, Portland, ME 04101, email [vdoss@ciee.org](mailto:vdoss@ciee.org) tel +1.207.553.7812 fax +1.207.553.9412 web [ciee.org/highschool/host](http://ciee.org/highschool/host)





## Volunteers Needed For Repairs In Mount Holly Cemetery

Volunteers needed for repairs in the Mount Holly cemetery located on Old Turnpike Road. A Vermont Old Cemetery Association workshop will take place on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on September 14th. Charlie Marchant, a long-time member of VOCA, will lead the 3 hour session. He will demonstrate techniques, and answer questions for those interested in learning how to straighten, clean or repair grave stones. Those willing



to work should bring shovels and work gloves.

This town cemetery, across from Countryside Lock and Alarm, has been neglected for a while. Please consider donating a few hours to help improve the final resting place for several veterans and some local families. In case of rain, it will take place the following Saturday. Any questions may be forwarded to cemetery commissioner Dennis Devereux at 259-2460. Photo By Joseph Hammond



## Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

*Perkins House and Will White Blacksmith Shop*  
Located in the Village of Belmont

**Museum Open For Browsing July and August**  
**Saturdays 12 - 2 pm and Sundays 2 - 4 pm**

### PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, July 28th**  
Stenciling Talk by Nancy McKeegan  
2 p.m. Perkins House.

**Tuesday, July 30th**  
Unpopular Mammals Talk by Peter Smith  
7 p.m. Perkins House.

**Sunday, August 4th**  
Mystery Tour with Dennis at 2 p.m. Meet at the Blacksmith Shop.

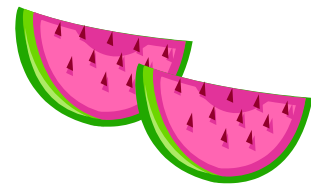
**Saturday, August 10th**  
"FARMFEST" Village Green and Perkins House noon to 4 p.m.

**Sunday, August 18th**  
Cheese making Talk by Ken Hart  
2 p.m. Blacksmith Shop.

**Sunday, August 25th**  
Rain date for cemetery walk with Dennis at 2 p.m.

**Saturday, August 31st, Baked Ham Fundraising Dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall 5 p.m.**

Visit our website: [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)  
and Facebook Page for more info.



## Roast Pork Supper

**Saturday August 10th, 2013**



**Starting at 5:00 pm**

**Benefit the I.O.O.F. Colfax Lodge**  
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**Roast Pork Supper**  
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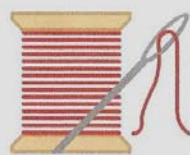
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*The Community Guild is a non-profit charitable organization. The sale of our handcrafted and donated items is used to support charitable, educational and civic endeavors.*



## Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting August 13, 2013. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.lpcvtv.org](http://www.lpcvtv.org). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

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

1. Jim opened the meeting by reading a brief quote from the VT Statutes regarding the requirement of providing the public the opportunity to speak.

Jim requested that speakers identify

themselves and keep remarks civil and short.

2. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 11 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved

3. **Highways**

- Better Backroads Grants: The town received notice of grants available, primarily for creating an inventory of or the correction of road erosion problems that are related to water quality. The Town does not have any areas that would qualify at this time.
- Winter Salt Bids: This item was tabled to next month, as information has not been received.
- Bereavement Leave Policy: Jim Heald read the proposed policy, which, in summary, allows up to 3 days of bereavement leave per year. Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Bereavement Leave Policy as written.

VOTED: To apply the Bereavement Leave Policy retroactive to FY13.

- **New Garage:** The Town's attorney, English, Carroll & Boe, sent a letter in response to the May 14 letter from the Concerned Citizens group. This letter was posted on the MH Newsflash. There were no comments from the floor on the letter. Jim then read an email he had received from one of the group, which stated that they found little merit in any of the points or arguments in Mr. Carroll's letter. The group expects to send a letter to the Board within a few days with the hope it will get to the point where the two parties can begin negotiations. Ted Crawford commented that the Board has an obligation to the town to pursue the new building and hoped this would not further slow down the process of getting the project to a town vote. Jim noted that while there are a number of loose ends to be completed, the Board is looking to go forward with the project and expects to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> information meeting in addition to the one required before a bond vote (date for the meeting will be determined later, when more information is available).

4. **Report of Treasurer**

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated June 30, 2013 showing cash balances of \$619,189. The unrestricted portion of that will cover a number of bills for FY13 that have not been received yet, as well as provide cash flow until this year's taxes come in (no short term borrowing will be needed this year). Individual income and expense line items may be over or under budget, but in general they balance out. Four tax sales were held July 08; only \$1300 of uncollected taxes remain.
- FY14 Tax Rate: The State Education Rates were received and presented, along with documentation for the other pieces of the formula to set the rate. The Assessed Value of the Grand List is \$266,140,530; 1 cent on the tax rate raises \$26,614. The total to be raised by taxes (voted budget expenses less revenue expected) is \$909,493. The total (municipal, local and education) rate will be \$1.8210 for residential property and \$1.6729 for non-residential property. This is about \$.04 less than last year's rate; the Town benefited from a change in the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) from 99.16% to 108.17%. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To set the FY14 Tax Rates as presented \$1.8210 for residential property and \$1.6729 for non-residential property.

