



# Mount Holly Chit Chat



38/07

September 2012

**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, Pastor & Rev James Dodson, Parochial Vicar Ph. 446-2161

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly School Begins**

**(First Day Back to School)**

1<sup>st</sup> **Black Bear & Gray Squirrel Season ~ World War II Began 1936**

**Baked Ham Supper**, Benefit MH Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall 5:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

V.F.W. Post #10155 meeting, Route 103, Ludlow **V-J Day 1945 Japan signed surrender** 2:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> **Labor Day**

5<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School 7:00 pm

9<sup>th</sup> **Grandparents Day**

10<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

11<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Patriot Day** 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station 7:00 pm

12<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library 3:00 pm

Mount Holly Grange 7:30 pm

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

13<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations Mt. Holly & Belmont 7:00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> **Star-Spangled Banner Written By Francis Scott Key 1814**

17<sup>th</sup> Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office **US Constitution Approved 1787** 7:30 pm

**Chit Chat Annual Meeting**, MH Town Office **Citizenship Day ~ Rosh Hashanah** 6:30 pm

**Ladies Auxiliary VFW Organized 1914**

18<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont **Operation Uphold Democracy 1994** 7:00 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations **US Air Force Est. 1947** 7:00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> M.H. Republican Committee Meeting, Mt. Holly Town Office 7:00 pm

21<sup>st</sup> **POW/MIA Day**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Roast Pork Supper**, for MH Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall 6:00 pm

**Autumnal Equinox/Fall Begins**

24<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **George Gershwin 1898** 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Station 7:00 pm

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

26<sup>th</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont **Yom Kippur** 7:00 pm

**First Televised Presidential Candidate Debate Between Richard M. Nixon & John F. Kennedy 1960**

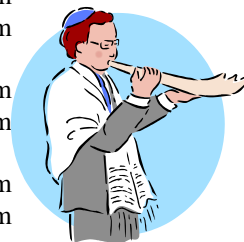
29<sup>th</sup> **Hare/Rabbit & Ruffed Grouse Season ~ VFW Est. 1899**

30<sup>th</sup> **Bingo**, Benefit MH Rescue Squad, Mt. Holly School Gym 12:00 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	773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133	or	911	Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112 802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	259-4100		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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**September Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Adam Frey. 2<sup>nd</sup> -Mark Turco Sr \* Hunter Hupp. 4<sup>th</sup> -John Taylor Jr. 7<sup>th</sup> -Caleb Nye. 8<sup>th</sup> -Sarah Hawkins. 10<sup>th</sup> -Felicia Turco. \* Dustin Miller. 12<sup>th</sup> -Vera Tuomisto \* Charles Conroy. 13<sup>th</sup> -Joey Carrara. 19<sup>th</sup> -Julia Nash. 20<sup>th</sup> -Mamie Richards. 21<sup>st</sup> -Evelyn Garrow. 24<sup>th</sup> -Eleanor Nowosad. 26<sup>th</sup> -Peter Herbst. 27<sup>th</sup> -Clarise Dana. 29<sup>th</sup> -Ryan Flynn. 30<sup>th</sup> -Eliza Tarbell.

**September Anniversaries:** 3<sup>rd</sup> -Douglas & Darlene Stocker. 6<sup>th</sup> -Murray & Betty Merlin \* Vincent & Barbara Palotta \* William & Marjorie Graf. 21<sup>st</sup> -Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon \* Jane Harrington & Susan Horsman. 26<sup>th</sup> -Benjamin & Amber Taylor. 28<sup>th</sup> -Frank & Barbara Gerdin. 30<sup>th</sup> -William & Amber Nye.

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary form 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.

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Post Master:

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& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm  
Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am

**Belmont** 802-259-2790

Post Master: Jane Hill

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

**East Wallingford** 802-259-2829

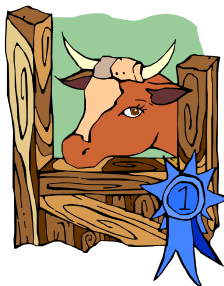
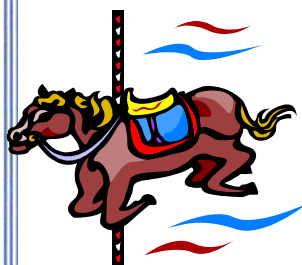
Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

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Post Master: Barbara Perkins

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

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## Mary C. (Garrow) Hawkins



Mary C. (Garrow) Hawkins, 88, of Mount Holly, passed away on August 12, 2012, at the Rutland Regional Medical Center. She was born on July 25, 1924, in Wallingford, the daughter of the late Peter and Ethel (Rabtoy) Garrow.

Mrs. Hawkins loved her family and flowers. She enjoyed dancing and crocheting. She was an accomplished musician who could play the accordion, piano, organ and the guitar.

Survivors include her two sons, Randy W. Hawkins and his wife Tammy and their two children, her beloved grandchildren, Keith and Sarah Hawkins, all of Mount Holly and all of whom were her caregivers, and Kenneth L. Hawkins Jr. and his three children of Bethel; her dear sister, Iona and her husband Alfred Bumps of East Wallingford; a brother, Peter and his wife Audrey Garrow of Mount Holly; many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband and the love of her life, Kenneth L. Hawkins Sr., on November 24, 1998. They were married on October 23, 1945, and together were the proud owners of Sunnyside Farm for many years.

There will be no public calling hours. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Wallingford-Aldous Funeral Home with the Rev. James Dodson officiating. The bearers were Kevin Bumps, Randy Hawkins, Keith Hawkins, Zak Delphia, Steve Mango and Roy Ripley. Private burial will be in the Packer Cemetery.

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

## Big Thank You!!!

What a wonderful 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration! Everyone's well wishes and shower of cards were amazing. I appreciate those family and friends, who traveled near and far, to attend the party. It was a special day to be remembered.

There is not enough that can be said about this town!!! WOW! We are thrilled to be apart of.  
Angelo Centini and Family

## Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, August 15 at the Ludlow Elementary School. Mr. Williams reported on the status of the new supervisory union transition. He also reported on the joint professional development planned for August 27. The educators from RWSU and WWSU, as well as from Bellows Falls and Springfield will be in attendance. The presenter is the same one that recently presented at the VPA leadership conference, Bill Daggett. The topic of his presentation will be creating a culture of high expectations. He also reported on the status of Mt. Holly being the only school in the supervisory union to have met AYP. The boards congratulated them for that. Mr. Hutt Vater noted that they will continue to work hard to meet it again next year.

The board also discussed the vision and mission statement. They also approved a state mandated policy regarding Restrictive Behavioral Intervention and Seclusion. The also reviewed and approved continuing the program of offering tuition waiver to children of non-resident employees. The board also hired a new preschool teacher, Katelynn Gagner. The next meeting regular meeting will be held on September 5 Mt. Holly Elementary School at 7:00p.m.



## Mount Holly Town Library Reading Group


This month we are reading Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa Lee. Will meet September 12<sup>th</sup> at Jane Hill's home on 39 Tarbellville Road, Belmont, behind the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a very interesting evening! Call Minga at 259-2471 with questions.

## Spam Alert

Be aware of an email being spread about with "Hot property alert!!!" in the subject line. Do not open or click on any of its links. It's a phishing email. Just delete it ASAP. Thanks, Randy

## Sign Up For MHNewsflash

Hey folks if you are not on the MHNewsflash system contact Randy Bixby at [MHNewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:MHNewsflash@gmail.com) and he will put you on his News Flash List. It is a great service for the town with updates, reminders, warnings and all kinds of information and remember to put [MHNewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:MHNewsflash@gmail.com) in your address book to avoid being blocked by your Spam blockers. Also check out [www.mhnewsflash.blogspot.com](http://www.mhnewsflash.blogspot.com) for more information of Town happenings.



**Michelle Rivard**  
Instructor

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Jackson Gore Spring House at Okemo Mountain Resort.  
Tuesday and Wednesday nights  
from 5:30 to 6:30  
\$10.00 a class or buy a punchcard  
for 10 classes for \$80.00

## International Voluntary Service Project in Mt. Holly

Volunteers For Peace, Inc. (VFP) formerly a Belmont based organization, has exchanged over 30,000 international voluntary service volunteers since 1982. From Sept 2-16, six volunteers will travel to Mt. Holly at their own expense to assist the Mt. Holly School.

They will help renovate the nature trail, help paint a mural and assist the teachers in the classrooms. We are looking for folks to host this group for an evening meal, lend tools and/or make a contribution toward food. Please contact Peter Coldwell 259-2760 or via email: [peter@vfp.org](mailto:peter@vfp.org) if you are willing to help with this project. Thanks.

**Isabelle CLARK** F/23 from Vermont - camp leader who has volunteered in Haiti and Ecuador. Studied in France for 4 months. She has also travelled all over Europe and Canada.

**Keiko FUKUDA** F/23 from Japan - student of International and Cultural Studies - volunteered for ten weeks at Oxfam in London UK Beatrice LUEDERS F/ 22 from Germany - has done 3 workcamps in Germany and led a group of teenagers to Portugal.

**Franziska HORN** F/ 24 from Germany - student of intercultural education and counseling. Has counseled refugees. She is currently on the staff of VFP's largest partner organization in Germany.

