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	12^{th}	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
		Selectmen's meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
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Stanley A. Seward



Stanley Arthur "Bill" Seward, 85, died Monday, June 16, 2014, at The Pines at Rutland Center for Nursing Rehabilitation, following brief and illness. He was born Sept. 28, 1928, in East Wallingford, the son of Arthur and Ella (Bunker) Seward. He graduated from Wallingford High School in 1946 and then attended Rutland Junior College. Mr. Seward entered the U.S. Army 172nd Infantry Regiment of the 43rd Division in 1948, stationed in honorably discharged in 1952 with the Germany, and was rank of master sergeant. He married Carol Carter on Feb. 14, 1951. in Belmont. He was employed for 24 years in the family business at Valley View Creamery and Seward's Dairy. He then worked for Independent Buyers Association (IBA) selling dairy supplies to farms. Beginning as a field man for Yankee Milk Cooperative, later Agri-Mark Corp., he retired in 1992 after 19 years as field supervisor for Vermont, New York and New Hampshire.

Mr. Seward served Wallingford on the School Board, elementary school building committees, as justice of the peace and was currently chairman of civil authority and tax abatement boards. He was also a charter member of Wallingford Fire Department District #2.

He was a past noble grand of Colfax Lodge #21 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, served as DDGM of District 1 and on the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows Audit Committee, as well as a member of Waverly Chapter #10 Order of Eastern Star. He served as master, secretary and treasurer of Mount Moriah Lodge #96 Free and Accepted Masons in East Wallingford, was a member of the York Rite, Davenport Chapter #17 RAM, Davenport Council #12 and Killington Commandery #6, as well as Cairo Temple AANOMS where he served as ceremonial marshal and on the finance committee. He enjoyed assisting the children as chairman of admissions to the Shriners Hospital.

He served as captain and chief of Cairo Temple Patrol and Drum Corps and belonged to Rutland Court #105, Royal Order of Jesters. For the Grand Lodge of Vermont, he served as DDGM of District #11, grand senior deacon, grand representative, on the time and place committee, as well as on the Masons' Vermont Day in Florida and District #11 UK committees. He was honored as Citizen of the Year for the 11th Masonic District, Shriner of the Year, and received the Outstanding Performance Humanitarian Endeavors as Hospital Chairman of Cairo Temple, as well as the John Barney Medal. He was also a member of American Legion Post #31 in Rutland.

In addition to his wife, survivors include four children, Stanley "Buster" and David Seward, both of East Wallingford, Becky Wirehouse of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Ginger Bendig of Granby, Conn.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three brothers Allyn, Roland and Lowell "Mick" Seward. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main St., Rutland. The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 27, in Maple Grove Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Baptist

Church, both in East Wallingford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, Springfield, in care of Cairo Shriners, 51 Washington St., Rutland, VT 05701; East Wallingford Fire Department, PO Box 254, East Wallingford, VT 05742; Mount Moriah Lodge #96, PO Box 25, East Wallingford, VT 05742; or Colfax Lodge #21, PO Box 96, Belmont, VT 05730

Message from your Animal Control Officer:

Just a reminder that all dogs must be restrained from running at large. Restrained from running at large is defined as: Kept upon the property of its owner or keeper; kept within an enclosure on the property of its owner or keeper; is kept on a leash or is **under the immediate control** of its owner or keeper.

In the past week I have received several calls regarding stray dogs. As a dog owner, I am aware that dogs have a mind of their own. Someone forgets to lock the door, or close the fence, and the dog is running down the road. I have heard many an excuse, and am always willing to give someone a break the first time before impounding the dog and/or citing the owner.

FYI: Fine is \$100 plus \$35 impoundment fee plus boarding. If the dog is not licensed additional fees will be imposed.

All dogs 6 months and older were to be licensed by April 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be shown to obtain a license at the Town Clerk. Licenses must be attached to a collar affixed to the dog.

If you restrain your dog whether in a pen, basement or garage please make sure that the dog has plenty of water. If on a chain, ensure that the animal has free movement and the appropriate collar.

Everyone, dog owner or not deserves to have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Paul Faenza, Animal Control Officer, Mount Holly, 786-4404



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. Drop off at 2710 Route 155, Bessie's home. Please contact Bessie at 259-3564



The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet on August 13th at Georgianna and Steve Sorensen's, Tiffany Road, Belmont. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. We are reading and discussing the novel Little Bee by Chris Cleave. Copies of the book are available



from Jane at the post office. Please call Minga Dana if you want more information at 259-2471.

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Star Lake Clean Up



Star Lake Dam Reconstruction delayed until 2015

Unfortunately the reconstruction Star Lake Dam is delayed a year. Due to unexpected circumstances we were not able to obtain the necessary Dam Safety Permit in time for the project to be completed during the 2014 construction season. We expect to receive the necessary permits later this year which will allow the Town to re-bid the project for the 2015 construction season.

This project is being managed as collaboration between the Mt. Holly Select Board and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT)-Friends of Star Lake (FOSL). The reconstruction is being funded in large part by the awesome gift to the MHCT-FOSL by the late Patricia Nye, however, additional funding is needed.

We ask for your continued support and generosity through FOSL's membership program.

Help us to maintain Star Lake as a wonderful place for Mt. Holly residents and friends to swim, boat and fish... or just to enjoy its wildlife and natural beauty.

Enjoy the Lake this summer.... it's weedy but great swimming !!

Please join us (or renew) as a member of FOSL with	your tax deductible contribution
Annual Membership Levels (checks pay	vable to "FOSL"):
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Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, co-chairs FOSL, a committee of the M PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730, ron@unterman.com, dottie@finnerty.	
Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations Settings Start 5:00 pm At The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont	Firewood for Sale <u>\$185.00</u> Cord of Green Wood <u>Cut, Split, and Delivered</u> Log Truck Loads Available Also! Call Gary at (802).259.3108 or (802).353.6289
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August 9thOdd Fellows - Roast PorkAugust 30thHistorical Museum - Baked HamSept. 20thMH Rescue Squad – Roast PortOctober 11thMHCA - Roast BeefOctober 25thGill Home, IOOF – Baked HamTake Outs Available With All DinnersMore Info Call 802-259-2460	Flander's Excavating & Firewood Complete Site Work Start To Finish All Aspects of Excavating: Roads ~ Clearing Lots ~ Septic Systems ~ Ponds
NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All	Fully Insured – Call Steve @ 802-259-2147

Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic flow. Thanks

Firewood – Cut, Split & Delivered



Black Bear Sightings In Mount Holly

We've had a black bear visit two times this week on Frost Hill Road. It is a large healthy adult. They are a wonderful animal and we're so lucky to see one. Give them the respect they deserve. They are wild animals and could be dangerous if approached so don't do something stupid. Use extreme caution and stay inside if you see one. Little ones are cute but remember mom is close and will do anything to protect their young. Bob Kautz

We've had four visits in the last 8 days from a large bear on Chalet Dr/ MH Heights. It has done damage to sheds to get to the trash cans and continues to search for more.

Doesn't seem to be frightened by loud noises...anyone have any

ideas how to get rid of this 300+ lb nuisance? Pat Mclaughlin

He has visited us 4 times. Tipped over the garbage bin and dragged trash all across the yard. He was here in broad daylight at 6:00 pm on Thursday. We have photos and a video of him. He's a male about 300 lbs. or so, very healthy looking, and not the least bit timid. Be very careful. Keep your distance. I have notified the Vermont Wildlife Department by filling out a bear report but have not received any response to date. Kevin MacDougal

We had a very large bear tearing our birdfeeder apart on Lord Rd a week ago. Birdfeeder (what's left of it) is now put away for the summer. Rich Jones

Everyone, Remember there is a form to fill out in the library along with a map to mark with different colored magnets when you see bears and other wildlife. The map needs up dating and I'll get that done when the library is open next. Peter Smith

Tom French

Is recuperating at Mountain View Genesis Room 3, Haywood Ave, Rutland, VT 05701 He would love cards and short visits from all friends and family. Stop by and say Hi.