- The Tax Bills will be sent out July 25 or 26, the discount date will be Thursday, August 29 and the tax due date will be Monday November 4. The normal due date of November 1 is a Friday, when the office is closed, so the Board agreed to extend it to November 4.
5. **Health Officer:** The Board thanked the outgoing Health Officer, Frank Bickford, for his many years of service to the town. Jim Heald read the three letters of interest received, from Lester Lampert, Jim Seward and Tim Bickford. The Board tabled the recommendation until after discussion in Executive Session. (The State makes the appointment based on a recommendation.)
  6. **Star Lake Dam:** Jeff Teter reported on the recent inspection by the State dam engineer, who noted the dam continues to deteriorate and needs to be repaired or replaced. He was pleased to see that the town was working on that. The state would like the dam to be capable of a 30" storm in 24 hours. The milfoil/weed harvesting is delayed one week until July 22
  7. **Blue Spruce House:** Jim Heald noted that the Working Group of the MH Planning Commission held a brainstorming meeting on 07/08 to develop ideas for uses of the property that would benefit the town. The New England Synod of the Lutheran Church, property owner, no longer has funds to maintain the property and would like to sell it soon. They would be

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willing to accept a fair market value offer by any buyer or a less than market value offer by a non-profit that will at least partially fulfill the church's mission of serving the disadvantaged. If the second case, the church would like to recover the money they have spent from other church programs, estimated to be about \$10,000. Lester Lampert, Hal Kirshner and Annette Lynch were present to encourage the town to step up and acquire that property quickly, so it is not lost to someone else (Will Hunter's group was mentioned), and then a non-profit program could be developed later for an idea such as presented last night: a community center, business development center, commercial kitchen for food producers to name a few. Ted Crawford stated, especially given the current law suit threat, the town should not consider spending taxpayers' money without a vote in March. Others present noted that the building is in terrible shape, would need a new (mound) septic system that would likely cost \$75,000, as well as other problems which make the building a huge liability for the town to own. Several stated they were opposed to the town owning the building. Ray Tarbell said if they were asking the town to buy it, it would have to go thru the correct public hearing process and voted at the March elections. (The Synod had stated Monday night that they would not be willing to wait until March). Tim Martin suggested that they get a group together, make a plan and present it to the Select Board. The Board might be willing to recommend the group if the plan seems to fit the town.

**8. Transfer Station:**

- It was clarified that no plastic bags (e.g., the grocery bags that you might use to collect and carry recyclables to the transfer station) are accepted in the recycle compactor.
- RCSWD representative – Jeff Teter expressed an interest in this position, as he oversees the operations and employees at the transfer station. The Board tabled the appointment until after discussion in Executive Session.

**9. Planning Commission:**

- Town Plan Update: Jim Heald had received a call from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to verify that our Town Plan expired in April 2013 (plans are valid 5 years) and offering the RRPC's assistance in updating the plan and in applying for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) to cover the costs of the upgrade. The RRPC felt the town should immediately work to reauthorize the current plan while working on an update. Annette explained that the Town's current plan received good marks in 2008 and 2012 when the State requested reviews of all town plans. Problems in the plan are that data is from the 2000 census, which needs to be updated to the 2010 census. Also, the maps in the plan should be upgraded to GIS, so that the maps and the related overlays of various data could be viewed on a computer. The Administrative Officer vacancy has contributed to the delay on the census data update. RRPC does the map/GIS upgrades, and they are not complete either. The town must have a valid town plan to apply for the MPG. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To have the MH Planning Commission immediately begin the reauthorization process of the 2008 Town Plan, to be completed in time so that an MPG application for funding updates to the plan can be filed before the 09/30/13 deadline.

- The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The position will be reposted.
- Appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council: Letters of interest were read from Annette Lynch for the RRPC appointment and from David Hoeh for the RRTC appointment. The Chairman of the RRPC Board was present to ask the Board to seriously consider reappointing Annette. The Board tabled the appointments until after discussion in Executive Session.
- Appointment to the MH Planning Commission: Letters of interest were read from Jim Seward and Peter Smith. The Board tabled the appointments until after discussion in Executive Session.

**10. Other Business**

- Host Families Sought: Jim Heald read part of an email he received from CIEE regarding the need for host families for several foreign exchange high school students for the upcoming school year. This will be posted on the Newsflash and in the ChitChat. If interested, contact Virginia Doss at CIEE in Portland, ME.
- Energy Coordinator/Committee: The Board tabled this to next meeting.
- Municipal Park and Ride Grants: applications are due August 30, 2013.
- Timber Creek at Okemo: The Town received another (final) packet of information on this project.

**11. The Board reviewed and signed the June orders for payment.**

At 8:47 pm, upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidates for the various appointments above.

At 8:58 pm, the Board returned from Executive Session.

Upon motions made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Jim Seward to the MH Planning Commission.