**Naeun (Nani) HWANG** F/20 from South Korea - Volunteered in Mexico for two months Ri NA F/21 from South Korea - majors in preschool education. Has certification of storytelling for children and has volunteered in Vietnam. By Peter Coldwell

## Square Dancing: It's Not What You Think

When you hear "Square Dancing", do you think of your elementary school gym class? Or maybe you took it as your PE requirement for your engineering degree? Oh, it's so much more than that! Allemande Left, Grand Right and Left, Dosido, Weave the Ring, Promenade? You didn't even begin to explore all the fun and challenge of square dancing with a professional caller. If you think square dancing is only for squares, you are in for a big surprise!

In modern square dancing, the Caller directs the dance - most times making up the dance as it progresses, so every dance can be different. It's not a repetitious dance, like the old barn dances. You never know what will be called next, so you have to listen and react. It is dancing, it is thinking, and it is teamwork. The benefits are healthy exercise of both mind and body. This low impact exercise can burn 200-400 calories per hour.

There are square dance clubs all over the US and around the world. So, when you go on vacation or a business trip, there's probably a square dance club nearby where you can join in on the fun. It's a good way to meet new friends and to find the local spots of interest. You can literally dance around the world: square dancing is called in English the world over!

**Cast Off 8's** is a Rutland-based club, with one of the best instructor/callers in New England, Ken Ritucci. Join the new Basic/Mainstream program for an adventure in fun, fitness, and friendship. You don't need a partner or any experience. If you can walk and listen at the same time, you can square dance! Our weekly program will teach you the Basic/Mainstream calls and the moves needed to dance anywhere.

Come visit us at the Rutland State Fair on Wednesday, September 05. We'll be at the Sugar House Stage (next to the Maple Building) starting at 7:00 pm. We'll be happy to start you dancing and provide more information on our program. Can't make the Fair? Visit our website [www.castoff8s.com](http://www.castoff8s.com) - or call 802-483-9938 or 802-558-6408 for more information. Happy Dancing!

(Local dancers: Rhonda and Don: 259-3662 or leave msg at 228-6216 Joan: 492-3418



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## The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department 4th Annual Christmas Raffle



Grand Prize: \$1000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 500.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 300.00

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 100.00

5<sup>th</sup> 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 or money order 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.



## Mount Holly Town Library

**Exceptional Irish-Scottish Music With a Twist: NUALA KENNEDY TRIO:** We have been given a rare opportunity to host this amazing talented trio. **September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm** on the library stage. Nuala Kennedy is a celebrated Irish folk singer, composer and musician. While touring North America promoting her third solo album, *Noble Stranger*, Nuala has agreed to perform with her trio one night only in Mt. Holly. Her singing and flute playing spring from the traditional music of her native land but has been described as unique, evocative and soul-satisfying but with Nuala's own mix of sweetness, earthiness and sheer musical virtuosity. A great way to wrap up Labor Day Weekend by experiencing this world class performance at the incredibly low admission price of \$15. For more information check out these two websites: <http://www.youtube.com/nualamusic> and [www.nualakennedy.com](http://www.nualakennedy.com).

**YOGA – Sign Up Now!** According to a study by *Yoga Journal*, nearly 15 million Americans practice yoga. If you are among these 15 million, you know that yoga makes you feel better—its effects are almost immediate. If you haven't yet joined the yoga revolution now is your opportunity. Get started this fall only a few miles from home in a beautiful facility. Jen Coleman's summer yoga classes were popular. Those attending thought her technique was great and appreciated the accompanying music. In September, Jen will be starting monthly sessions on Mondays from 4:30-5:30. The first class will be on Sept. 10. If you sign up for the session the first Monday of each month, the cost works out to be \$10/class; otherwise, you are always welcome to drop in for \$12/class. Call Jen today at [802-775-6301](tel:802-775-6301) to sign up or ask questions.

**Book Donations – Next Sale Columbus Day Weekend:** Thanks to all our loyal book buyers we had another successful book Sale on the August 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We are still inviting everyone to clean out their bookshelves and donate to our last book sale of the year on Columbus Day weekend. We are happy to take up-to-date (published within the last 10 years) hardcover books (with jackets) and trade size paperbacks in good condition. Book buyers also like kid's books and cookbooks! Please remember we can't take textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed books or Encyclopedias. And please no VHS tapes or cassettes.

**Home Grown Musical Talent - Donny Grenier:** You must have heard about the accolades that Mt. Holly's Donny Grenier of Black River Middle School received this past spring. Donny composed a flute solo entitled "Etude 1" that was performed by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. We asked Donny to pay a visit to the Summer Reading Program and talk to the kids about his experiences composing and to give a sample of his flute playing. He did a great job talking to the kids and we hope he was able to inspire them to work hard and pursue a dream that they may have. Thanks Donny, you make us all proud!

**Good-bye Amy and Thank You:** Amy Bremel became an enthusiastic and energetic library volunteer this past winter. She agreed to help with kids programming and came up with three evening programs "The – Almost – Slumber Party", "Bat Attack" and "Moon & Stars" all fitting into the Summer Reading theme "Dream Big, READ". She also devised a "reading books for bucks" program to encourage kids to read over the summer. Amy and her family moved to Dorset, Vermont but she came back to do the last summer program "Moon and Stars" on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Amy for all the time and effort you put into the programs and your support of the library. You and your family will be greatly missed.

**Summer Boredom:** It can be pretty cool to come and stay in Vermont with your Grandparents and not have Mom and Dad around. Summer is fun in Belmont but if you don't know many people things can get a little boring. But if you are smart and love books and love keeping busy you can be a big help to the library. Clay Zahler found himself in just this situation and we were happy to let him help us out while we helped him out!! Clay did a great job of helping to switch sign messages, toting books to the shed and alphabetizing the stacks. Thanks Clay, you can come and visit any time!!

**Puzzles Can Be Addictive:** Pam Meyers recently acquired some great jigsaw puzzles (some never even opened) and has donated them to the library. We thought what fun to keep one going on a table at the library just to tantalize folks into adding pieces every now and then. These are a wonderful addition to our puzzle collection. If you love doing puzzles feel free to come and check one out (just like checking out a book). This winter may be a good time to get all you puzzle aficionados in a little puzzle construction competition! Thanks Pam for thinking of us!

**Adopt-An-Author:** Some of our best loved and most read authors release new books between September and December. We are a small library with an even smaller budget so we can't buy everything. That's where you can help out by adopting an author. We will purchase the book that you can't wait to read as soon as it is published. You donate the low wholesale price to the library and you get to read the book first. For an example the new hardcover Michael Connelly retails for \$27.99 and our price to you would be \$15.40 (less than Amazon's price) plus you get to read it as soon as it is released! It really is a win for you and the library. Check out the short list of up-coming publications (in this Chit Chat issue) or let us know who your favorite author is!

**Playgroup Continues:** Playgroup has been well attended this summer with a new curriculum and new leader held in the community room. Lynn Gould from the Rutland County Parent/Child Center has enjoyed getting to know all the Mt. Holly toddlers. Her program includes introducing the children to some wonderful activities and toys that give kids new experiences and help ready them for school. Children learn songs; participate in a craft, have play time and snack time. The library has purchased some great toys with grant monies provided by the Parent/Child Center and kids have been enjoying them. Every **Tuesday from 10 to 11:30** come join the fun and share parenting experiences.

**Acupuncture:** Our monthly Community Acupuncture sessions have been very popular. Give it a try and experience the wonderful benefits. Relax, release and restore your well being! The next session is **September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Newcomers arrive at 6 pm and returning participants arrive at 6:30. Participants give Virginia a donation for her time and traveling expenses. Hope you'll give it a try!

### Adopt An Author

#### Look What's Coming Out this Fall!

*Phantom* by Jo Nesbø  
*In Sunlight and in Shadow* by Mark Helprin  
*Live by Night* by Dennis Lehane  
*Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan  
*The Twelve* by Justin Cronin  
*Winter of the World* by Ken Follett  
*The Casual Vacancy* by J. K. Rowling  
*Mad River* by John Sanford  
*The Racketeer* by John Grisham  
*The Panther* by Nelson DeMille  
*The Black Box* by Michael Connelly  
*The Bone Bed* by Patricia Cornwell  
*The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom  
*Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver  
*Joseph Anton: A Memoir* by Salman Rushdie  
*Telegraph Avenue* by Michael Chabon  
*Back to Blood* by Tom Wolf  
*NW* by Zadie Smith

# MOUNT HOLLY 2012 Photo Contest!

The sun is warm  
the kids are bicycling  
and the wind is blowing in the trees

It's the perfect time to take a photo  
for the Mount Holly Photo Contest!

So grab your camera and start snapping away

Entry forms are available  
at the Belmont Store,  
Belmont and Mount Holly Post Offices,  
Mount Holly Community Center/Library,  
and the Town Office. Also available on-line at the  
Mount Holly web site at [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)

**Photos due Thursday, September 20, 2012  
at the Mount Holly Town Office**

For more information, contact  
Janet Warren 259-2007  
Annette Lynch 259-2596

farm animals, unless exigent circumstances are present (in road,  
safety, etc)

## Wild Animals

- Any issues with wild animals should be reported to the Vermont  
Department of Fish and Wildlife at 802-773-9101

I would like to remind dog owners that all dogs over the age of six months  
must be licensed, and must wear a collar with a valid license tag attached.  
Licenses are renewed annually in April, and are available from the Town  
Clerk.