Ninevah Foundation Workshop to Target Local "Uninvited Guests" – Invasive Plants

Fragrant honeysuckle, dainty pink blooms of multiflora rose, vivid swaths of purple loosestrife – what could be wrong with these pretty wild plants? Unfortunately, they're all among the many invasive species that are spreading locally, crowding out the plants we want and, in some cases, endangering human health.

These "uninvited guests" in Vermont will be the focus of a workshop Wednesday, August 6, at

7:30 p.m. at the Mount Holly Town Library, a free event sponsored by the Ninevah Foundation as part of the popular "Know Your Wild Neighbors" series. Hannah Putnam of the Vermont Institute of Natural Science and the Ottaquechee Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area will be the featured expert. Participants will learn how to recognize and control a range of invasive plants – including "poison parsnip," which looks like overgrown Queen Anne's Lace but can cause a painful burn if you touch it.

"Invasive species are one of the threats facing our region," says Putnam, "and it is important for us to understand the impact these species have on our native habitats. We need to know not only the steps we can take to manage populations,

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but also which species require a rapid response and which do not."

The Ninevah Foundation (www.ninevahfoundation.org) is a conservation organization dedicated to promoting the wilderness character and tranquil nature of Lake Ninevah and over 3,000 acres of surrounding lands in Mount Holly and Plymouth, Vermont. The "Know Your Wild Neighbors" series is co-sponsored by the Wilderness Community, Inc., the Mount Holly Town Library, the Mount Holly Community Association and the Mount Holly Conservation Trust.

For more information, please contact Mauri Small at <u>mauri.small@gmail.com</u>



Good News!!!

The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad has reached the ripe old age of 40!!!

Yes 40 years ago a man with wonderful community spirit, amazing foresight, and good old Vermont determination organized a group of his neighbors for the sole purpose of helping each other in a time of need.

The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department 5th Annual Christmas Raffle Grand Prize: \$1000.00 2nd Prize: \$1000.00 3rd Prize: \$00.00 4th Prize: \$100.00 5th Prize: \$100.00 **\$10.00 each**

Drawing to be held at our Annual Christmas Party Winner Need Not Be Present to Win

> Contact any firefighter for tickets Or

Send a check with your name, phone number and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: MHVFD, PO Box 114, Mt Holly, VT 05758 Proceeds from the raffle will be used for equipment, repairs, uniforms, training & other operating expenses.

Please consider attending one or more of these sessions. There is no cost and no obligation! However, remember "ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE-PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" and that person may not be a stranger. What better way to serve our community!!! Thanks Miles for getting us headed in the right direction!!! You may contact Don Richardson at 802 259-3662 or 802 228-7086 at any time but do it today and let's get started helping our neighbors, Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad and Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department. And Thanks!!! Don Richardson

The first CPR/First Aid class will be held on Monday, August 18th at the Belmont Fire Station at 6pm. Space is limited, so reserve your spot early by emailing Sue Poirier at specify@gmail.com



In 2014, some 40 years later, we as members of that same community, continue to reap the benefits of his willingness to reach out to help those neighbors.

That man was Miles Richards. Miles continued throughout his life to be a strong supporter of The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad right up to his passing in 2004. A lifelong member of the Mount Holly community, he personified the Rescue Squad motto of "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE ".

Well today at the age of 40 it is The Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad that needs help from the community that it still continues to try to serve.

For many good reasons membership has declined. (Some of us just got old.) Those who remain and a few new members, who have joined, continue to try to serve the community in the same fashion that Miles would have wished for. However, more support is needed. Not financial support but human support!

As I have said to the membership many times, "When you do your job well, you become invisible "

Recent tragedies in our community required middle of the night responses from both Fire and Rescue. They were there, doing what they are trained to do, saving lives when they can!

Starting in August, as part of an ongoing 40th Birthday celebration and commemoration of what Miles Richards started, a series of Community CPR / First Aid classes will get underway. The times and locations of these classes are being arranged and will be announced before the end of July.

Mount Holly Community Association Presents



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST - 8 PM MT HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTER / LIBRARY



Vocalist Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon on the string bass will perform jazz favorites in the Billie Holiday style. We will transform the community center and library into a Cabaret and serve decadent desserts and libations for purchase. Get there early because seating is limited.

This event is free and open to the public.

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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Vermont Humanities Council Program ~ On **Sunday, August 10th at 4 pm** the library will host fiddler Adam Boyce. Mr. Boyce brings to life a unique and talented Vermont fiddler, Charles Ross Taggart. Taggart began performing in 1895 and his career continued for half a century. At age 24, in Topsham Vermont, he began performing a one man show featuring music, impersonations, ventriloquism

and humor. His career took off and he traveled throughout the United States performing what he called "Entertainments". He would soon be known as "The Old Country Fiddler" due to his skill as a fiddler and composer.

Adam Boyce, a talented fiddler in his own right, is well known in the contra- and square-dance world of Vermont and New Hampshire. He became interested in Taggart in 2001and after copious amounts of research he developed a one man show of Taggart's music and life. Adam has performed all around the state giving recognition to a talented performer and a unique part of our history. Join us as Boyce tunes up his fiddle and recreates some of Taggart's magical moments.



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Hi. My name is Tisa Van Dine. I have lived in Mount Holly, Vermont, since 2006. I started photography in 2005. I am hosting a photography exhibit opening reception on Saturday, August
9, from 6-8 PM in the Mount Holly Library & Community Center. If you appreciate Vermont landscapes, flora and fauna, there should be something you like. My interests include seasonal

landscapes, flowers, and wildlife (eagles, loons, bears, deer, herons, songbirds, etc.) My photos are printed on matted 8x10s, and various canvas sizes (12" x 12", 11" x 14", 16" x 20"). I also sell my photos on magnets, bookmarks, note cards, postcards, tote bags, pens, and coasters. I have a space at the Ludlow Farmer's Market from 4-7 PM on June 20, June 27, July 4, July 25, August 1, and August 15. My photos are also for sale on consignment at John Zaccheo Fine Art Gallery in Manchester, VT.

A Successful Summer Reading Program ~ In July the Library held six summer reading programs with the leadership of Emma Vastola, Mount Holly School third grade teacher. Twenty two different children attended with an average of 15 children per session. We explored the world of science with fun activities, crafts and books. A record number of books were checked out and several children have already filled their reading records with 50 books read. Stop in the library and see some of the cool projects we did. Many thanks to Emma for taking over the guidance of the program and making is so successful.

Hey Kids, Are You Working On Your Summer Reading Assignments? ~ The library has a large selection of books that are appropriate for summer reading assignments. Each summer we place books in a special section that are on the teachers' reading lists for



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Library Raffle: Those of you who use the library on a regular basis know how hard we try to add to the collection the books that interest you and the newest releases. It is not possible to do that on the \$8,000 that the town gives us each year. It is only through our fundraising efforts that we can continue to meet the needs of the community. Two years ago we held a buy local raffle with a Christmas afghan crocheted by Joan Bradley. Well, Joan has outdone herself this time by crocheting another beautiful afghan picturing our historic building. There will be three drawings held at the MHCA Christmas party and besides the afghan you could win two chances to a packet of gift certificates to Mount Holly businesses and services. It is also the intent of this raffle to make the public aware of the many fabulous resources we have right here in our community. Thanks to all the Mount Holly entrepreneurs who have donated gift certificates. Stop in and take a chance and support the library.

August Book Sale: Our third book sale of the year is Saturday the 2^{nd} and Sunday the 3^{rd} from 10 to 4. We have added at least 200 more books to the sale since our 4^{th} of July sale and who knows what will come in the next couple of weeks. We still have an amazing selection of kid's books so stock up!

What's In the Library Collection? ~ Just go to <u>http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php</u> Type in the library name: Mount Holly Library and no password is needed and you can see what books we own. Just email mthollylibrary@ gmail.com and request books you may want to put on hold!!