To recommend Tim Bickford for the Health Officer position.

To appoint Jeff Teter to be the town's RCSWD representative.

Appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council were tabled, pending consultation with the town's attorney. Annette Lynch and David Hoeh may continue to attend meetings and report back to the Select Board until appointments are made.

All open positions will be posted in the Chit Chat

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF

Like most small towns, 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](mailto:mthollysb@gmail.com) or phone 259-2391. A **letter of interest** is requested for all of them.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. More information can be found at the RRPC website, [www.rutlandrpc.org](http://www.rutlandrpc.org).

**WORKING GROUP of the MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION** ~ Meeting Monday July 8, 2013 at 7:30 in the Gym of the Mount Holly Elementary School

Present: **Working Group:** Annette Lynch (chair), Mike Valente, **Select Board:** Jim Heald, **Representing the NE Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church:** Rev John Longworth and Lucia Suarez, **Rutland Herald Journalist** (see RH July 10, 2013), Will Hunter, and seventeen additional members of the Mount Holly Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. All who were present were welcomed as members of the Working Group of the Planning Commission.

The chair introduced the meeting as a continuation of the meeting of the Working Group held on June 10, 2013 where Pastor John Longworth was introduced to the Town as the representative of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and who informed the meeting that the Synod was seeking to divest itself of the Blue Spruce property to either a non-profit corporation or by sale on the open market (See minutes in the July issue of the Chit Chat).

The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm uses that the Town of Mount Holly would like to see conducted on the property.

Pastor Longworth said that little had changed in the past month. The Synod had suffered losses in the first part of the year. It was looking to sell on the open market or to disburse the property to a non-profit for \$10,000. The pastor urged any interested organization to write immediately a letter of intent to the Synod.

Problems with the physical state of the building were discussed by a number of people. The idea of town involvement in the purchase of the building with lease to a Town non-profit was raised and Mr. Heald said that it would have to go to the towns voters at the next Town Meeting in March. He would put the item on the agenda for the Select Board the following evening. Various ideas for potential use of the buildings were presented by members of the audience. These were written on flip charts, put on the wall, and members of the audience were asked to vote using 4 stickers issued as they signed in. The results:

Votes	Suggested Uses
10	Senior center
10	Business support center and business incubator

#### Know Your Wild Neighbors

### Birds of Prey

**Meet a LIVE hawk, falcon & owl  
And learn all about Vermont's raptors**



**Wednesday, August 21 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mount Holly Town Library in Belmont**

**with Michael Clough of the  
Southern Vermont Natural History Museum**

**Sponsored by the Ninevah Foundation  
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Wilderness Community, Inc., Mount Holly  
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Association and Mount Holly Conservation Trust**



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## NOTICE OF HEARING

### ON MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE ON PROPOSED RE-ADOPTION OF TOWN PLAN

The Mount Holly Planning Commission pursuant to VSA 24 §4444, will hold a public hearing on re-adoption of the Mount Holly Town Plan (originally adopted April 8, 2008)

The Mount Holly Town Plan as re-adopted is consistent with goals established in 24 VSA § 4302. It covers the Town of Mount Holly. The Plan is in two sections: Part A: Descriptions of the Town and Part B: Plan for Mount Holly. Each part contains maps and covers Planning; Natural Resources and Environmental Quality; Historical and Scenic Resources and Preservation: Growth and Development; Housing; Economic Development; Agriculture and Forestry; Recreation; Transportation; Energy; Education; Child Care, and Facilities and Utilities (including Public Safety, Solid Waste, Communications, Arts and Culture). Part B addresses Regional Coordination and Evaluation of planning progress.

The Town Plan is available for public examination during regular office hours in the Mount Holly Town Office where paper and CD copies may be purchased. The Town Plan may be viewed on the Town website: [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

**MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION - Draft MINUTES - MONDAY JULY 15, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN OFFICE ~ PRESENT:** PLANNING COMMISSION: Tim Martin, Jim Seward, Mike Valente, Annette Lynch  
**SUBDIVIDERS:** Dennis Devereux, Dick Gregor, Randy Hawkins, Sarah Hawkins, Zak Delphia **PUBLIC:** David Hoeh  
 The meeting was called to order by Chair, Annette Lynch, at 7:32 pm

1. All were welcomed especially the new Planning Commissioner, Jim Seward
2. Agenda: accepted with #8 Subdivisions advanced to precede #4
3. Minutes of Meeting June 17, 2013 (draft published in July Chit Chat) were accepted
8. Subdivision Applications:

A. Sketch plan: Dick Gregor , 5546 VT Rte. 155 for Kleeman/Seymour minor subdivision Reviewed, water and septic OK, applicant advised about Regulations, check list and fee. Final plat may be ready for review by Planning Commission at its next meeting on August 19.

B. Sketch Plan: Randy Hawkins 466 Packer Road for minor subdivision - Reviewed, applicant advised about Regulations, check list, permits and fee. Final plat may be ready for review by Planning Commission at its next meeting on August 19.