I can be reached via pager 802-786-4404 or by email  
[mhconstable@yahoo.com](mailto:mhconstable@yahoo.com)

## Bears in Mount Holly

The magnetic wildlife recording board is again up and functional in the  
Town Library, and there have been a number of sightings of black bears in  
Mount Holly this summer. If you have seen a bear recently, please stop a  
minute and place a magnetic marker on the board to record the sighting.  
There are also sheets available for you to make a note of when you saw the  
bear and what it was doing. For example, date, time of day, crossing a

road, walking in the woods,  
rummaging through a trash  
can, etc.

It is also possible to mark  
sightings of moose, deer,  
bobcats, and coyotes on the  
map and on the recording  
sheets, sightings of any  
other wildlife seen in Town.

All of this information  
helps provide a clearer  
picture of what wildlife are  
present in Town and what they are doing. Thanks for your help.



## Message from First Constable Paul Faenza

As of August 1st, 2012, I have assumed the duties of Animal Control  
Officer for the town, and as such my primary responsibility as ACO is to  
respond to complaints about dogs in violation of the ordinance within the  
town of Mount Holly. I will be guided by the town ordinance, Select  
Board's instructions and applicable state statutes.

### Duties

- Apprehend and transport domestic animals in a safe and humane  
manner to the designated pound
- Investigate animal bites and report them to the proper authority.
- Investigate reports of Animal Cruelty including domestic farm  
animals
- Maintain records and prepare reports of reported incidences.

### Stray Dogs

- Roaming unattended dogs should be reported to the Animal  
Control Officer. The animal control officer will make every  
attempt to identify the owner. If the owner cannot be located the  
animal will be transported to the Rutland County Humane Society  
in Pittsford.

### Lost Animals

- Lost animals should be reported to the Animal Control Officer  
with the following information: Owner's name, address and  
telephone number - Description of the animal - Date and time lost  
Location when lost
- Animal Control Officer is not responsible for looking for lost  
animals

### Farm Animals

- The Animal Control Officer is not responsible for capturing loose



## Mount Holly 2013 Calendar

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## Mount Holly Community Association

Who can believe that summer is nearing its end and that a few colorful red leaves have already hit the ground? This summer has been a wonderful one for the MHCA with record attendance at the many events that the Community Association sponsored. Among the most important was the **Annual Meeting** held a couple of weeks ago. Standing for re-election were Jess Alberty, Penny Coldwell, Carol DeVine, Madeleine Fay, Kathy Leber, Jim Osborne and Morgan Skiathitis. All were unanimously given another term on the MHCA Board. The officers up for re-election were Penny Coldwell and Carol DeVine, Co-Presidents, and Kathy Leber, Secretary. They too were given unanimous approval and will be on board for another two years. Many thanks to all of our Board members, who have worked so hard this past year to make the Community Association the vital organization that it is!

If you have any questions, or suggestions for the MHCA, please feel free to contact Penny (259-2760), or Carol (259-2562). They would be happy to hear from you.

**Music on the Green** continues to hold on to its reputation as one of the best summer music series in the area. At this writing there are two concerts to go (yes, we got an extra treat this year, as there were *five* Thursdays in August). Wildwood appears on August 23 and the series closes on August 30 with our very own Mount Holly Folk Club. Be sure not to miss them! Again, the MHCA wishes to express its gratitude to Abe

## CALL FOR VENDORS!!

Mount Holly Community Association Cider Days  
October 6th & 7th, 2012

Saturday 10 am – 4 pm & Sunday 12 pm – 4 pm

Call for Craft and Specialty Product Vendors

Spaces are \$30.00 for one day & \$40.00 for both days.

(We regret that one space may not be shared by two vendors.)

Pre-designated spots (10' x 10') are assigned on a first come, first served basis.  
Contact Morgan Skiathitis at [morganskiathitis@gmail.com](mailto:morganskiathitis@gmail.com) or 802-259-2755  
for an application and further information.

evening.

The event to close off our summer season is fast approaching...the incomparable **Cabaret!** Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Labor Day Weekend. The smooth jazz sound of Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon will begin at 8:00 pm in the Library turned Cabaret. This is a not to be missed event and a wonderful way to say goodbye to summer. There is no cover charge, but sinful desserts and libations can be had for a minimal price. Please join us!!

**Autumn Preview:** the first event in the fall calendar is the **Photo Preview** for the annual photo calendar contest. It will take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center Building. The preview will begin at 7:00 pm and light refreshments will be served. Please take the opportunity to get a sneak peek at this year's entries for the 2014 Photo Calendar. The preview and the photo contest have become traditions in Mount Holly and shouldn't be missed!

October means two things in the Mount Holly community...beautiful foliage and **Cider Days!** This year Cider Days will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. It is the major event of the year for the MHCA, as well as the entire community. Fresh pressed cider from our antique press, food and crafts from local artisans, not to mention the immediate satisfaction of fresh apple pie with Crowley's cheese, or homemade apple crisp with ice cream, all await you on Columbus Day weekend. Planning for this event is well under way, so be sure to mark your calendars now and look for updates on the Newsflash and in the next Chit Chat.

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and Kathy Leber, who organize this fabulous series each year...thank you so much!

Although anticipated rain pushed the annual **Square Dance** indoors this year, there was no less fun than ever before. There are so many people who look forward to the square dance each year and, when they show up with their dancing shoes on, they are never disappointed. This is thanks to Lou and Sue Flego who put on this marvelous event every year for the Mount Holly Community...we can't tell you how much we appreciate it! Lest we forget the guy behind the scenes...many thanks to Jim Osborne for coordinating the details for a successful

## Pirates On The Shores Of Star Lake

The pride of the Hammond fleet has fallen victim to Pirates. Thus far no deaths have been reported and we are still awaiting the ransom note. The noble craft was seized by Pirates on the shores of Star Lake in Belmont, Vermont. The Coast Guard and NCIS has yet to be notified. By Joseph Hammond





## Winter is right around the corner!

Can you afford to wait another year to tighten your home?

The cost of the home energy check-up is still \$100 and this winter may not be as mild as last winter. You can join your friends and neighbors in saving money and have a warmer house. The contest is over, but you can still get an energy check up by calling Lori Thompson at NeighborWorks. 802.438.2303 ext 227 or emailing [lthompson@nwwvt.org](mailto:lthompson@nwwvt.org).

Here are the energy saving statistics for the 32 completed homes in Mount Holly

- These homes combined are SAVING 13,550 gallons of fuel per year
- at \$3.80/gal of fuel= \$51,490 per year on fuel costs SAVED
- 8,616 kWh per year (or at \$.14/kWh= \$1,206) SAVED
- 110,377 lbs. of carbon dioxide SAVED

### Beth Pearce- Vermont State Treasurer

Vermont State Treasurer Beth Pearce is putting her nearly 35 years of experience in state and municipal finance to work for Vermonters. She is constantly doing everything that she can to make sure that Vermont taxpayers get the most for their money and through her office she got money out the door early to towns that were ravaged by Hurricane Irene.

Through her hard work, Beth secured the historic teacher pension reform deal along with the state employees system, which has helped save Vermonters over \$20 million a year, while preserving retirement benefits for teachers and state



#### Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2012 - 2013

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  
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employees. She also refinanced old state debt into issue bonds that saved our state \$5.4 million. Beth aggressively pursued and obtained \$4.5 million in federal funds that were used to supplement state dollars for teachers' health care, reducing costs for Vermont taxpayers and keeping our teachers protected.

In the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, Beth made sure that towns with the greatest need got immediate relief and expedited payments so that our most vulnerable didn't have to wait in crisis. The Treasurer's Office advanced \$155 million in payments to schools, cities and towns to assist them in their recovery efforts. Beth knew what resources towns needed to rebuild in a financially secure way. She took their voice to the legislature and led the effort that resulted in legislation

permitting towns significantly impacted by the spring floods and Irene to defer a portion of their education payments until later in the year, giving needed assistance to cash-strapped communities. Throughout the recovery process, Beth continued to work with financial institutions and government agencies to provide a series of financing options for Vermont towns. **Without this effort, our state would not have had the funds to repair our roads, bridges and buildings immediately after the storm.**

Beth is first to say that serving Vermont citizens and taxpayers means finding more ways to invest locally. The recent financial crisis in our nation has taught us that Wall Street's abuses, greed and profits have taken priority over citizens' needs and the kind of prudent, safe investments that put Vermont taxpayers first. Beth believes that we can and should do everything in our power to keep as much of our state's assets in Vermont as possible, consistent with our fiduciary responsibility to obtain the best return for Vermonters at the lowest possible risk. Through the Treasurer's Office, Beth will continue to expand opportunities for local investment. She will press for corporate governance reforms and socially responsible standards that put the best interests of our communities, state and nation first.

During this past legislative session, Beth proposed a joint study to explore ways of increasing local investment. While the bill did not pass, the Treasurer's Office is continuing to take steps to complete this work and provide recommendations to the Legislature. There are many areas in our state that receive inadequate capital investments – higher education, affordable housing, economic development, energy efficiency and investment in renewables. A comprehensive review of the state's capital needs and the development of strategies to increase local investment are needed to move Vermont forward.