Opening Show - Photo Exhibit ~ On **Saturday, August 9, from 6-8 pm** Mount Holly resident Tisa Van Dine will be hosting an opening reception of her work. She has been fine tuning her photography skills for 9 years. Her photographs are a reflection of her love of the outdoors and the beauty of New England. Her work is available at John Zaccheo Fine Art Gallery in Manchester, VT and at the Ludlow Farmer's Market. Join us in the Mount Holly Library & Community Room for refreshments and an

opportunity to see how Tisa artistically captures the world around us through her lens. Check Out the Vermont Park Pass – Stop By the Belmont Store – Spend the Day at the Park for FREE!

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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY Claudine Langille and Victor Paul CD Release Concert



In Mount Holly Claudine Langille is practically a household name. Although she has played all over the world we have been fortunate to listen to her singing and string playing for most of her 30 year career. She is best known in the music world by her tenor banjo and mandolin playing and her albums produced with the band Touchstone, but we all know her by the many local concerts she has performed with Gypsy Reel. Claudine is very excited about her newest project reviving the Carter Family Songs and we are honored that she has chosen to perform her release party on the Mount Holly Library stage!

The songs recorded by the Carter Family in the 1920s are still some of the most beloved folk songs in the world. Victor Paul and Claudine Langille have put together a selection of these wonderful old songs, and have given them a fresh take-not always strictly country- on their new CD,

"You Are My Flower-Songs of the Original Carter Family." They will be celebrating the release of their CD at the Mount Holly

Library in Belmont, VT, performing live in concert **Saturday, September 6 at 7pm.**

Victor Paul is from Norfolk, Virginia, and has performed nationally and in the Vermont area over the years with Seabird Band and The Burlage-Paul Band. Vic plays keyboard, 12-string guitar, and harmonica. Claudine Langille is an international performer who now lives right here in Belmont . She toured with the Indie Award winning band Touchstone, and currently plays with Gypsy Reel. Claudine plays mandolin, tenor banjo, and guitar. Vocal harmonies are a feature of Carter Family songs that Vic and Claudine delight in interpreting. Both musicians are also accomplished songwriters and will treat you to some of their originals.

About a recent live performance, Heather Lynne, owner of the Wild Fern in Stockbridge, VT commented, "One hundred percent Magic last night with you all in the Fern House!!!"

"You Are My Flower" has been played on radio stations from New Orleans to Vermont, and has received rave comments. Award winning documentary film producer Beth Harrington, who recently released a documentary on The Carter Family and Johnny Cash, says "It's awesome. Beautifully performed and inventive, too! Love it."

You'll love it, too! Come and hear these accomplished musicians bring it all home in a concert that will have you singing along as you rediscover the songs of the family who got the ball rolling for old time American country music. Limited seating; suggested donation is only \$10, and the new CD plus some others (including the artists' first collaboration, the lovely "Christmas in Vermont") will be available for purchase. Check out <u>www.langillepaul.com</u> for more details about the musicians and the CD. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact any of the following coordinators:

Scott Baitz, President Bob Cram Mary Nortunen Cell (802) 384-3603 Cell (802) 345-5699 Tel (802) 259-2412

BLACK RIVER ROD & GUN CLUB

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

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Black River Area Community Coalition Update

Even though National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is still a few months away, you can still safely dispose of your unused or expired mediation at the following locations. The Rutland County Sheriff's Office, 88 Grove Street in Rutland 775-8002 or

Ludlow Police Department, 14 West Hill Rd in Ludlow 228-4411. Both locations are open 7 days a week, and will only accept pills & capsules, no questions asked. The dropbox is similar to a mailbox, just open the door and dump your pills into the slot. Prescription Drug abuse continues to be a major problem not only in Vermont but nationwide. The coalition continues to work with the Rutland Area Prevention Coalition (RAP), Windsor County Community Partners and local law enforcement on this important issue.

BRACC would like to recommend a highly successful parent support group which meets in Rutland on Tuesday nights. It's called Wits End, and was started by Pat & Kathy Martin. If your adolescent or young adult is using alcohol, marijuana or other drugs you need support. Join other family members for this open support group. A licensed drug and alcohol counselor is present at all the meetings to provide professional support and education. The meetings are at the Grace Congregational Church, West St Entrance on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There is no cost to attend. It is supported by private donations. For more information please call 775-6608.

BRACC meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except during the summer. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 5pm, Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. All are welcome to attend.

Our office is located on the 2^{nd} floor of Ludlow Town Hall; we have free literature available on alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Please give us a call at 228-788.



One Foot in One World

The Amish have always fascinated me. BB's is a "Discount Foods" run by the Amish. It was fascinating, on a recent PA visit, to see this huge, modern grocery store: ceiling fans,

lights, and a cold storage area with Amish folk stocking the shelves. I asked one bonneted lady, "Electricity?" In her heavy German accent she replied curtly, "No electricity, Propane!" As she turned back to the produce, I couldn't help but notice that beneath her plain dress she wore modern black sneakers. "Incongruous, yet comfortable," I thought, "What's it like to literally have one foot in one world and one in another?"

Apparently her bishop has approved inconspicuous modern footwear. Actually, at first glance, it appears inconsistent. Why is it that Amish cannot own or drive cars, but they can take rides in them? The philosophy is that while owning a car might separate the community (not all could afford them, they might be used as status symbols, and they'd inevitably hasten the slow-paced Amish way of life), paying for a ride meets various transportation needs (outside employment or medical attention).

The Amish lifestyle is a deliberate effort to separate from the world of "the English" (us) and maintain self sufficiency, therefore, local bishops decided in the early part of the

century that hooking up to wires would create unnecessary temptation and have a morally polluting effect. What foresight they had. No TV, radios, or computers means no ability for advertising or immoral messages. The Amish also believe in hard work and usefulness. They would consider watching TV or "surfing the net", a waste of time. They won't allow telephones in their homes, because it could lead to pride and gossip. The community may put one in a barn or use a neighbors but the idea is to deliberately make it inconvenient to use.

If you keep in mind that humility is the main motivation for almost everything they do, Amish life becomes more understandable. They shun bright patterns or colors, buttons, guns, and mustaches because any of these could promote pride, greed, immorality or materialism. The Amish believe that God will judge them on how well they obeyed the church rules during their lifetime, and contact with the outside world makes obedience harder.

Contact with the outside world was thrust upon them in 2006 with the tragic Amish schoolhouse shooting. The quality that the world found most amazing is that Christ-like forgiveness evidenced in the compassion shown to the wife and family of the shooter. Forgiveness of others is a signal of our awareness of how much God has given to us. It is a little bit like having one foot in heaven and yet putting our foot down in the real world and letting go of the offense.

Life in two worlds: Making up with a spouse, getting along with fellow church members or community members, loving our neighbors. Like the Amish, we must do it with humility and grace... one step at a time. *Pastor Glenn*

Mount Holly 2014 Photo Contest

Mount Holly in August is: Bright summer days Bike riding and hiking Gardens filled with juicy red tomatoes

So keep your eyes open your camera by your side, and capture the colors and fun of summer in Mount Holly

Entry forms available now at:

Belmont General Store, Mount Holly Library, Belmont and Mount Holly Post Offices, Town Office and on-line on the Mount Holly website

Mount Holly 2015 Calendar NOW ON SALE!!

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

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

ENERGY AUDITS ARE STILL ONLY \$100

Weatherize your home now since the energy audits are still \$100 and there is an extra \$500 bonus in addition to the other incentives you may be eligible for if you weatherize this year.

Efficiency Vermont is pleased to be offering an extra \$500 bonus incentive to Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Building Performance participants, *for a limited time only*. The bonus is available for projects completed between July 15th and December 15th, 2014. Customers will need to complete all work and receive a "test-out" audit from their contractor by December 15th. Participants will have until December 31st to return their incentive claim documents to Efficiency Vermont.

Call NeighborWorks today and find out more and join your neighbors so that you will have a warmer house and save money! If you would like to schedule home energy audit call **802-438-2303 ext 227** or visit www.heatsquad.org

If you receive a loan from NW, there is a new program. Green Mountain Power customers can now choose to repay home energy efficiency loans on their monthly GMP electric bill, thanks to a partnership with NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. This partnership leverages GMP's billing system with nonprofit NeighborWorks' revolving loan fund. The on-bill service allows GMP customers to make energy improvements to their homes with the help of a loan from NeighborWorks and make their monthly payments when they pay their GMP bill. The program is available to all GMP customers. Loans may be for thermal and electric efficiency measures, renewable energy and other services that advance the energy plan of the State of Vermont.