C. Final plat: Dennis Devereux, 2430 VT Rte. 155 Boundary Line Adjustment for his Reviewed, approved, and signed by Planning Commission

4. The recommendation made by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns at the meeting on recommendation to form a Developmental Review Board to take over the quasi-judicial functions of the Planning Commission was discussed – thus leaving the Planning Commission with planning activities only. The decision to table the matter until the VLCT review of the draft subdivision regulations has been studied by the Planning Commission will need to be formally decided at the next meeting due to inaccurate agenda posted on the Mount Holly Flash where the Developmental Review Board was inaccurately called the Board of Civil Authority.

5. A schedule (attached) for re-adoption of the April 8, 2008 Town Plan: moved to adopt by M. Valente, second by J. Seward Motion was approved

6. An application for a Municipal Planning Grant to obtain consultant assistance in 2014 to update the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan will be prepared and submitted to the State for Mount Holly by the staff of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

7. A more precise definition of the term “boundary line adjustment” was discussed with some examples from other towns in and outside Vermont. The general feeling was that any of the suggested definitions would impose a burden on property owners. The matter will be revisited during the study of the VLCT review of the draft subdivision regulations.

9. Building Construction Registrations for Gates, 932 Bowlsville Rd S.; Fried, 129 Tiffany Rd.; Fortin 568 Station Rd.; and Durgin, 216 Yale Rd. were reviewed and signed

There being no members issues, or Public Comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm Submitted by Annette Lynch

**WORKING GROUP of the MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION** - Meeting Monday July 8, 2013 at 7:30 in the Gym of the Mount Holly Elementary School – MINUTES Present: Working Group: Annette Lynch (chair), Mike Valente, Select Board: Jim Heald  
Representing the NE Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church: Rev John Longworth, Lucia Suarez, Rutland Herald Journalist (see RH July 10, 2013

), Will Hunter, and seventeen additional members of the Mount Holly Community

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. All who were present were welcomed as members of the Working Group of the Planning Commission.

The chair introduced the meeting as a continuation of the meeting of the Working Group held on June 10, 2013 where Pastor John Longworth was introduced to the Town as the representative of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and who informed the meeting that the Synod was seeking to divest itself of the Blue Spruce property to either a non-profit corporation or by sale on the open market (See minutes in the July issue of the Chit Chat).

The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm uses that the Town of Mount Holly would like to see conducted on the property.

Pastor Longworth said that little had changed in the past month. The Synod had suffered losses in the first part of the year. It was looking to sell on the open market or to disburse the property to a non-profit for \$10,000. The pastor urged any interested organization to write immediately a letter of intent to the Synod.

Problems with the physical state of the building were discussed by a number of people. The idea of town involvement in the purchase of the building with lease to a Town non-profit was raised and Mr. Heald said that it would have to go to the towns voters at the next Town Meeting in March. He would put the item on the agenda for the Select Board the following evening. Various ideas for potential use of the buildings were presented by members of the audience. These were written on flip charts, put on the wall, and members of the audience were asked to vote using 4 stickers issued as they signed in. The results:

**Votes Suggested Uses**

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| 10 | Senior center  |
| 10 | Business support center and business incubator           |
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| 1  | Town role  |
| 1  | Day care   |

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Submitted, Annette Lynch



**Star Lake July 22, 2013  
We're Harvesting Weeds**

Stop by the Lake and get a view of the weed monster at work. It will be there until July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Unterman & Dottie Finnerty  
Co-Chairs FOSL, a committee of the Mt. Holly Conservation Trust

[www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/](http://www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/)  
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## Great Coming Events this Summer at FOLA

Be sure to mark your calendar for some very special events this summer at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium:

**July 21** at 7 PM - FOLA's musical series continues with "West Side Story", sponsored by Ludlow Insurance Agency

**August 3** at 7 PM - The award-winning film, "Argo" hits the screen

**August 8** at 7 PM - A very special program about Harper Lee and the writing of her great novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird" will feature Mary McDonagh Murphy, done in conjunction with the Weston Playhouse

**August 11** at 7 PM - FOLA's musical series ends with the dancing and music of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in a special viewing of their great movies, sponsored by Calm Moments Spa

**August 17** at 7 PM - FOLA sponsors its annual 'Silent Movie Festival', featuring a Buster Keaton full-length film with music provided by Jeff Rapsis plus a silent short surprise with music provided by Ludlow's own Glen Brown, sponsored by The Book Nook

**September 7** at 7 PM - "The Life of Pi", a fantastic award-winning film that you will not forget

**September 10** at 6:30 PM - A Health Care Exchange Discussion for Small Businesses, in collaboration with the local Chamber of Commerce, that will explain Vermont's new Health Care Exchange

**September 21** at 7 PM - Alfred Hitchcock's famous film, "Rear Window", will be shown in conjunction with the Hitchcock program sponsored by the Friends of Fletcher Memorial Library.

All of these great events are free (donations are appreciated). For more information, checkout FOLA's web site at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us) or call 802-228-7239.

## Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Corner for July, 2013, By CEO Marji Graf

### Congratulations to [Inn Victoria](#) for being chosen July's Chamber Member of the Month!

Inn Victoria is honored to be chosen Member of the Month. Our closest and most important partner in the Okemo Valley Region should be no surprise to other business owners; The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is our most powerful marketing tool! We can't draw people to our Inn without the collaborative efforts of other businesses in our region, whom together, offer a reason for our guests to drive to this area to vacation. All we have to sell is a room, great food, and an exceptional experience, says Penny; all the local shopping experiences, skiing, hiking, horseback riding, pubs & restaurants, arts, music, events and more, come from our neighbors in this region. The best marketing tool we have is to work with the strength our Chamber brings to all of us and promote our region. We take advantage of every opportunity to promote the Inn through the Chamber's collaborative ads, invest in the annual regional guidebook, attend Chamber Mixers, enjoy the financial benefits of B2B savings and the list goes on. "We take marketing very seriously at Inn Victoria and it is critical to our success to be working with a partner which feels the same way".

**Upcoming events coming into our Region:** July 26-29 we will be welcoming the Salt City Riders from Syracuse New York. 30 motorcycles will be traveling throughout our area and participating in our 4-town scavenger hunt. On August 14-18, the Vermont Challenge will be back in our region. View their schedule at [vtchallenge.com](http://vtchallenge.com) The Iron Adventure Run will be arriving on August 22-25. Please review their schedule on our [website](#). September 8-13 we are expecting 63 antique cars and 115 people who will be eating and shopping in our region!

**Upcoming Education Programs:** Free and open to the public, Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-9:30am Fletcher Memorial Library, Ludlow Vt SBDC and the Chamber will co-host the second topic in a two part series, "Google tools for Small Business."

This interactive training is to learn how Google products can be used to bolster your business. Attendees will be introduced to various free online tools that can make your business smarter and potentially save time and money, as well as generate leads, revenue and increased office efficiency. Google products discussed include: Google aps (gmail, calendar, docs, etc), Google analytics, Alerts, Web Developer, Places, Webmaster tools and more.

Sunday, August 18 4pm-5pm Misty Valley Books, Chester

Misty Valley Books and the Chamber will be co-hosting an informational session on our upcoming trip to [China on March 18-26, 2014](#). Lynne and Bill Reed who participated in this years' trip to China will share with you their experience and will answer any questions you may have. Tuesday, September 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm Ludlow Town Hall FOLA and OVRCC are co-hosting a seminar about health reform, Vermont's Exchange and Vermont Health Connect.

**The following websites are great resources for you to review:** State of Vermont, Vermont Health Connect (the 2014 Health Benefits Exchange): 802-654-8977 [www.vermonthealthconnect.gov](http://www.vermonthealthconnect.gov) [vthealthconnect@state.vt.us](mailto:vthealthconnect@state.vt.us) BlueCross BlueShield of VT, Dedicated Reform/Exchange Hotline: 800-255-4550 [www.bcbsvt.com/vtreform](http://www.bcbsvt.com/vtreform) [salesandretention@bcbsvt.com](mailto:salesandretention@bcbsvt.com)

VACE Insurance: 802-229-2231 [www.vaceinsurance.com](http://www.vaceinsurance.com) [vacehealth@vtchamber.com](mailto:vacehealth@vtchamber.com)

**Golf Tournament:** We have a date for our golf tournament: Thursday, September 26 at Okemo Valley Golf Club - please write this date on your calendar now and gather your teams.

**Upcoming Travel Shows we attend:** 9/19 & 20/2013 BIG E, Agawam, MA (FREE TO ATTEND)

2/7-9/2014 Boston Globe Travel Show, 2/28-3/2/2014 New York Times Travel Show, 5/4/2014 Hartford CT Travel Show

**Did You Know?** Did you know the Chamber has an Online Education Center? Anyone can participate at their own pace, from the comfort of their home, on numerous course offerings. Email the Chamber office at [info@yourplaceinvermont.com](mailto:info@yourplaceinvermont.com) for the online registration link.

## USDA Invites Applications for Grants to Bring Improved Educational and Health Care Services to Rural Communities

### *Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program*

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to provide access to education, training and healthcare resources in rural areas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"I am pleased that USDA is able to offer these grant opportunities in Distance Learning and Telemedicine" stated David Robinson, Acting State Director. "Rural Vermonters have gained access to medical care which had previously only been available to those people living in more populated areas. Additionally, both our students and professionals can learn a broader range of knowledge and be connected to the wider world."

Under this notice, USDA may provide up to \$17.5 million in grants. Funds can be used to buy equipment and provide technical assistance. To be eligible, applicants must serve a rural area, demonstrate economic need and provide at least 15 percent in matching funds. Awards range up to \$500,000. In 2012, USDA Rural Development provided 58 DLT grants for projects in 36 states. Since the program began, 1,400 projects have been funded.