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## Star Lake Update -- The Weed Harvesting Come swim, boat and fish

The beach is free of weeds.... and have you noticed, no goose poop this year ☺

And for you fishermen, the weed harvesting has opened lanes across the Lake and along the shoreline, so once again it's an easy paddle into your favorite fishing spots....and we hear that the fishing is better than ever.

Thank you to the 140 Mt. Holly residents and friends who are members of Friends of Star Lake (FOSL) and whose annual dues and contributions paid for the harvesting, in addition to a \$4450 grant that FOSL received from the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

Thanks also to the Town Road crew for helping us remove the 156 cubic yards of harvested weeds!!

***Please help us to continue our annual weed control program by renewing your FOSL membership, or becoming***

***a new member. See Membership form at:*** <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/community-organizations/star-lake/>

Ron Unterman and Dottie Finnerty, co-chairs FOSL, a committee of the Mount Holly Conservation Trust  
PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-2491 [ron@unterman.com](mailto:ron@unterman.com) [dottie@finnerty.us](mailto:dottie@finnerty.us)

### Legislative Report By Representative Eldred French

I can't tell you how many times I have heard people ask, with a certain cynicism, "What are you people doing up there anyway?" There is a misconception that we spend our time in one room arguing and debating the few hot button issues that the press covers. The resolutions of these issues can seem simplistic, particularly to ideologues, thus the cynical notion that we are wasting time, arguing about obvious problems.

While there is a certain amount of gamesmanship and politics inherent in any State House, luckily for Vermonters it's at a minimum in Montpelier. Our citizen legislature functions pretty well. Here is a sampling of "what we were doing up there" in just one of many committees, the one that I serve on, House Judiciary.

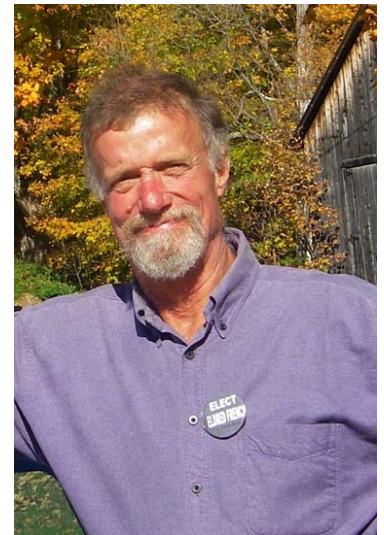
We developed, and took testimony, and deliberated, and passed out of our committee, 21 pieces of legislation:

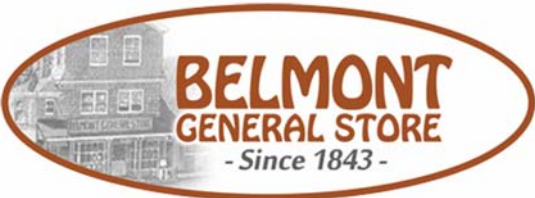
- H-403 – streamlines the laws surrounding mortgage foreclosures making it less expensive and fairer for both citizens and banks.
- H-413 – creates a civil action against those who abuse vulnerable adults. This legislation allows the individuals responsible for the abuse to be targeted without closing down the badly needed facility where they work.
- H-467 – protects landowners from frivolous liability suits for allowing public recreation on their land.
- H-503 – requires that the Capital Police be fully certified law enforcement officials.
- H-523 – protects landowners from having land condemned for highway construction without just cause.
- H-535 – insures that police are trained in bias free techniques to protect minorities.
- H-634 – makes it easier for people to pay municipal fines without having them multiply out of control, which hurts both citizens who can't pay and municipalities who can't collect.
- H-691 – creates tougher penalties for enterprises engaged in collusion, which hurts consumers and the economy.
- H-745 – in our efforts to respond to the growing problem of prescription drug abuse and related crime, this legislation combines two bills. One aspect deals with copper theft, the other with jewelry theft from private homes. Both bills aid law enforcement by having copper dealers and dealers in precious metal and jewelry collect more information and identification from sellers.
- H-759 – in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, our State Hospital was destroyed. This legislation makes sure that there continues to be a secure facility for patients who are in the custody of the Department of Corrections at some point in the process.
- H-768 – expands the Ignition Interlock Program to ensure that drivers, with previous drunk driving convictions, are driving sober, thereby keeping our highways safe.

These are just a few of the efforts we made in the Judiciary Committee to improve the quality of life for Vermonters. In addition to our own Committee work, we have to keep abreast of the work being done in the other committees in order to be able to cast an informed vote when their bills come to the floor.

I hope this helps some of you to better understand what is going on up in Montpelier. As always, please get in touch with me with any ideas, concerns, questions, or just to vent! Thanks, Rep. Eldred French

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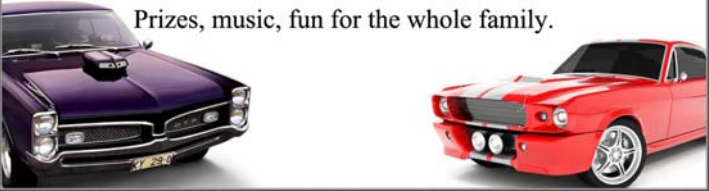




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**Summer Store Hours**  
 Sunday: 8AM – 7PM  
 Monday-Thursday: 7AM – 8PM  
 Friday-Saturday: 7AM – 9PM

**Belmont Cruise Night**  
 Friday, September 7, 2012  
 6pm - 9pm  
 Calling all cars and their drivers!!  
 Don't miss the encore cruise night of this year.  
 All cars are welcome.  
 Prizes, music, fun for the whole family.



together! If you don't have a church home you are a spiritual orphan. Why don't you determine to link arms with some caring, like-minded believers who can help you through what you're facing right now or maybe the next storm coming your way. September 16<sup>th</sup> is national "Back To Church" Sunday. Drop the excuses and set a new course by joining us in the love and worship of the One who gave His life's blood for you. It's the least that you can do and you might find the hope you need to stay afloat.

The Village Church "on the green" in Belmont. Morning Worship 9:30 Children's Church during the service. Welcome back!  
 Pastor Glenn Davis

## What's Missing From CH\_\_CH?

Isn't it rather obvious? U-R You are missing in action in your local church? Have you gone AWOL? Too many folks these days are pretending they can live the Christian life as a lone ranger. But don't forget that even the Lone Ranger had Tonto. We all need some one to love and care about us spiritually and yes, hold us accountable.

For years scientists have wondered how fire ants survive floods that should drown them. Recent studies have found that tiny hairs on the ants' bodies trap air bubbles. This enables thousands of these denser than water insects, "who flounder and struggle as individuals" to ride out the flood and float for weeks when they cling together.

The New Testament speaks often of our need to be connected to other followers of Christ in order to survive and grow spiritually. Ephesians 4 says, "We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine...But, speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in all things into Him who is the head---Christ---from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies... causes growth in the body for the building up of itself in love." Alone, we sink; but clinging and growing together in the Lord, we can ride out every storm. Let's stick



## 2012 CALENDAR OF MUSEUM EVENTS 2012

**Museum Open For Browsing July and August ~ Saturdays 12 - 2 pm and Sundays (after program) 2 - 4 pm**

**Note Special Times on Calendar ~ All Programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2:15 pm**

**Year Round ~ 2nd Weekend of the Month**

Saturday, August 25

Open for browsing Noon - 2 pm

Sunday, August 26

Open for browsing 2 - 4 pm

Saturday, Sept. 1

**Museum Fundraising Dinner** ~ Odd Fellows Hall ~ First Seating at 5 pm

Saturday, October 6

Open for browsing 10am - 4pm

**SITTING PRETTY ADIRONDACK CHAIR AUCTION** ~ 1 pm ~ Perkins House

Sunday, October 7

Open Noon - 4 pm

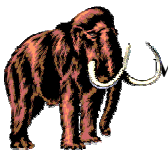
Saturday, Dec. 1

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS FUNDRAISER** ~ Roundhouse at Jackson Gore ~ 6 - 10 pm

*Visit our website [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)*

*Join us on Facebook **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.





## Dennis Devereux Seeking Reelection



I would like to continue to represent the people of Ludlow and Mount Holly in the Vermont House of Representatives. It has been an honor to be your voice in Montpelier for the past six years. The population shift to Chittenden County has forced our district to replace Plymouth with the Town of Shrewsbury. I hope to understand the concerns of these neighbors soon.

My reasons for seeking this position have not changed. They include keeping the focus on our economy, making our state a safe place to live, and reforming the education property tax. The local economy remains our greatest challenge, and I have always tried to be a part of efforts to change our education funding system.

During the second year of a two-year session, we try to concentrate on the completion of many complicated bills we have started. However, this past year was dominated by the damage done by Tropical Storm Irene. The devastation forced us to quickly respond in many areas. Not only did this mean repairing roads and bridges, but planning the replacement of destroyed buildings. Of note

are our state hospital and office complex in Waterbury. Our biggest task remains to help the many people whose lives were changed forever.

There will be many challenges ahead, and the priorities for the next session are becoming clearer. The FEMA money for the state office complex repairs and replacement hospital is a real concern with some completion dates unrealistic.

We still must deal with health care in some manner, and I feel we can no longer delay taking action on the rising costs of education. It is certainly time to have a serious discussion on large-scale wind projects, and I would like to see a moratorium. It is clear that there are many concerns over their efficiency and location. It seems to make sense to invest in some hydro and biomass plants, and more solar.