LETTER

Last summer I had an energy audit performed by NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. The main part of the house was built in 1877. At the time of



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The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum Hosts Local Artists & Artisans Who Will Display Their art & craftwork

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Saturday, August 2nd and Sunday, August 3rd Noon – 4 pm Perkins House Museum Belmont, Vermont

the audit the insulation needed upgrading. That Fall they also oversaw the weatherization work and provided a low-cost loan. I was very happy with the people doing the weatherization of my house. They were very professional and cleaned up behind themselves. They added insulation in the attic, crawl space over the garage, walls; they sealed holes, sprayed foam in the basement and covered the dirt floor.

Last year I used 1,000 gallons. The house was unoccupied most of the winter and kept at 50 degrees. This year the house was occupied all winter and kept at around 65 degrees and we only used 450 gallons of oil. Stephen Michel





MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Our mission is to enlighten our community with an understanding of our past to promote an objective vision of the future.



Home of the Vermont State Terrestrial Fossil

2014 MUSEUM SUMMER SCHEDULE 2014

Museum Open Each Weekend during July and August ~ Saturdays Noon to 2 pm and Sundays 2 to 4 pm Note Additional Special Times on Calendar.

Friday, August 1st "ARTFEST" Wine and Cheese Reception at Perkins House 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, August 2nd "ARTFEST" Purchase Artwork by Renowned Local Artists Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, August 3rd "ARTFEST" Purchase Artwork by Renowned Local Artists Noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 9th Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, August 10th Open for browsing, 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 16th "FARMFEST" Sheep Shearing, Demonstrations and More 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, August 14th Open for browsing, 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 23rd Open for browsing, noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, August 24th Open for browsing, 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 30th, **Baked Ham Fundraising Dinner** at the Odd Fellows Hall 5 p.m. Sunday, August 31st Open for browsing, 2 to 4 p.m.

Visit our website www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org for more event details Like the museum on FACEBOOK

have voiced your opinion, and I hear all the reasons for and against. One thing I am pretty sure about is that it will not be the revenue source that people think it will be. The cost to regulate it and then enforce all the necessary restrictions will be expensive. The increase in driving under the influence, once a test is created, could be a burden on our courts. Much of the new money will be spent on educating

our children, and treating those with any number of addiction problems. We are watching the two states that have allowed more use, and I am one of many concerned about moving too quickly.

I hope to talk with many of you over the next several months. Please contact me about the issues important to you, and take the time to vote in the August 26th primary. You can always leave me a message at <u>ddevereux@leg.state.vt.us</u> or at home at 802-259-2460. Respectfully Submitted, Rep. Dennis Devereux, candidate for House District Rutland-Windsor 2



The Community Guild is a non-profit charitable organization. In sale of our handcrafted and donated items is used To support charitable, educational and civic endeavors.

Letter to the editor,

It has been an honor to be your voice in Montpelier for the past eight years, and I hope to continue to serve you in the

Vermont House. The local economy will be one of our greatest challenges as we deal with the loss of high paying jobs. The closure of some businesses and the departure of several long operating ones

will likely have a negative impact on personal income tax revenues next year.

This comes at a period when a financing plan for health care is approaching. Other priorities will need to be addressed, and continue to require more money. The rising costs of education have been something not many have been willing to confront. Changing the way property taxes fund our school systems cannot be delayed any longer. My concern continues that the high cost of living here is only getting worse. And efforts to adjust some of our benefit programs were derailed near the end of our session that could have helped.

It seems one issue that will be addressed is an attempt for the legalization of marijuana. Many of you



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Mount Holly Town News



Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting August 12, 2014. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, <u>www.lpctv.org</u>. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD - **JULY 08, 2014** \sim The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jim Heald. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers raise their hand to be recognized, been remarks civil and short.

state their name and keep remarks civil and short.

1. Open Meeting Law Changes (Note: These items were on the agenda under the Approval of Minutes, but were addressed first.) Jim Heald noted that there were several changes made to the Open Meeting Law, and that these changes applied to every municipal board, council, commission, committee or subcommittee. The two immediate changes are regarding the posting of agendas and posting of minutes to town websites.

Agendas must be posted in or near the Town Office and at least two other designated public places in town. The designation of the TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR OUTDOOR BURNING

BURN PERMITS May be obtained from THE MOUNT HOLLY FIRE WARDEN Jim Seward Pager: 786-3408 Home: 259-2211

Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back. Do not burn until you have spoken to him. SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

two places was made outside of a warned public meeting, as we considered it a 'routine administrative matter' under 1 V.S.A. S 312(g). These designations apply to all of the above entities, unless they make their own designations.

Agendas for regular meetings must now be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. (Agendas for special meetings must be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting, same as the old law.) To meet the 48 hour requirement, agendas for regular meetings must be posted by Thursday prior to the meeting, as the town office is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Therefore, items for the agenda should be at the Town Office by Noon on Thursday.

Minutes must be 'available for inspection' five days after the meeting (same as the old law). Minutes are usually available at the Town Office on Monday after the meeting, but occasionally they are a day late. Minutes are 'draft' until approved, usually at the next Selectboard meeting.

The new law requires both the agenda and minutes to be posted on a town website if one exists and it is maintained or is designated the official website. The Board discussed disabling the website. After motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To have Kevin post a notice on the website that it was NOT the official website for the town, and table further action pending study of the implementation of the changes. (3-0)

The Board also ratified the prior designation of the agenda posting places. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To post meeting agendas both inside and outside the Town Office, and at the Mount Holly post office and the Belmont post office. (3-0)

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Two additions to the agenda:

- * Petition re GMP poles on Russellville Rd
- * Highway mowing

3. Petition re GMP Pole locations on Russellville Rd. The Town received a petition from residents of Russellville Road regarding GMP's plans for relocating electric lines along the road, instead of the current line which runs through the interior of several properties. Jim Heald read the letter accompanying the signed petitions. Specifically, the residents object to one particular pole location which they feel is located too close to the current streambed of Russell Brook, and thus would create problems in another Irene-type storm. The petition requests that the Board direct GMP to keep the current line (Vermont statutes do allow the Board to direct where utility lines may go). The Board felt that more information was needed and that GMP needed to be contacted about the matter. The Board did not make any decision and tabled the matter to a future meeting.

4. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 10 were sent out before the meeting for review. There were no corrections or additions and upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

5. Highways

* Paving Bids: The Board opened and reviewed the two bids received: Fuller at \$62.00/ton and Pike Industries at \$67.38/ton. Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the bid of \$62.00 by Fuller Sand and Gravel. (3-0)

- * VTel refiled a Notification of Pole and Wire Location with the Town for a new pole on Healdville Rd. The Board approved and signed the authorization, which needs to be recorded in the Town records.
- Maple Hill Road during Cider Days This was tabled from a prior meeting. The Board requested that a letter be sent to MHCA to have signage and placement of signs approved by Jeff Teter and Paul Faenza.
- * Mowing: Jeff noted that the road crew has been very busy trying to keep up with the mowing this year. Clinton offered to mow on Saturdays and/or Sundays at straight time (not overtime) comp time. The board asked is another part-time person was needed. Jeff felt that the road crew would know best where all the rocks are, especially using the rented mowers.

New Garage: Jim Heald read a report from Jerry Hansen, providing a progress report thru the end of June (a copy will be available at the town office). Mr. Hansen also approved the second payment request from Josselyn Bros. The building is scheduled to be delivered on July 9th. Jim noted that Jerry often stops in to check on progress, as he passes thru town on other matters.

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Jeff noted that the solar system is not quite finished. There is an upgrade to the school curriculum portion to be completed. He expects that the project will be completed under budget.