For Example, North Country Supervisory Union serving Essex, Orleans, Washington Counties in Vermont and Aroostook County in Maine was awarded \$499,870 in 2011. This distance learning and career development project links public schools in the northeast corner of Vermont and Aroostook County in Maine, known as the Northeast Kingdom, with Lyndon State College. With funding from the USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program 18 elementary, middle and high schools were outfitted with mobile video conferencing carts, enabling them to connect with each other and with a multitude of educational and career development resources. Video bridging and control equipment were installed to unite the various components into a unified network. North Country Career Center offers vocational training and career workshops. Lyndon State College offers dual enrollment classes and graduate-level classes. The College also provides, through its Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, classes on planning, financing and sustaining a small business. The distance learning project incorporates an eLearning software platform that facilitates educators in constructing interactive online courses with collaborate features which coordinates projects, review, remediation and credit recovery.

Completed applications must be received by August 12, 2013. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the notice published on page 38915 of the June 28, 2013 Federal Register: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-06-28/html/2013-15597.htm>.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

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Contact: Marie Ferris, (802) 828-6080  
marie.ferris@vt.usda.gov



### D'Aisy Homemade Dog Treats & Pet Products

**My name is Aislynn Kelley. I am 10 years old and am going to be in 5th grade next year. This is my dog treat business. I named it D'Aisy since it means "from Aisy" in French. I make dog treats from scratch and sell them at the farmers' market. A portion of all my sales plus all the donations go to animal shelters and pet charities. So far in two weeks I have raised over \$50.00. I want to help animals who live in shelters and bring awareness of their need. If you need any treats, pet items or someone to help with your pet please stop by and see me at the farmers' market on Saturdays from 10am -1pm. Thank-you, Aislynn Kelley**



## Announcing The Annual Made in Vermont Statewide Tour runs September 20-30.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's annual fall foliage tour, the Made in Vermont Music Festival, visits all corners of our beautiful state. This year several of our extraordinary principal players share the spotlight in music of Vivaldi, Bach, and Mozart. Music Director Jaime Laredo conducts, and solos as well. The program also includes the latest in our growing library of new music by Vermont composers; a commission by Andrew Massey called "Vermont Spring." Dates are listed below:

- 9/20 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Johnson](#)
- 9/21 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Vergennes](#)
- 9/22 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Derby Line](#)
- 9/26 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Lyndon State Colle...](#)
- 9/27 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Bellows Falls](#)
- 9/28 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Randolph](#)
- 9/29 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: St. Alban's](#)
- 9/30 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Castleton](#)

I hope you will share this information widely. Please be in touch with any questions. Many thanks, Amy Caldwell, *Marketing Director*, Vermont Symphony Orchestra, 2 Church Street, Suite 3B, Burlington, VT 05401 (802) 876-9293 x 16 [amycaldwell@vso.org](mailto:amycaldwell@vso.org) [www.vso.org](http://www.vso.org)



## Chris Kleeman Plays at Proctorsville Concert on the Green – Wednesday, July 24th



The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is coordinating the annual Cavendish summer music series with free Wednesday evening concerts on the Proctorsville Green. The next concert is on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the Vermont based master blues singer and legendary song stylist, Chris Kleeman.

A performer of great energy and focus, Kleeman provides a unique opportunity to see and hear the real thing; an artist of high energy and gritty musical performance, who's been matched up to perform in shows with musicians such as B.B. King, Taj Mahal, John Hammond, George Thorogood, Johnny Winter, Leon Redbone, ... the list goes on and on.

Sponsoring this concert is Good Earth Landscaping of Cavendish, Tim Calabrese, Landscape Architect who offers landscape architectural and construction services with over 25 years of experience specializing in creating engaging, beautiful and timeless landscapes.

This is another in the continuing series of Wednesday evening public concerts that the town of Cavendish and the CCCA produce for all to enjoy. Help CCCA keep the tradition alive. Come to Proctorsville and enjoy a warm summer evening with your neighbors and friends in front of the gazebo on the green. Relax in the grass on your blanket or favorite lawn chair – have a picnic or just listen to the music. As always, the concerts are free and open to everyone.

## The Chamber Needs You to Participate! Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter In August Celebration!

Come out and help celebrate the ski industry at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter In August Celebration on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. This important Chamber fundraiser and show of appreciation to the ski industry will be back on Merchants Row again this year. Winter In August will be a street party like last year and take place right outside the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce office at 50 Merchants Row in Downtown Rutland.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce needs restaurants and businesses to participate to help make this important recognition of the ski industry happen. With over 500 people attending, this is an excellent opportunity to market your business! Here is how it works: They will provide an 8 foot table, table cloth and skirting and turn out hundreds of people to taste your food. They ask that you bring a minimum of 300 pieces of food, as well as, items to market your business, such as brochures, menus and business cards. They do encourage the use of portable grills and suggest you bring a tent to cover your display.

Because so many restaurants have gone all out and done creative displays and prepared such great food in the past, The Chamber acknowledges the effort with the: The Best Taste Award this year judged by a Chef led panel. There will also be a People's Choice Award for Best Taste and Best Display.