Something that my own committee needs to begin anew would be the vital records bill that died in the senate. It addressed the issue of identity theft, and added some requirements for obtaining certified copies of birth certificates. After it passed the house, the state records administration wanted some changes, and we just ran out of time. Our committee would likely want to revisit the under funded obligation to the state employees' and teachers' retirement pension funds. Since the changes enacted three years ago, our economy tanked so both funds continued to lose value. However, we hope to hear that they are now headed in the right direction with an improving economy.

Finally, I hope many of you will take the opportunity to vote next Tuesday in the primary. Respectfully Submitted, Rep. Dennis Devereux , candidate for the Rutland-Windsor 2 house seat.

## WILTON: VERMONTERS, NOT OUT-OF-STATERS, BACK WILTON FOR STATE TREASURER

Rutland, Vermont –Wendy Wilton is charging hard for the office of Vermont State Treasurer. The 53 year old challenger for the office aims to provide independence and better fiscal transparency to counter the state's poor ratings. Wilton, currently Rutland City Treasurer, contends transparency led to Rutland's fiscal recovery under her leadership.

Wilton continues to gather endorsements from members of both political parties, independents, newspapers, and business leaders, and is touting that hers is a Vermont campaign; a distinction she draws between her and incumbent political appointee Beth Pearce, who was not elected to the position.

According to Wilton, "Nearly one-third of my opponent's donations in the first fundraising cycle were from outside of Vermont. All of my donations to date are from Vermonters," said Wilton. "I am Vermont-born, and a graduate of South Burlington High School and UVM. I am 100% vested in Vermont as a homeowner and property tax payer. My campaign is buying local and that's quite different from my opponent."

Wilton says that she has heard concerns from Vermonters regarding the independence of the office. Pearce was brought in from Massachusetts by then-Treasurer Jeb Spaulding to be Deputy Treasurer. Spaulding supported Peter Shumlin for Governor and was later appointed Secretary of Administration, which prompted the appointment of Pearce to Treasurer. "I am concerned given this sequence of events that it is difficult for my opponent to challenge the administration regarding solutions to the state's \$3 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and other issues. The treasurer should represent the people of Vermont without bias, and without obligation to any administration" according to Wilton.

"I am running a campaign with support from everyday Vermonters who want an independent State Treasurer" states Wilton.

Friends of Treasurer Wendy Wilton, 165 Lincoln Avenue, Rutland, VT 05701, 802-770-0743

[www.wendywilton.org](http://www.wendywilton.org) - [wendywilton@comcast.net](mailto:wendywilton@comcast.net) - Facebook: Wendy Wilton for VT State Treasurer - Twitter: @wendywiltonVT





## Mount Holly Town News

"The following minutes are considered 'draft' until approved, scheduled for the next Select Board meeting, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012."

**SELECT BOARD:** August 14, 2012 ~ Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell and Jim Heald were present.

1. The minutes of the Regular

Meeting of July 10 were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes were approved.

2. Highways

- Paving Grant. Town received the approved grant. A change of scope will need to be filed, as we will not be excavating the tar on Healdville. Any leftover monies will be used to extend the paving. Equipment is in town, will start as early as tomorrow, depending on weather.
- Gates Road: (tabled item from last month) The Board reviewed the road, and determined there isn't really anything that can be done there.

### MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER



#### BAKED HAM DINNER

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT ~ SERVED HOMESTYLE**

**ADULTS \$10**

**CHILDREN 11 AND UNDER \$5**

**FIRST SEATING BEGINS AT 5PM**

leave things as is.

- Irene-related State covered projects: Funding received for the Tarbelville Rd work; additional information was provided for the Belmont Rd bridge work.
- Narrow band radio grant received. The equipment has been ordered.
- Buried cable. Jeff presented the Middletown Springs policy regarding the placing of underground cables for utilities, etc. The Board will review this for consideration at the next meeting.
- Winter sand is coming in.

3. Report of Treasurer.

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated July 31, 2012 showing cash balances of \$927,229. Tax bills went out July 20 and payments started coming in the following week. The Line of Credit has not been used. The Town received a \$10,000 award from Neighborworks for the energy conservation work done in the town.
- School Advance: David requested approval to advance U39 \$100,000 to help cover their expenses until other payments come in. Mount Holly School advances are provided throughout the year. These requests are similar to what has been done in past years. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To allow the advancement of monies to U39 and the Mount Holly School as requested.

## 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**

- FEMA Update. There is disagreement between FEMA/VTrans/ANR regarding the level of work to be done. Current VTrans hydraulic standards do not match ANR Stream Crossing Requirements. ANR requires structures to span 1.2 times the 'bank full width' to receive a permit for in-stream work. This means a 27' span (vs. 14' culvert) on Fowler Brook Rd and 12' span (vs. 6' culvert) on Sawyer Hill Rd. Since FEMA will only pay to meet the hydraulic standards, the Town would have to cover the costs to build to the ANR standards (hundreds of thousands). FEMA also requires that all applicable permits are obtained, which ANR will not provide without meeting their standards. The State is appealing the FEMA decision, with no decision date known. At this point the Town will

## Roast Pork Supper

**September 22, 2012**

**Starting At 5:00 p.m.**

**Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont**

**Benefit Mt. Holly Rescue Squad**

**Roast Pork Supper**

**Mashed Potato W/Gravy, Veg., Rolls  
And Homemade Pies**

**All You Can Eat - Home Style**

**Take Outs Available**

**Adults \$10.00**

**Children under 12 yrs. \$5.00**

**More Info Call 259-2791**



## Public Subdivision Hearings

**Hinkley**---subdivision hearing **September 6, 2012 at 7:30 pm** --to hear public comment on minor subdivision of property on Hedgehog Hill Road

**Mount Holly School District** --- subdivision hearing **September 6, 2012 at 7:45 pm** --to hear public comment on subdivision of lands owned by the school district to lease a portion to the Town of Mount Holly for the construction of new equipment shed.

**Joseph Massa** -- subdivision hearing **September 17, 2012 at 7:15 pm** -- to hear public comment on minor subdivision of property on Shunpike Road

- External Audit: Batchelder and Associates has provided an estimate of \$18,000 to do an audit this year. Since this seems high, the Board agreed to look for other firms that might be able to do the work at lower expense. A list of firms used by other towns which was provided by VLCT will be used as a starting point.
- FEMA Audit readiness review: The State is visiting every town that has received FEMA money to review how prepared they are for a

FEMA Audit. The town was found to be in compliance with all State and Federal standards.

#### 4. Solid Waste:

- Disposition of Containers. – The Board discussed keeping both town-owned containers as ‘overflow’, at least for the time being until the effects of the single stream recycling can be evaluated. Paul will talk to Casella about swapping the divided container for an undivided one.
- The Transfer Station price list (the number of stickers charged for certain items) needs to be reviewed, particularly in terms of electronic equipment since much of this is now free. A revised listing will be prepared for review at the next meeting.

#### 5. Planning Commission

- The Public Hearing on the Salt Shed property subdivision scheduled for Monday August 20 has been cancelled, due to improper warning of the meeting (a 14-day notice is required). A new date will be set at the regular Planning Commission meeting on August 20. Paul will attend the August 20 meeting.
- The Town Plan has been reviewed by the Rutland Regional Planning Commissions (all towns are being reviewed). There are some wording changes required to be in compliance with State goals for planning.

#### 6. Other Business

- The lease for the Fire Dept. truck was reviewed and signed, first payment due July 2013.
- Dam Inspection Reports were received by the town. Star Lake report encourages the town to proceed quickly with the planned repair/replacement.
- The Town received a water test for an unknown location in Belmont. It is assumed to be the Belmont spring which is the water source for the MHCA. The water is not drinkable (as previously known). Copies will be sent to MHCA and the Perkins museum.
- Neighborworks grant: The award money must be spent on town buildings for energy improvement. There was an energy audit done last year on the Town Office, which had some suggestions in it. (The report was not received by the town, but a copy was obtained from the RRPC by M. Tanger.) There are some insulation issues, plus the oil furnace may need replacement. The Board agreed with the suggestions and will contact Marcy to go forward with obtaining estimates, working thru Neighborworks.
- The Town’s dental insurance program has changed, due to changes made by VLCT to all their plans. A new contract agreement was signed.



## Mount Holly 2013 Calendar

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# Tenth Annual Mount Holly Photo Contest

Photographer and Artist Judges  
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Grand Prize and Popular Choice prizes awarded

Open to all full and part time residents of Mount Holly  
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**Due to the contest's popularity,  
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Each photo must be accompanied by an entry form now  
available at the Mount Holly Town Office,  
Mount Holly Community Center/Library  
Mount Holly Post Office, Belmont General Store, and on  
the Mount Holly webpage at [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org)  
(click on Community Organizations)

**Entries due by  
Thursday,  
September 20, 2012**

Mail or deliver to the Mount Holly Town Office

**Voting for the 2014 calendar photos will occur  
from September 29 through October 7**

**Judges' Awards and Popular Prize  
will be announced  
Noon, Sunday, October 7**

For more information call  
259-2007 (Janet Warren) or  
259-2596 (Annette Lynch)

7. The Board reviewed and signed the July orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

**MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING:** August 20, 2012 - Meeting Minutes ~ Meeting was called to order by Steve Howard, Chair at 7:34pm.