6. Report of Treasurer

David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated June 30, 2014 showing cash balances of \$693,794. Tax sales were completed on 5 properties (others paid before the sale). David noted that the tax sale expenses totaled \$14,000 (which is collected as part of the sale). Solid Waste income is about 10% under budget, but expenses are under budget as well. Jim reminded everyone that stickers are sold at both the Town Office and the Belmont General Store. He asked that people not put the guys on the spot with 'I'll catch you next week' when you don't have the stickers. Under highway expenses, David noted that summer labor was over budget, but summer material expense was under budget. The town is still owed reimbursements for diesel fuel from fire, rescue and the school. Highway equipment repair is over by \$10,000.

Tax Rate – David reviewed the education tax rates set by the State and the calculation for the municipal and local agreement (exemptions such as veterans and the Odd Fellows Hall). Upon motion made and seconded it was

VOTED: To approve the residential tax rate at 1.8950 per hundred of valuation and the non-residential tax rate at 1.6710 per hundred of valuation. (3-0)

Ron Unterman asked about the triggers for reappraisal. There are two triggers, COD and CLA. The current Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 18.06% (last year 11.33). If the COD, which measures equality of valuation within the town, hits 20%, a reappraisal is triggered. The current Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 114.51 (last year 108.17%). If the CLA, which measures equality of valuation statewide, hits 120%, a reappraisal is triggered. A reappraisal seems to be coming (the COD triggered the last one).

7. Dog Ordinance: Paul Faenza, Animal Control Officer for the Town, was present and read the proposed Dog Ordinance (part of the procedures specified in 24 VSA § 1972). Tim Martin noted that Section 4, part D referred to a kennel/boarding facility permit under zoning, which the town does not have. Such a facility is permitted under state statutes. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To amend Section 4, part D to read "which has received a permit under (specify the State Statute). The permit will govern the use of the kennel / boarding facility." (2-1)

The Board then addressed the Ordinance as a whole. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To adopt the Dog Ordinance as read with the amended Section 4, part D as above. (2-1) A Notice of Adoption will be published in the Rutland Herald no later than 14 days from today and the Notice and a copy of the proposed ordinance will be posted in 5 public places around town, following procedures specified in 24 VSA § 1972.

8. Transfer Station: The Board reviewed the key requirements for municipalities under Act 148, the Universal Recycling law. By July 1, 2015, municipalities must

- * Implement a variable rate pricing system (unit based pricing). Our current sticker system meets this requirement.
- * Provide equal number of containers for listed recyclables alongside all trash containers in public spaces. The town office already does this; likely the school and town library also do.
- * Comply with listed recyclables landfill ban. Using the Zero-Sort compactor will enable the town to meet this requirement. (Information on the recyclables accepted can be obtained at the Transfer Station, at the Town Office, or the Zero-Sort brochure can be downloaded at Casella's website.)

9. Planning Commission: The State announced that Municipal Planning Grants are available to help communities to revitalize downtowns, become more resilient to flooding and to address a variety of local challenges. The information has been forwarded to the Planning Commission.

10. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction – Update: Ron Unterman announced that the dam project is delayed 1 year. The two permits that are required, one from the Army Corp of Engineers and the other from VT DEC, will not be received in time to complete construction by the October 1 required date. The issue of the flowage rights also needs further investigation and determination of the lake level at the 2000-year flood. A lakeside resident who is an attorney has volunteered to help with this.

11. Other Business

- * ATV committee update Tim Martin, as the chair of the committee, reported that the survey results were reviewed at the last meeting on June 26. Minutes have been posted at the town office. It looks like any proposal will be of a more limited use rather than all roads. Liability issues and enforcement issues are still being researched.
- * Pledge of Allegiance Tim Martin requested that Select Board meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance, to which the Board agreed.
- * MHCA/Library fence repair The highway crew has repaired the fence.
- * FY2015 Municipal Park and Ride Grants are due 08/31/14. There are several restrictions on these grants (e.g., the town must own or lease the land) which the town does not currently meet.
- * An Act 250 notice was received regarding Okemo's plan to upgrade the North Star Quad lift to a new 6 passenger lift. Information is available online at the State's website.
- * David Hoeh asked about the Pierson property. The Town has received a plan from the property owner, who said it would be cleaned up by October 1.
- * Ron Unterman asked if there was any news on the cell tower proposed two years ago. No.
- **12. Executive Session** None needed.

13. The Board reviewed and signed the June orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Rivers

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Mount Holly Republican Caucus

Thursday July 31, 2014 7:00 pm Mount Holly Town Office

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TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DOGS AND WOLF-HYBRIDS ORDINANCE

On July 08, 2014, the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly, Vermont, adopted a new "Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance" pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10), (14), and (15), and 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59. This notice is published pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972 to inform the public of this ordinance and of the citizens' right to petition for a vote to disapprove this ordinance.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs and wolf hybrids and to provide for their leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment and destruction and their running at large, so as to protect the public health and safety of the Town and the quiet enjoyment of its residents' homes and properties.

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Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager 786-4404, or leave a message on his cell at 245-4452.

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

FULL TEXT: The full text of the Ordinance may be examined at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street and may be examined during regular office hours.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO PETITION FOR VOTE: Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973 grants citizens the right to petition for a vote at a special or annual Town Meeting to disapprove ordinance amendments adopted by the Selectboard. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of the adoption of the amendments. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §1973, the "Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids Ordinance" shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

PERSON TO CONTACT: Additional information pertaining to this Ordinance may be obtained by contacting the Town of Mount



WHAT PAINT PRODUCTS CAN YOU BRING?

Rutland, VT 05701

This event is free and open to residents and businesses from anywhere in Vermont. Households may bring any amount of latex or oil-based paint. Businesses that generate less than 220 pounds (about 20-30 gallons) of hazardous waste per month may bring any amount of latex or oil-based paint. Businesses that generate more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month can bring any amount of latex paint only, but they cannot bring oil-based paint to this event.

♦ NOT ACCEPTABLE

- No leaking, unlabeled or empty containers
- No aerosol sprav paints
- No drums or containers larger than 5 gallons
- We cannot accept other hazardous waste or chemicals, such as paint thinner, solvents, motor oil, spackle, glue, adhesive, roofing tar, pesticides, cleaning chemicals

ACCEPTABLE

Containers must have original labels. This event is for the following products only:

- House paint and primers (latex or oil based)
- Stains
- Deck and concrete sealers
- · Clear finishes (e.g., varnishes, shellac)

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established by the American Coatings Association to provide convenient places to recycle leftover paint. We are setting up drop-off sites throughout Vermont where you can take smaller amounts of paint all year long. Visit www.paintcare.org or call 855-724-6809 to find paint drop-off sites.

Holly, Town Clerk, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, or by calling (802) 259-2391 during regular office hours

"The following notice was published in the Rutland Herald on 07/16/14. A copy of ordinance the is available for inspection and copying at the Town Office. The notice and ordinance were posted in five (5) places around town; inside and outside the Town Office, Mount Post Holly Office, Belmont Post Office, the Library and the Transfer Station on either 07/15/ or 7/16, depending on when the facility was open."