This important Chamber Fundraiser is made possible by businesses who participate, the over 500 people who attend annually and by our sponsor Rutland Herald. To participate and take advantage of this great marketing opportunity for your business please call The Chamber at 802-773-2747 or email [chamber@rutlandvermont.com](mailto:chamber@rutlandvermont.com)







## The Story Behind *To Kill a Mockingbird* Featured at Ludlow Auditorium, August 8

In anticipation of its upcoming production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the Weston Playhouse has joined with Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) and The Book Nook in presenting a documentary by Mary McDonagh Murphy which reveals the story behind the writing of the American classic, its author Harper Lee, and the influence it has had on a variety of writers, journalists and entertainers.

The documentary, *Hey, Boo: Harper Lee & To Kill a Mockingbird*, will be presented for free on Thursday, August 8 at 7 PM. Ms. Murphy will be on hand to answer questions after the screening. The evening will kick off with a welcome from Weston's Malcolm Ewen who will be directing the Playhouse production. The book *Scout, Atticus & Boo*, also written by Ms. Murphy, will be available for purchase which the author will be happy to sign.

A free raffle will be held for two tickets to Weston's production, a copy of the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a signed copy of Murphy's book *Scout, Atticus & Boo*, and a DVD of the Oscar-winning movie version of the book with Gregory Peck.

After more than half a century, *To Kill a Mockingbird* remains a beloved bestseller and quite possibly the most influential American novel of the 20th Century. Nearly one million copies are sold each year and the novel has been translated into more than forty languages. Behind it all was a young Southern girl named Nelle Harper Lee, who once said that all she wanted to be is the Jane Austen of South Alabama.

Containing never-before-seen photos and letters and a rare interview with Lee's sister, Alice Finch Lee, Murphy's film brings to light the context and history of the novel's setting in the Deep South and the social changes it inspired.

Tom Brokaw, Rosanne Cash, Wally Lamb,

Anna Quindlen, Richard Russo, Oprah Winfrey, and others reflect on the novel's power, influence, and popularity, and the many ways it has shaped their lives.

This event is free and is open to everyone. For information, call 802-228-7239 or [info@fola.us](mailto:info@fola.us). Information on the staged production at the Weston Playhouse (August 29 – Sept 11) is available at

[westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org) or by calling 802-824-5288.

"Pictured above is Gregory Peck as he appeared in the famous court scene from 'To Kill a Mockingbird'. Peck won the Academy Award as Best Actor for his performance, considered by most to be the greatest performance of his career. To Kill a Mockingbird photo of Mary McDonagh



Murphy



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## Real Estate Trends

### What the Experts are Saying Nationally & Locally

By Gail Graves, Realtor®, Engel & Völkers, 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%.

What we are seeing in Rutland County 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. 180 homes have sold in Rutland County in the past 6 months ranging in price from \$22,000 to \$1,500,000. Keep in mind, most of them are in Rutland and the higher end properties are selling at Killington. Only Six of the 189 were in Mt. Holly. 16 parcels of land have sold in the past 6 months ranging in price from \$3,500 to \$162,000

**FOR SALE: SOFTUB 300** Older but well-maintained model; runs on regular household 110 volts. Please call Don at Country Home Mgmt and leave message on voice mail 228-7086.

**FOR SALE: SAILBOAT---**Clipper Marine 21 swing keel sailboat on tip-up trailer. Big enough for a weekend, small enough for one person to sail. Please call Don at Country Home Mgmt and leave message on voice mail 228-7086.

**FOR SALE:** Hernando Florida, twenty min, fro Ocala, 1.5 hr. from Orlando and about the same from Tampa. Mobile home on a double corner lot: Two bedrooms, updated bath with walk in shower, Livingroom, kitchen, screen room, bonus room, all new floors, shed and carport. Everything stays. Move in. First \$25,000 cash takes. Any questions please call: 802-259-2278



**WANTED:** Mature, working woman seeks 1 or 2 BR apt or small house, reasonable rent. Please call Karen at 518-488-2918.

**For Sale:** 1985 Jeep CJ Custom Clifford Straight Six, Good body (some rust) Lift Kit, New Carb Runs Great, Excellent Mud Truck 107,100 miles asking \$5000 call 802-249-3813

**For Sale:** Firewood – Delivered Or You Pick Up. Log Truck Loads Available Also Call 802-259-2147

## Baked Ham Supper

Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

Starting at 5:00 pm



Benefit the Mount Holly  
Historical Museum

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Baked Ham Supper  
Baked Potato, Vegetables, Rolls  
And Home Baked Pies



All You Can Eat - Home Style  
Take Outs Available

Adults \$10.00  
Children 11 Yrs. & Under \$5.00

More Info Call 259-3665





**Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Members with New Tanker which replaces the old tanker that was taken out of service. Photo by Diana Garrow taken after July 6<sup>th</sup> Town Parade**



**Mount Holly 2013 Independence Day Parade**





## Many Price Reductions!



**\$130,000** Perfect starter home with 3 bedrooms and oversize garage on 1 acre. Close to Okemo and VAST.



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**\$199,000:** Sweet bungalow style 3 bed/1 bath, hardwood floors, private, garage, walk to store and lake.