Members Present: Peter Smith, Annette Lynch, Dennis Deiters, Tim Martin, Steve Howard

Others Attending: Millicent Johnson, Administrative officer, Paul Nevin, Ralph Michael, David Hoeh, Rhonda River, Don Richardson

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes from the July 17, 2012 were approved as written.

2. Old Business:

a. Reschedule Subdivision Hearings: A public hearing for the Hinkley subdivision was scheduled for September 6, 2012 at 7:30pm. The Mount Holly School District Subdivision was scheduled for September 6, 2012 at 7:45 pm. Adjacent land owners are to be notified, and a notice is to be placed in the Rutland Herald and Chit Chat.

b. One voice principle: Annette Lynch distributed information supplied from the League of Cities and Towns regarding Rules of Procedure for member review. Discussion and vote is scheduled for the September 17, 2012 meeting.

3. New Business:

a. Subdivision Application: An application for subdivision was received from **Joseph Massa**- 804 Shunpike Road. Ralph Michael presented a sketch plan and preliminary platt for a minor subdivision for Town Plot 07E511.100. It was pointed out by Rhonda Rivers that the abutting landowner information was incorrect. The platt will be corrected to reflect that adjacent land is owned by River Street Holdings. The subdivision checklist was reviewed. The address of the proposed subdivision needs to be included on the platt. With no other questions or objections, a subdivision hearing was scheduled for September 17, 2012 at 7:15. Adjacent land owners are to be notified, and a notice is to be placed in the Rutland Herald and Chit Chat.

b. Building Registration Forms:

i. Norman Katrobas - 788 Lake Ninevah Road- addition to existing home

ii. Daniel Connor - 102 Church Street - renovation to existing

## MOVING . . .YARD SALE

**Sat SEPT 1, Sun SEPT 2, Mon SEPT 3**

**Toro Snowblower 10280XE 28 inch Electric Start, Cab, Weights, Chains \$1200. Also, Toro Electric Snowthrower \$150. Lots of Housewares, Garden Tools, Pots/Pans, Linens, CD's, Pottery, Kitchen items, weight bench, and much more. Everything must go. 802-259-7090 Easy to find location at . . .**

**Corner of BARLOW and ROUTE 155 in Belmont.**

- home
4. Correspondence:
  - i. Applications and Permit from Department of Environmental Conservation:
1. Wastewater permit adjustment received for Richard Moore - Indian Brook Road
2. Wastewater application and permit—Mount Holly School District - proposed subdivision on file
3. Wastewater permit for Edwin Nichols - 2 lot subdivision on Summit Road --Annette discovered that this was from the John and Lorraine Nisencik subdivision.
- ii Letter from Vermont Conservation Commission re: announcement of partnership with Vermont National Resource Council
- iii. Letter from Mount Holly Rescue Squad re: Commission request for capital budget expenditures -information to be forwarded to Fra Devine by Annette
- iv. Brochure from League of Vermont Cities and Towns re: State wide Town Fair to be held on October 4, 2012 at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds in Essex Junction.
5. Other Business: none
6. Adjournment: Motion was made by Tim Martin, seconded by Dennis Deiters to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. Minutes submitted by Millicent Johnson, Administrative Officer --submitted as unapproved minutes



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Holly Town Office**

The Mount Holly Planning Commission is holding a public hearing as part of the Commission's decision-making process to approve, modify and approve, or disapprove the proposed Subdivision of the 132.6 acre parcel owned by Betsy Hinckley on Hedgehog Hill Rd. N, Mount Holly into two lots:

- A lot of 66.3 acres with dwelling, garage, sugar house, and easement access to second lot
- A lot of 66.3 acres that will remain undeveloped.

The final plat (map) of the proposed subdivision is available for public inspection in the Mount Holly Town Office 8:30 to 4:00 Monday to Thursday. For information call Dennis Deiters 259-3405

**Note: Participation in this public hearing is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT

**Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 p.m. in the Mount Holly Town Office**

The Mount Holly Planning Commission is holding a public hearing as part of the Commission's decision-making process to approve, modify and approve, or disapprove the proposed Subdivision of the 13.3 acre parcel owned by the Mount Holly Elementary School, School Street, Mount Holly into two lots:

- A lot of 7.7 acres to be retained for the School, its playground, parking lot, and ball field
- A lot of 5.6 acres to be leased to the Town of Mount Holly for 99 years at \$1 per year for the purpose of constructing a Town Garage, a building for a wood-fired furnace, and a wood shed, while retaining the sand lot and salt shed currently used by the Town. (The School will share the furnace and will have access to its Nature Trail on the Garage lot).

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## BINGO

**MT. HOLLY VOLUNTEER  
RESCUE SQUAD**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Mt. Holly Elm. School  
School Street, Mt. Holly, VT**

**Doors Open @ 12:00 P.M.**

**Games Start @ 12:30 P.M.**

**\$20.00 for 20 games ~ 9 cards per game**

**CASH PRIZES**

**Refreshments will be on sale**

**Questions Contact**

**Vicki Seward - 802-259-2810**

**E-Mail - [MHVRS@AOL.COM](mailto:MHVRS@AOL.COM)**

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# **SITTING PRETTY IN MOUNT HOLLY ADIRONDACK CHAIR AUCTION**

**to benefit the  
Mount Holly Community Historical Museum  
October 6 ~ During Cider Days  
1 pm Perkins House**

Nine very talented artists in Mount Holly have been hard at work during this spring and summer painting creative and beautiful designs on Adirondack Chairs. The Chairs, made in Vermont and the Adirondacks, were purchased by the Museum for this important fundraiser. The proceeds from this project will help the Museum to provide programs for the community and our local schools. We thank these local artists who have generously given their time and talents to support our Museum.

They are currently on display at the museum and will be featured at our Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday, September 1st. Come take a closer look and decide which chair you just have to have! They will be auctioned on Saturday October 6, 2012 at 1 pm at Perkins House during the fun Cider Days' weekend in Belmont on the Green.

Hope to see you there!



**"Lady Bug"  
Stephanie Stouffer**



**"Sunflowers"  
Judy Nevin**



**"Classic Plaid"  
Addie Segerman**





*Sitting Pretty in Mount Holly  
Independence Day Float sits in  
front of Perkins House after the  
parade*

**"Chickadee"  
Patty La Bella**

**"Wildflowers"  
Madeline Fay**



**"On Skis"  
Will Nye**

**"Contemporary"  
Penny Coldwell**



***Coming Soon!***  
**Chairs Decorated  
by  
Ruth Dickey  
&  
Nancy McKeegan**

# A NEW TOWN GARAGE??

*The Mount Holly Select Board says that a new town garage needs to be built and that it must be located on land to be subdivided from the Mount Holly Elementary School's site.*

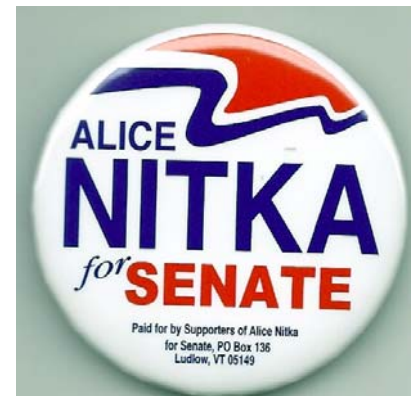
**There are many questions that have not been answered:**

- Why is a new garage needed?
- What will happen to the existing garage – can't it be repaired?
- Is it true that the cost of the new building, other structures, site preparation, and access could cost nearly \$750,000?
- How will the cost be paid?
- How long are the new building and other site uses expected to last?
- Is this the best and most cost effective site for such a capital investment?
- How will the new garage uses impact the school activities and traffic flow?
- What will it cost to heat and maintain?
- What is the site plan for the proposed new garage, its water supply/septic systems, and other proposed site uses?
- What other sites have been considered that might serve the proposed uses as well or better than the site near the school?
- Could the now empty garage at the Gates Road Transfer Station be used as a temporary Town Garage or to support the Highway Department?
- What else might be located at or in a new garage and on its site?
- Have security and safety issues been evaluated?

**We ask that before the Mount Holly Planning Commission approves a subdivision of the Mount Holly Elementary School site that these and many other questions are answered by the Select Board.**

**Attend the 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting of the Mount Holly Planning Commission  
Town Office**

Concerned Citizens of Mount Holly







## An Introduction To The People Of Mount Holly

Experience has shown most of us that life takes interesting turns now and again. Sometimes our paths cross with others when we least expect it, sometimes we have a moment of *deja vu*, like we've been here before. Sometimes the past seems to intersect with our future.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dick Tracy, and I'm a candidate for a Vermont Senate seat from Windsor County. So why is the first paragraph relevant? Well, my mother, Elaine Piper Tracy, a school teacher, had her first teaching assignment at the Tarbellville School in your town back in 1949. (See photo elsewhere in this edition) As fate would have it, in the one year when I make a try for elected office, the powers that be have included Mount Holly with Windsor County for the purpose of electing state senators!

I am an eighth-generation Vermonter, my first Vermont ancestor having arrived in 1772. I was born here, raised here, and am a product of Vermont schools. My first job was pumping gas at my grandfather's filling station at age 10. Today I am a self-employed appraiser of residential real estate. In between it seems like I've never stopped working. I even worked full time during my last 2 years at the University of Massachusetts where I earned a BS in municipal recreation....thought I wanted to run a Boys' Club or YMCA, but that never worked out. My first job out of college was pots and pans at the Woodstock Inn. Within 3 years I became the

hotel's Purchasing Manager. My experiences in the lodging, food service and real estate industries (both in and out of Vermont) give me a broad perspective on business.