 F. "Wolf hybrid" means: 1. An animal that is the progeny of a dog and a wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i> or <i>Canis rufus</i>); 2. An animal that is advertised or otherwise described or represented to be a wolf 		G. "Working farm dog" means a dog that is bred or trained to herd or protect livestock or poultry or to protect crops and that is used for those purposes and that is registered as a working farm dog pursuant to State law.	SECTION 4. NUISANCES. An owner of a dog shall not allow, permit, or suffer such dog to create a nuisance. The following activities shall be deemed nuisances:	A. Running at large in the Town.	B. A dog that defecates in any public area or on the private premises of another person and whose owner does not immediately remove the fecal material and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.	C. A female dog in heat not confined to a building or other secured enclosure, except while under the direct control of the owner.	D. A dog that disturbs the quiet, comfort and repose of others by barking, whining, calling, or howling for a continuous period of 15 minutes or more. This regulation shall not apply to dogs in a kennel/boarding facility which has received a permit under 20 V.S.A. § 3681. The permit will govern the use of the kennel / boarding facility.	 E. The provisions of this section pertaining to running at large and disturbing the quiet, comfort and repose of others shall not apply to working farm dogs if: 1. the working farm dog is barking in order to herd or protect livestock or poultry or to protect crops; or 2. the working farm dog is running at large in order to herd or protect livestock or 	poultry or to protect crops. SECTION 5. COLLAR AND LICENSE. Each dog shall be licensed according to the laws of	this State and shall wear a collar or harness with the current license attached. A dog that is visiting from out of state must wear a collar or harness with a current license from its home state attached. A dog that is found without a collar or harness and license shall be immediately impounded.	
TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY DOGS AND WOLF-HYBRIDS ORDINANCE	SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the select board of the Town of Mount Holly under authority of 20 V.S.A. § 3549, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291 (10), (14), and (15), and 24 V S A Chanter 59	SECTION 2. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate the keeping of dogs [and wolf hybrids] and to provide for their leashing, muzzling, restraint, impoundment and destruction and their running at large, so as to protect the public health and safety of the Town	and the quiet enjoyment of its residents' homes and properties.	phrases shall apply:	A. "Dog" means any member of the canine species. For purposes of this ordinance, this term, wherever used, shall also include "wolf-hybrids" and "working farm dogs" except where specifically exempted.	B. "Enforcement Officer" means any Town Constable, Police Officer, Animal Control Officer, Humane Officer, or any other person designated as an Enforcement Officer by the Select Roard	C. "Owner" means any person who has actual or constructive possession of a dog. The term also includes those persons who provide food and shelter to a dog.	D. "Potentially vicious dog" means a dog running at large that inflicts minor injuries on a person not necessitating medical attention; chases, threatens to attack or attacks another domestic pet or animal as defined in 20 V.S.A. § 3541; causes damage to personal property; chases a person; or causes any person to reasonably fear attack or bodily injury from such dog. This definition shall not apply if the dog was protecting or defending itself, its offspring, another domestic net or animal or a person from attack or assault or the nervon attacked or threatened	by the dog was engaged in teasing, tormenting, battering, assaulting, injuring or otherwise provoking the dog.	 E. "Running at large" means that a dog is not: 1. on a leash; 2. in a vehicle; 3. on the owner's premises; 4. on the premises of another person with that person's permission; 5. clearly under the verbal or non-verbal control of the owner 	6. Hunting with the owner.

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SECTION 8. IMPOUNDMENT. A. Any dog that is determined by a constable/police officer/animal control officer/humane officer to be a potentially vicious dog, which presents an imminent danger to people or other animals, has renortedly hitten a nerson off the memises of its owner, or is in violation of	State licensing law or 20 V.S.A. § 3806 may be immediately impounded. B. A person claiming a dog is a "potentially vicious dog" may file a written complaint with the select board. The complaint shall contain the time, date and place where the alleged behavior occurred, an identification of the domestic pet or animal threatened or attacked, the name and address of any victim. And and any other facts that may assist the select board in	conducting its hearing. C. Upon receipt of a "potentially vicious dog" complaint" the select board shall proceed as in the case of a "vicious dog" complaint with the exception that if the select board determines that the behavior classifies the dog as "potentially vicious" the select board may order any protective measures be taken absent the dog being humanely destroyed.	SECTION 9. NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT AND RELEASE FROM IMPOUNDMENT. A. The officer who impounds a dog shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, give notice to the owner thereof, either personally, by telephone call, or by written notice at the owner's dwelling. Such notice shall inform the owner of the nature of the violations, the location of the dog and the steps that are necessary to have it returned to the owner.	B. If the owner of the dog is unknown, the officer who impounds a dog shall, within twenty four (24) hours of impoundment post a public notice. Notification shall be posted in the town clerk's office and other usual places for public notice for a ten (10) day period. The public notice shall include a description of the dog, including any significant marks of identification, when and where it was impounded or found by the person placing the dog in the town's custody, and declare that unless the owner claims the dog and pays all expenses incurred by the town for treatment, boarding and care of the dog, any applicable penalties and takes all necessary remedial action within ten (10) days following posting, the town may place the dog in an adoptive home, transfer it to a humane society or rescue organization. If the dog cannot be placed in an adoptive home or transferred to a humane society or rescue organization.	C. Impounded dogs shall be released to the owner only after payment of all penalties and impoundment fees (including but not limited to boarding, food, and veterinary expenses), the final disposition of a potentially vicious dog or vicious dog hearing if applicable, and after all necessary remedial action is taken by the owner. Remedial action shall include, but is not limited to, such actions as providing a collar and current license, and verification of certification of current vaccination against rabies.
SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT. The violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Rutland County Superior Court, at the election of the Mount Holly Select Board.	Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the constable/ police/ animal control officer/ humane officer shall be the designated enforcement officer(s). The enforcement officer shall issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.	Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Town of Mount Holly may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. SECTION 7. PENALTIES AND COSTS.	 A. First offense: \$50.00 full penalty/\$25.00 waiver penalty. B. Second offense: \$100.00 full penalty/\$50.00 waiver penalty. C. Third offense: Impoundment & impoundment costs, any remedial action as required by the enforcement officer, plus \$150.00 full penalty/\$75.00 waiver penalty. D. Subsequent offenses: Impoundment & impoundment costs, any remedial action as required by the enforcement officer, plus \$200.00 full penalty/\$100.00 waiver penalty. 	 I. To purposes or accumung ure sequence of one lasts, second and unit onclases shall be those that occur within the 12-month period of the anniversary day of the first offense. Any offense occurring after this 12-month period of the anniversary day of the first offense. F. Any owner whose dog has been impounded for its initial third offense shall provide the select board with proof of satisfactory completion of a responsible dog owner training course within 6 months of the anniversary date of impoundment. Failure to provide such certification may result in forfeiture of the offending animal. G. For purposes of calculating the sequence of offenses, offenses shall be counted against the owner. H. Impoundment costs shall be set annually by the select board. 	

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 SECTION 11. OTHER LAWS. This ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town of Mount Holly and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance. 	SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Mount Holly Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance. Adopted this $\frac{7}{2000}$ day of $\frac{3000}{2000}$, 201 <u>4</u>	Regnard Carbell DATE DATE BATE SIGNATURES	Adoption History 1. Agenda item at regular select board meeting held on $6/10/14$ and $7/8/14$ and entered in the 2. Read and approved at regular/special select board meeting on $7/8/14$ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on 3. Posted in public places on $7/6/14$ d $7/10/14$ with a notice 4. Notice of adoption published in the $Rathand Headed$ newspaper on $7/12/14$ with a notice	of the right to petition. 5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]
D. If the owner of a dog impounded under the provisions of this ordinance refuses to take the remedial action necessary to secure the dog's release within ten (10) days following notice of impoundment or gives notice either personally, by telephone call, or in writing to the town of forfeiture of ownership before that time, the dog may be placed in an adoptive home, transferred to a humane society or rescue organization, or if the town is unable to transfer the dog it may be humanely destroyed. The owner of a dog transferred or humanely destroyed shall remain liable for all expenses incurred by the Town for treatment, boarding and care of the dog for the duration of its impoundment and any expenses associated with its transfer or humane disposal.		F. SECTION 10. INVESTIGATION OF VICIOUS DOGS. A. When a dog has bitten a person while the dog is off the premises of its owner or keeper, and the person bitten requires medical attention for the attack, such person may file a written complaint with the select board of the municipality. The complaint shall contain the time, date and place where the attack occurred, the name and address of the victim or victims, and any other facts that may assist the select board in conducting its investigation.	B. If the dog is found to have bitten the victim without provocation, the select board shall make such order for the protection of persons as the facts and circumstances of the case may require, including, without limitation that the dog is disposed of in a humane way, muzzled, chained, or confined. The order shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to the owner. A person who, after receiving notice, fails to comply with the terms of the order shall be subject to the penaltics provided in 20 V.S.A. § 3550.	C. The procedures provided in this section shall only apply if the dog is not a rabies suspect. If a member of the select board or a municipal official designated by the select board determines that the dog is a rabies suspect, the provisions of Subchapter 5 of Title 20 Chapter 193 and the rules of the Vermont Department of Health shall apply. If the dog is deemed healthy, the terms and conditions set forth in the select board's order shall be enforced.