**\$995,000:** Private Log Home Retreat with new kitchen, 2 fireplaces, master suite, 98+ acres 2 ponds.



**\$249,900:** Private 3 bedroom Log Home. Walk to Belmont & Star Lake, near snowmobile trail on 10 acres.



**\$271,400:** Family Colonial home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, 5 acres, room for horses.



**\$131,200:** Cozy chalet - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living area with stone fireplace & open kitchen/dining area.



**\$225,000:** 3 bed/2 bath unfinished home on 20+ acres. 1800 sq. ft.. Private location with VAST access.



**\$49,900:** Easy buildable lots. Only one lot left - 2+ acres each. State of VT Permits for 4 bedrooms.



**\$334,900:** Star Lake front newer home with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Nice open concept and bright light.



**\$99,000:** South-facing meadow for your new home. 13. 2 acres, drilled well, and roughed-in road. VAST

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Green Mountain Appliance Service – Gary Van Akin 259-6012

## Artists & Architects

McKeegan Stenciling & Faux Finishes 259-3333  
Photography Gallery, Alex McCallum 259-2318  
Spectrum Photography 259-3060  
Stephanie Stouffer, Studio & Gallery 259-2686  
Tracy Rogers Architecture & Design - Architecture & Interiors 282-4858

## Bakeries - Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Belmont General Store 259-2292  
Big Eyes Bakery-Irish Soda Bread, Tea Cakes, Pies 259-7005  
Crowley Cheese, LLC 259-2340  
Squeels on Wheels, Wood Roasted BBQ, Take Out 228-8934

## Bed & Breakfast

Hounds Folly [www.houndsfolly.com](http://www.houndsfolly.com) 259-2718  
Clifford Country Bed & Breakfast [www.cliffordcountry.com](http://www.cliffordcountry.com) 259-2269

## Building & Repairs – General Work

Arthur DeArruda, Inc. Custom Carpentry & Renovation 274-0289  
AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Portable Sawmilling 259-3699  
Bob Campbell- Home Improvements 259-2136 [bob4u@aol.com](mailto:bob4u@aol.com) 353-1489  
Bolalek Construction & Design, [andrzej@bolalekconstruction.com](http://andrzej@bolalekconstruction.com) 259-7075  
Cutting Edge Carpentry & Paint Works-Curt Marechaux 259-2900  
Earl Runner Carpentry (Tertius) 492-3388  
G & H Masonry-Jay Goraj [ghmasonryvermont@yahoo.com](mailto:ghmasonryvermont@yahoo.com) 259-2625  
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Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. [masterph@vermontel.net](mailto:masterph@vermontel.net) 492-3657  
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Rick Lee Builder, Free Estimates Building & Renovations 259-3936  
[rickleebuilder@yahoo.com](mailto:rickleebuilder@yahoo.com)

Ted Stryhas Builder 228-7327  
Wright Construction – Brett Wright 259-2094

## Communication – Computer Repair & Entertainment

Film/Video Production & DJ Services David Guerrero 345-6905 259-2136  
Griff's Computer Repair & Consultant 259-2688

## Engineering

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

## Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating [beardmoreexc@vermontel.net](mailto:beardmoreexc@vermontel.net) 342-3507  
Bolalek Construction & Design [bolalek.co@gmail.com](mailto:bolalek.co@gmail.com) 259-2955  
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\*Care Taking [greenerpastures@vermontel.net](mailto:greenerpastures@vermontel.net) 259-3167

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Smith Maple Crest Farm- Grass Fed Beef Cuts-Fresh Frozen 492-2151  
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## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

## Garage, Repair & Wrecking

Belmont Motor Works Harley-Davidson, ATVs, Small Engine 259-3178  
Sleds, Welding & Metal Fab [gduigin67@gmail.com](mailto:gduigin67@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](http://www.turcosyamaha.com) 773-8650

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

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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](mailto:rocker@vermontel.net) 259-3058  
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964  
Of The Earth Landscaping, Lindsay [oftheearthllc@gmail.com](mailto:oftheearthllc@gmail.com) 505-1751  
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Traveling Hoe Gardening [www.thetravelinghoe.com](http://www.thetravelinghoe.com) 259-3345

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Seiple's Shoot Shop [www.sssvt.com](http://www.sssvt.com) 236-8104

## Hair Cuts

Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

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

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

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Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151  
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## Marketing & Promotional Services

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

## Merchandise Sales & Service

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Dan Turco & Sons YAMAHA-Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV 773-8650  
[www.turcosyamaha.com](http://www.turcosyamaha.com) [sales@turcosyamaha.com](mailto:sales@turcosyamaha.com)

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Hearth & Cricket Stove Shop – Daryle Thomas 259-2841  
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Sew Easy Interiors Home Décor & Window Treatments 259-2048  
[bethjosselyn@gmail.com](mailto: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  
Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786  
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Carl Mitchell H 259-2107 - Cell 384-3202  
Lisa Kelley H 259-3112 - Cell 345-6581

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## Septic System Design

Chase Design & Construction [www.chasevermont.com](http://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

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Black River Good Neighbor Service 228-3663  
Neighborworks Of Western Vermont 438-2303

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