Alison, my wife of 30 years, and I have raised three daughters into adulthood, and they all have at least a bachelor's degree. One daughter is a pharmacist, one served as a Captain in the United States Air Force. She speaks 3+ languages, has supervised a staff of 400 and managed a \$10 million budget. She cannot find a decent paying job in Vermont. Sound familiar?

I have watched and worried as my sweetheart successfully battled cancer. Some family members have lost that struggle. We have had to change primary care providers several times because the high cost of medical malpractice insurance forced our doctors to retire or otherwise move on. Such things do not make me unique; but they DO provide a useful perspective with regard to health care issues.

I decided to run for office because I can no longer accept the *status quo* of our state government. Business as usual in Montpelier has come to mean a seemingly endless stream of new laws, new state regulations, and ever increasing demands on taxpayers. Traditional Vermont values of frugality, thrift and local control have become a fading memory.

Calvin Coolidge once observed: "One of the greatest favors that can be bestowed upon the American people is economy in government." In other words, Coolidge believed that elected officials should be thrifty as they make spending decisions with our hard-earned tax dollars. Furthermore, Article 18 of Vermont's Constitution calls for "a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, industry, and **frugality**" as being "*absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty*."

The State of Vermont budget for fiscal year 2013 is over \$5 BILLION, or roughly \$8000 for every man, woman and child. Of course not every man, woman and child is a taxpayer, so the effective tax burden is closer to double that amount. Does this sound **frugal** to you? Indeed, the super-majority currently in control in Montpelier has demonstrated precious little inclination towards frugality.

Please understand: this is not just about saving money. To again quote Calvin Coolidge: "I favor a policy of economy not because I wish to save money but because I wish to save people." Members of the super-majority seem to be unaware that increased taxation means decreased freedom for taxpayers.

If the people of Windsor County – and Mount Holly - favor me with a seat in the Vermont Senate, I will pursue a course of "economy" as advocated by Coolidge, of "frugality" as required by our Vermont Constitution. And I will need input from taxpayers as to the best means by which to get that done.

I look forward to meeting and hearing from you. Thank you. Sincerely yours, Dick Tracy, P.O. Box 14, Sharon, VT 05065  
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our Regional Calendar of Events and launched a photo contest. Please submit your photos of the Okemo Valley on our website [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) and tell all your friends/visitors to do the same. Then have everyone you know vote for your photo! Let's see who generates the most votes!! The challenge is on!!! The winners will be in our 2013 Okemo Valley Calendar, on our website and note cards, all with photo credit!!

We hosted a commercial lending panel discussion on August 21 along with the Chester Economic Development Corporation and Springfield Regional Development Corporation.

We hosted the VT Challenge and the 100 on100 throughout our region and answered many, many phone calls about the one-year anniversary of Storm Irene.

We're beginning to work on our last Winter Okemo Valley Regional Guidebook. Next year we will have one guidebook from May – May.

Our golf tournament is on September 12 and we invite everyone to come and play. Contact Mary Knight at 228-2260.

We will be offering trips in 2013 to Alaska (land/cruise) and Albuquerque, New Mexico for their Balloon Festival through Globas Travel and a trip to Thailand through Citslinc. Please call the Chamber office if you are interested to Travel with the Chamber. Please join us October 16<sup>th</sup> at Jackson Gore Inn from 6-8pm to hear about the Globas trips.

**Tourism Facts:** Tourism generates 13.7 million visitors annually and \$1.4 billion in direct spending. As a State, in terms of tourism revenue, we have weathered the storm. People who love Vermont have shown their support with continued visits and our businesses continue to exceed travelers' expectations. Overall, tourism tax revenues indicate tourism in Vermont was up last fall and continues to be up this summer:

**Post-Irene Foliage Report, September 2011:** Although the communities and resorts that took the brunt of the flood also took the brunt of business loss, the report on Meals, Rooms and Alcohol (MRA) Taxable Receipts indicate that statewide rooms sales were up 6.0 percent while meals and alcohol sales were up 2.7 percent and 6.5 percent respectively. Among

communities affected by the flooding, Ludlow was down in meals sales (-20.4 percent), but up +57.9 percent in rooms sales.

**Summer Update on Vermont Tourism:** Preliminary Reports show that Vermont has seen a 6.8% increase in Rooms & Meals tax in the month of July, year over year. Also to note, Vermont State Parks are booming: 14% up in total (overnight & day) visits this year. This summer's great weather continues to bring good news...as Vermont Foresters' aerial surveys report that our forests are prime for another outstanding show of colors this Fall Foliage.

The state will be spending \$240,000 to promote our State this Fall. They target our drive markets of NY, Boston, Montreal and Connecticut.

Outlets include: Pandora – regional ~ Outdoor recreation on Outside TV ~ NPR ~ Google ~ YouTube ~ embedded video ~ Disney – Albany 12 events ~ Place IQ

Their summer campaign saw web traffic up 31% unique visitors from the Vermont Vacation web site.

Month to month page views were up 6% ~ National Google content ~ Boston Red Sox up 20% ~ 38% mobile up

Top summer performers were video content, YouTube, Pandora and Place IQ

**DID YOU KNOW?** State parks were up 14% A lot of last minute bookings are seen from around the State

September is Archaeology month Downtowns are promoting Shop VT for the holidays campaign.

This is VT twitter campaign is being picked up by national media. Fall Themes are: Hunting ~ Hiking ~ Why VT ~ Driving tours ~ Biking. DiginVT supports Harvest Food and they will be doing the apples to ipods again.

Please don't hesitate to call the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce at 802-228-5830 if you have questions. Any of our Ambassadors will be happy to serve you.

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## **BRGNS GIANT FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its Fall Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm in Ludlow on Route 103 south on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday September 30th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Proceeds from this sale benefit BRGNS' food and financial assistance programs. "This is really a community effort. Folks donate their unwanted items to us, and we put our earnings right back into the community," said Peter LaBelle, President of BRGNS. "Although the economy may be improving, demand for our services has not slackened. There are still people going hungry and needing help with housing and clothing costs; so we keep running the rummage sales," said LaBelle. The monies raised will help cover utilities/fuel cost, food and rent assistance for qualified individuals and families in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Proctorsville, Cavendish and Plymouth.

If you have anything to donate, please call Audrey Bridge at 802-228-3663 to arrange a drop off time. Donations will be accepted at Fletcher Farm between Saturday, September 22nd and Thursday, September 27th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fletcher Farm is located at 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow. Fall and winter clothing will be especially welcome. Furniture will be accepted gratefully - nothing broken or torn please. Please do not donate clothing items that are stained or ripped. If you are unable to drop off a furniture donation, it can be picked up by our volunteers if arrangements are made in advance.

Volunteers are needed to help work the sale as well as setup, so please come and help.

There will also be a table selling baked goods. So, if you can bake an item to donate for the sale please do so. This sale is very popular, and we need as many baked goods as the community can provide.

Lastly, please come and buy some of the great bargains. Contact Audrey Bridge at the Black River Good Neighbor Services Thrift Shop at 37B Main Street or call her at 802-228-3663 or email her at [BRGNS@tds.net](mailto:BRGNS@tds.net) for further details.

### **Items Needed For 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stick Season Social**

Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc. will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Stick Season Social on Friday, October 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Bella Luna Restaurant in Ludlow. As in the past, guests will enjoy a terrific meal with the renowned dessert bar and a full evening of socializing. Along with dinner BRGNS will again present a silent auction and raffle with items from around the area and beyond. This event raises needed funds for the several programs that BRGNS has to benefit those in need in Ludlow, Belmont, Cavendish, Mt. Holly, Plymouth and Proctorsville. This year, with recovery from Irene and the terrible snow season, the need for financial assistance and food is as great as ever.

The Social committee is now soliciting items for the auction and for the raffle. In the past, there have been paintings, photographs, lodging, carvings, cocktail party, ski tickets, wine, wood, fuel, jewelry, and multiple gift certificates generously donated by area artisans and business owners.

If you have an item to donate or you have a business and would like to donate a service or money please contact Barb Lemire at [barbara.lemire@peoples.com](mailto:barbara.lemire@peoples.com) or Doris Eddy at [reiki\\_vt@yahoo.com](mailto:reiki_vt@yahoo.com). Remember, all donations are tax deductible since BRGNS is a 501(c)(3) charity.



According to Joyce Washburn and Sharon Combes-Farr, event coordinators, "The event is being re-scheduled due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts. With the great local business support with excellent in kind donations for the silent auction, as well as late attainment of an exceptional 'I dreamed of Africa' vacation package, the event committee determined that postponing the event to September would allow BRAM to put together an exceptional event that would meet fund raising and attendance objectives".

An updated listing of silent auction items, reflecting the additional items obtained will be released shortly.

Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person and may be obtained through the museum office at 14 High Street or calling 228-5050. BRAM members will also be selling tickets. In Ludlow, tickets may also be purchased at the Wine and Cheese Depot and The Book Nook.