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Mojo Cafe Ribbon Cutting

Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes John & Jodi Seward of MOJO Café to the Chamber. Their modern Tex-Mex dining & take out is located at 106 Main Street in Ludlow, 228-6656. www.mojocafevt.com for menu. Please stop in and welcome John & Jodi in their new endeavor!!

Pictured 1-r: Jodi Seward, John Seward, Marji Graf

The Little School Earns National NAEYC Accreditation

The Little School in Weston, VT has earned a new five-year term of accreditation from The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. Currently there are approximately 6,500 accredited programs nationwide and less than 60 programs in the state of Vermont.

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for young children since 1985. As of September 2006, the Association's revised program standards and criteria have introduced a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Meghan Meszkat, Director of The Little School. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."



The Little School was established in 1976 in a historic schoolhouse landmark dating from 1861. Serving children from 10 surrounding towns, The Little School is proud to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing program that is responsive to various developmental needs and accessible to all families. Classrooms for children ages 2-5 provide developmentally appropriate full, part and extended day programs.

To renew their NAEYC Accreditation, The Little School went through an extensive preparation process, measuring the program and its services against ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten NAEYC program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

For information about enrolling your child or to arrange a visit to The Little School, please call <u>802-824-3405</u> or visit our website at <u>www.littleschoolvt.org</u>



Chair Caning Workshop Offered by BRAM, Sat. Aug. 2nd

The Black River Academy Museum will hold a chair caning workshop on Sat., Aug. 2nd from 10 AM to 4 PM at the

Museum. The class will be taught by the museum's Director, Georgia Brehm and the Assistant Director, Linda Tucker, both expert caners. The fee is \$60.00 per person and it includes caning materials for the chair the participant brings to the workshop to cane.

The craft of chair caning was brought to the Northeast with the arrival of the Colonists who preferred the bark of black or brown ash. Today rattan is the most common caning material and rattan will be used in the workshop. To register, please call <u>802-228-5050</u> or email, <u>glbrehm@tds.net</u>. The Museum is located at 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT. Please visit our web site, <u>www.bramvt.org</u> for more information and directions to the Museum. A list of simple items that the participant needs to bring will be supplied when registering and will be posted on the web site.

Learn a new craft or rekindle an interest. Class size is limited, so please register promptly.

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UPPER VALLEY CURLING and the Woodstock Curling Club

Local Curling Teams Take Top Honors

Each year the Grand National Curling Club of America holds a championship

tournament for its member arena curling clubs. This year the tournament was held June 26th through 29th in Conway, New Hampshire and top honors went to two teams from Woodstock Vermont.

The GNCC represents more than 45 member curling clubs located in fourteen states, mostly on the east coast.

One such member club, the Mount Washington Valley Curling Club, hosted this year's 2014 championships. Twenty-four teams from clubs as far away as Atlanta, Georgia competed for the trophy.

After three days of eliminations, the only two undefeated teams were Team Flanders and Team Gawler, both from the Woodstock, Vermont Curling Club. Team Flanders – Jay Flanders, Chris Miller, Nate Miller and Paula Flanders had beaten teams from Cranston, Rhode Island; Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and Conway, New Hampshire to reach the finals. Team Gawler – Rory Gawler, Matt Geer, Rita Seto and Sarah Parkinson had similarly bested teams from Atlanta, Georgia; Long Island, New York; Rutland, Vermont; and Bridgewater, Massachusetts in their quest for the top spot.

The final game was played on Sunday, pitting the Woodstock teams against one another. Each played an outstanding game with Team Flanders squeaking by their fellow club members by just two points.

Woodstock Curling Club plays at the Union Arena in Woodstock. For more information on the club and events, please contact Paula Flanders at (603) 763-9450.

A one-woman tour de force, *Stoop Stories*, opens on Weston's intimate second stage



Obie Award-winning actor/playwright Dael Orlandersmith returns to Weston for a limited run of *Stoop Stories*, a one-act drama that is powerful, intelligent and completely captivating. In the play, the Harlem native embodies a half-a-dozen characters – from an 81-year old Holocaust survivor recounting a chance encounter with Billy Holiday to a 13-year old Latina who succumbs to a sexy young gang member – united over the course of time by a ubiquitous city stoop. The show runs for just 10 days from July 24 – August 3 at the Weston Rod and Gun Club.

Dael Orlandersmith is an esteemed contemporary American playwright and performer. An Obie Award-winner for *Beauty's Daughter*, which she wrote and starred in at American Place Theatre, she is best-known for *Yellowman*, commissioned by the McCarter Theatre, and for which she was a 2002 Pulitizer Prize finalist for Drama and a nominee in 2003 for a Drama Desk Award. Her style of writing is poetic, her delivery is lyrical. Her stories, drawn from both life experience and from pure imagination, deal with hard subjects told by troubled characters.

In a 2009 Washington Post review following the world premiere of Stoop Stories at the Studio Theatre, reviewer Peter Marks wrote, "The production . . . is a short and – by Orlandersmith's hard-earned standards – sweet survey of the people she's bumped into in that city of sharp elbows . . . one cup of

Orlandersmith is worth a gallon of what most other monologists serve up . . . Orlandersmith assumes the role here of wryly analytical onlooker who can absorb both the pathos and the irony unfolding all around her."

If you want to spend 80 minutes glued to your seat, on an emotional journey with delicate souls whose voices are seldom heard, all delivered by one extremely talented artist – then this is a show not to be missed. Note that Orlandersmith speaks the language of the streets of New York. While beautifully-written, it is not always pretty.

Orlandersmith developed the play in part at a 2009 Weston Artists' Retreat. It is here where she met Steven Cosson who will direct her in the production. Cosson is the artistic director of the NYC theatre, The Civillians. He is a writer and director specializing in the creation of new theatre work inspired by real life. Cosson won an Obie award in 2004 for his play (*I Am*) Nobody's Lunch and won a coveted First Fringe award at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2006.

Stoop Stories will be performed from July 24 to August 3 at Weston's intimate and air-conditioned Weston Rod and Gun Club, 982 Route 100S in Weston. Show times are Tuesdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 2pm, and Sundays at 3pm. The show runs 80 minutes with no intermission. Tickets to the show start at just \$15 and can be purchased by calling <u>802-824-5288</u> or online at <u>westonplayhouse.org</u>.

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is an award-winning nonprofit theatre nationally known for its multi-stage summer season, education and new works programs. A \$10 million capital campaign is currently underway, with plans to build a year-round cultural center for Southern Vermont – a theatre arts incubator with retreats, workshops and a new studio theatre at Weston's Walker Farm. Photos: Dael Orlandersmith rehearsing Stoop Stories in Weston (with Director Steve Cosson). Photos: Jacki Brown



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August Chamber Corner By CEO Marji Graf

We had a great mixer on July 9th at 103 Artisans Marketplace in Chester. Thank you goes out to Elise & Payne Junker! We presented Crows Bakery & Opera House Cafe with the July Member of the Month certificate. Our next mixer is August 13 from 5:30-7:30pm at Goodman's American Pie in Lamere Square.

Ribbon cuttings were done for: DeGrasse Concrete, MOJO Café and (tentative) Route 131 bridge on July 24th at 9am. Summer events coming to our region: July 24-26 the Iron Adventure Run will be coming back to Ludlow and Jackson Gore Inn is the host venue. You will see shuttles throughout town from 5pm-11pm with stops from JGI to Okemo, Outback Pizza, The Killarney, DJ's Restaurant, Pot Belly Pub, Sam's Steakhouse, Best Western, American Legion and back to Jackson Gore Inn. August 13-17 the Vermont Challenge will be going through our region. Please watch out for cyclists.

August 30th & August 31st from 10-2pm each day we are hosting an Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts followed by a car parade at 2:30pm each day to President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site for the Plymouth Folk & Blues Concert. Car Show tickets are \$10 for 1 day or \$15 for 2 days, kids under 16 Free. Besides the cars, there will be music, food and vendors.

September 23 is our Okemo Valley Golf Tournament at the Okemo Valley Golf Club. Save the date and gather your teams! Open to everyone not just chamber members.

Education: Have you checked out our online learning classes that are open to everyone? You can take courses of interest to you in the privacy of your own home.

Constant Contact will be back for another hands on training on Monday July 28 from 2-4pm. Small Business Success: At the heart of small business marketing are the campaigns that drive action. Email is more important than ever for your communication efforts. Learn what to write about it, how to use video, create subject lines that work and connect your email campaign with Social Media. Plus learn simple strategies to build your edatabase and social audiences. Register here: http://tinyurl.com/parfndp

To register for free а trial, go here: tinyurl.com/p7bfzlh

Promotion: Check out our lpctv show this month. We interviewed Petit Travelers and Bill Borger from the Iron Adventure Run



Trade shows: The Chamber will be at the Big E on 9/17 &18 in Springfield MA

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Enjoy High Tea for 4 at Inn Victoria

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Okemo's Stay and Play Package with Pizza from Outback







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Marji Graf, CEO of the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce welcomes Mel DeGrasse of DeGrasse Concrete to the Chamber. Mel has been in business for 26 years serving the Okemo Valley region. For your next job for foundation work, retaining walls or slabs, call Mel at 228-8466!

Green Mountain Care Board Clears Way for VNA and Hospice of SVHC

To Join Rutland Area VNA and Hospice

Vermont's health care oversight authority, the Green Mountain Care Board, cleared the way on Thursday for the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) to transfer its operations to the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

(RAVNAH). The new, larger entity will improve care coordination, expand services across Bennington County, and prepare the area for health care reform. The two organizations will move swiftly to begin combining operations, which will take effect October 1.

"We are excited that the Green Mountain Care Board approved the application to transfer the service of SVHC's VNA and Hospice to the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice," said Thomas Dee, president and CEO of Southwestern Vermont Health Care, the parent organization of the SVHC VNA and Hospice. "The transfer to RAVNAH will enhance care coordination for home health patients across a larger geographic area and bring additional services to patients in our communities."

On October 1, SVHC's VNA and Hospice will become a wholly owned part of RAVNAH. Employees of SVHC's VNA and Hospice will become employees of RAVNAH. As part of the agreement, RAVNAH has committed to maintaining SVHC's existing home care and hospice services.

RAVNAH CEO Ron Cioffi said that his agency intends to offer SVHC employees similar jobs. "We value the expertise, experience, and knowledge that SVHC's staff and managers will bring to our organization," Cioffi added. "Both organizations have similar pay and benefit structures, so we expect this transition to go smoothly for employees."

To ensure better care coordination, the transfer agreement sets up representation for Southwestern Vermont Health Care on the

RAVNAH board of directors and establishes a local committee to provide guidance and quality oversight for the Bennington-area services. RAVNAH also plans to ensure that patients can continue to see their familiar caregivers.

"Our goal is to make this transition seamless to SVHC patients," explained Cioffi. "Patients and their families will continue to have the same staff who care for them now available to care for them after October 1. We also are building systems to ensure that we work closely with the hospital and physicians serving these communities."

The decision is the culmination of nearly a year of work between the two organizations, kicked off when SVHC began to seek a partner for visiting nurse and hospice services. Dee said that the Bennington-based health system chose the RAVNAH because it was the best fit. "RAVNAH has a record of being a high quality provider," Dee added. "They are known throughout the state, understand our region, and have strong existing relationships that will benefit our patients."

Cioffi added that the two organizations already have a history of collaboration, and that they share the goals of "reducing the cost of care, improving the collaboration and coordination of home care, and ensuring high-quality home health care remains available in the Bennington area."

Cioffi also said that his organization expects to add services including private duty nursing, community wellness, and specialty nursing, such as wound and ostomy care and psychiatric nursing.

Both organizations provide high quality care, as measured by national and state quality standards, such as the Medicare Home Health Compare. In addition, for six of the past seven years, RAVNAH has been named a Home Care Elite agency, a recognition that demonstrates its commitment to quality and patient centered care.



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Mount Holly Community Association

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2014 – 2015

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, the post offices and the Town Office.)

The numerous MHCA summer events are in full swing and it's been a very busy summer indeed! This year's Garden Tour hit an all time high for number of visitors...88 people took the opportunity to visit the beautiful high altitude gardens we have here in our town! (Last year's attendance was 64, which was one of the highs in recent years.) The tour's reputation is definitely growing and people came from as far afield as Maine, Florida, even Texas! We are very grateful to all of the folks who so graciously opened their gardens for the benefit of the MHCA: Joan Bradley & Rene Bugnon, Lorraine & Steve Harrigan, Linda & Bill McGrath, Georgianna & Steve Sorensen, Stephanie Stouffer, Chikako Suginome & Dennis Deiters, Melissa and Bob Swartz, and Glenn & Tina Tatangelo. This year's tour was spectacular and we so appreciate all of the hard work that went into preparing the gardens for display. Many thanks to them and, of course, to all of the volunteers who made this possible: Linda Miller, this year's coordinator, Katy Crane, Pat Marx, Alison Weintraub, Matthias & Manuela Weiter, and Barbara Palotta. Thank you so much!

Highlights for August: Music on the Green has brought us a lot of very talented musicians this year and we have been fortunate to have only one rainy evening so far…here's hoping for 6 more sunny Thursdays to come! Check out the line-up for the remaining Thursdays in the box announcement here in the Chit Chat. After this Chit Chat comes out, the next performance will be July 31st. Don't miss the "Belmont Balladeer", Tim Caira. Please remember 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 28^{th!} The **Annual Meeting of the Mount Holly Community Association** is on Wednesday, August 6th, in the Community Room on the lower level of the Library & Community Center Building. **Refreshments** will be served and we will have a brief meeting at 6:00 pm. The socializing will continue after the meeting, followed by the next presentation of the Nineveh Foundation at 7:30 on Invasive Plants. Stick around and learn something about those pesky plants you can't seem to get rid of! The annual **Square Dance** will be held this year on Saturday, August 16th 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 16th!

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, August 31st (yes that is Labor Day weekend) 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 are distributed on a first come first served basis and the deadline set for this year's applications is August 31st, so best reserve your space now! Morgan can be reached at <u>morganskiathitis@gmail.com</u>.

Announcements: in case you are not aware, the **2015 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 four years! Please help us do that again this year. We have to get more than 148 family memberships, 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.



RAVNAH August Community Health Clinics RAVNAH AUGUST FOOT CLINIC & BLOOD PRESSURE SCHEDULE

Foot Care is \$10 Wednesday 8/06/14

Thursday 8/07/14

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Wallingford House, 10 N. Main St. #12, Wallingford Parker House, 129 Church St., Rutland Bardwell House, 142 Merchants Row, Rutland Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer St., Rutland

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



Wednesday 8/27/14 We also offer Cholesterol Screenings for \$30 every month Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Monday - call 775-0568 for an appointment.

NEW DEVELOPMENT CAN LOWER COSTS OF SOLAR "FARM" ... IF WE HAD THE RIGHT SITE

We have just discovered, in the past couple of days, an approach that can appreciably reduce costs to participants in the community scale green electricity solar "farm" planned for Mount Holly. We have not yet been able to work out all the details, but they are highly promising for this year!

We also continue our search for an acceptable solar site in town -- and in the process have explored lots of properties for suitability.

How is it that Mount Holly can have such an abundance of delightful gardens year after year on the garden tour, and not have a proper site for an "outdoor sculpture garden." Well, that's what an array of solar panels is like, isn't it?

Artists, sculptors, gardeners and community-minded citizens, arise! Search those back roads and large land holdings! Spread the word among your friends and neighbors! Talk it up and use your imagination! Volunteer your land and encourage others to do so too!

For all suggestions and comments, contact Roland Marx at 259 9259 or rolandmarx@yahoo.com



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Mount Holly 4th of July Parade Fun The Bone Builder Float Taken By JoAnn Crowley

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