### **The UPS Store Ribbon Cutting**

Rutland - The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the UPS Store in Rutland. The UPS Store is located at 31 North Main St., Rutland, next to CVS Pharmacy. The UPS Store offers a variety of products and services including: shipping, copying, mailboxes, stamps, office products and more! Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Penny Inglee, 802-773-2747

### **BRAM Gala Rescheduled to Sept. 22**

The Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) Board of Directors decided to reschedule the annual BRAM gala to September 22.

The event is being re-scheduled due to

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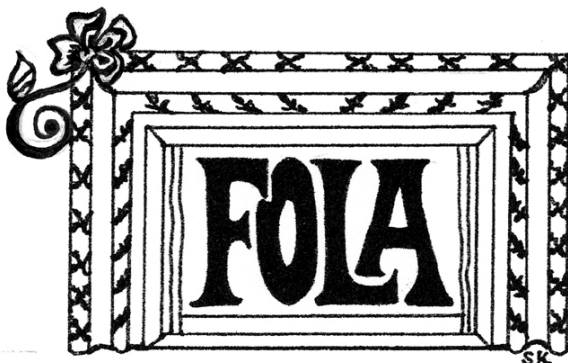


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## FOLA Starts Area Fund Raising to Upgrade Movie Equipment in Ludlow

"After two years of displaying movies in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, I think everyone will agree that, as great as FOLA's movies have been, we need a more powerful movie projector to show the great films FOLA offers." This was Ralph Pace's initial observation on the FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) plans to begin a capital improvement program aimed at upgrading both the movie projector and screen in the auditorium.

The capital improvement drive will focus on the greater Ludlow area, although Pace, FOLA chairman, quickly added that FOLA would "happily accept donations from those outside the Black River area".

According to Jim Alic and Kevin Kuntz, equipment coordinators for FOLA, the group plans to upgrade the audio speakers used in the auditorium this year.

They noted that the current movie projection system somewhat lacks the needed light illumination strength to project the 80 foot distance to the screen on the stage from the balcony. The equipment envisioned to replace the current projector would have at least a 600 lumens powered light which would supply more than enough light to see all of the nuances in any film.

FOLA is also interested in replacing the current movie screen with an electronically-controlled screen suspended from the stage ceiling. This would eliminate the need for frequently "tear-downs" of the current screen so that others may use the auditorium's stage.

Contributions to the capital fund may be made via FOLA's web site at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us). Donations may also be mailed to FOLA, c/o 1 Whispering Pines, Ludlow, VT 05149.

"The funds we raise for FOLA generate such an enormous return on investment. The informative programs, musical entertainment, movies and other events these funds sponsor bring an element of culture to the entire local community," indicated Bruce Farr, FOLA's Program Director.

**Free★ "A Community Christmas Celebration"**

Friday, December 17 at 7 PM

in Ludlow Town Hall

Everyone is invited to share the music & spirit of Christmas with our students, friends, & neighbors

(sponsored by FOLA - Friends of Ludlow Auditorium)

**Young Artists Concert**

**Real Cowboy music**

**Gubernatorial Debate**

**FOLA also shows FREE Movies !**

Like: *Casablanca, Secretariat, The African Queen, The King's Speech, Mamma Mia, Butch Cassidy, Close Encounters, Citizen Kane, and many more*

Your Help using this button at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us) will ensure that FOLA continues providing these forms of entertainment for you!

**Donate**

**Movie Equipment Donated to Town**

**Sweet Music Pop Concert**

**"Old Enough to Know Better"**

By Stan and Jane Hart

**Springfield Chorus Concert**

**Gypsy Reel**

The Town of Ludlow, Black River Academy Museum, & FOLA

Present:

Jacqueline Schwab,  
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**"Music from the Civil War & the Mark Twain Era"**

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**Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium**  
**October 9 at 6:30 PM**

The Concert is **FREE**  
(Donations appreciated)



## Starting Over Strong Vermont Tropical Storm Irene: One Year Later



Even though it has been almost a year since Tropical Storm Irene wreaked havoc on Vermont, many Vermonters are still experiencing complications in their efforts to recover their lives and adapt to new circumstances. Some survivors are just now beginning to experience the shock that hit them, which was suppressed while they addressed their most pressing needs to find food, shelter and long-term safety.

While many homes and roads are on their way to recovery, for many there is still more healing to do. Anniversaries can be a time of reflection and remembrance, creating opportunities for healing and growth. For some people it will be a time to recognize how far they've come in the recovery process. For others, it may be a time to reach out for help to deal with unresolved grief resulting from loss. Not all survivors will experience reactions in the same way. While there may be painful anniversary reminders, it is also a time to look forward in the recovery process. This time of remembrance can also be a celebration of the resiliency in our beautiful State.

Some common reactions that individuals may experience leading up to the anniversary may include; crying spells, sadness and grief, mood swings, guilt, headaches, anger, anxiety and fear, and memories and dreams. There are a variety of coping strategies that people can use if they experience reactions as the anniversary approaches including; avoiding news media, reaching out to family and friends, talking about your losses if needed, accepting kindness and support from others, knowing that having reactions is normal, and being gentle with yourself.

SOS VT offers free, short-term interventions that support recovery and build resilience to anyone experiencing distress and/or related emotional and behavioral difficulties from the flood. SOS VT is administered by Washington County Mental Health Services in conjunction with other designated mental health agencies and community services in the most impacted regions of our State.

Starting Over Strong Vermont is still here to help. If you or anyone you know is experiencing distress or symptoms from the flooding, please call Starting Over Strong Vermont's toll-free number for help, at 1-855-767-8800, or visit our website at [www.startingoverstrongvermont.org](http://www.startingoverstrongvermont.org).



### Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting for Newly Designed Website

At the August 8 Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Stone Hearth Inn and Tavern, (l-r) chamber staff Gabrielle Macklin marketing assistant, Kim Grenier membership assistant and Kasia Karazim of Green Mountain Marketing & Advertising along with CEO Marji Graf, cut the ribbon for the Chambers newly designed website [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com). Kasia reviewed with members all the new features and benefits of the site and how members and visitors alike can enter our 2013 Photo Contest which has a built in voting mechanism. Winners will be on the website, 2013 Okemo Valley Calendar and note cards. Have fun and start entering and voting!



### Cow Power Film story

Allison Gillette of Ludlow has a story that she thought would be interesting to Chit Chat readers. It is about her feature film Cow Power, which highlights area politicians, farms, businesses (Green Mountain College, Long Trail brewery) and directly effects area residents.

Cow Power is a feature length documentary telling the story of a process that turns cow manure into renewable energy: saving farms and our environment. Some of Vermont's major businesses like Long Trail Brewery and Green Mountain College are powered by Cow Manure and are working with us on this film. Without this program, it could have been the end of dairy farms in Vermont. This film will highlight the story in an attempt to spread the Cow Power program across the United States and one day account for 10% of the nations energy needs.

When I am done with the film, I will be touring throughout New England, using it to teach in classrooms and host showings at local theaters.

Our kick-starter is running through the month of August and we need to raise \$6,000 to finish the film (I do not plan to profit off of it once the film is complete). Before the kick-starter ends, we would appreciate any visibility.

You can check it out here: <http://kck.st/QmZ3gY>

If you have any questions feel free to contact Allison at the following: [Allison.jane.jillette@gmail.com](mailto:Allison.jane.jillette@gmail.com)

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### Many Thanks for Chocolate Fest Support

I want to personally thank all the Mount Holly Residents that came out and supported 3rd annual Chocolate Fest at the Landgrove Inn on Aug. 6th hosted by Neighborhood Connections. I often get where do you work? Or where is that place again? The Chocolate Fest has truly been a neighborhood event. The event continues to grow each year with many new Restaurants and Establishments participating. It has become a central meet and great for all the area chefs participating that may not get a chance to meet one another. This year was extra special in welcoming back The Weston Market Place and The Garden Cafe of Londonderry who were both affected by Hurricane Irene. Again, many thank to the Mount Holly folks for your support. I have met lots of new people and saw some familiar faces in the crowd. Also a big thank you to Tangled Roots Farm of Shrewsbury whose raw goat's milk I used in my creation of Chocolate Hazelnut Goat Cheese with Lemon Jam on a Toast Square. Looking forward to many events to come. Sincerely, Exec. Chef Katie Schneider

### BRAM Promotes New Program of "Ludlow Memories"

Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) recently gathered some Ludlow residents together for what it hopes will be the first of many get-togethers for a series called "Ludlow Memories". Pictured above are the first four Ludlow residents to be videotaped by Patrick Cody of LPCTV and moderated by Sharon Bixby who asked questions about many topics: how they grew up, what schools they went to, their business and social life, etc. Pictured from left to right are Bill Jarvi, Liz Lombard, Charlotte Pluta, Stu Schmidt as they discussed their memories of life in Ludlow. Bill talked about how he started up his cable TV service in the Ludlow area, and the others talked about various places in Ludlow that they remembered. Stu told about his father buying and running Schmidt Lumber Co. and they all remembered the eddy (pond) that gave the name to Pond Street. These were just a few of the topics they discussed. According to BRAM Director, Georgia Brehm, the museum plans to work with LPCTV is developing a series of similar programs to, in part; help create an oral history of Ludlow.





***Ballads of the West and Celtic Tradition  
Come to Ludlow Auditorium, September 29***

Saturday, September 29 at 7 PM will be a very special time for the Black River area. Two of the most celebrated singers of the true western and Celtic tradition will grace the stage at Ludlow's Town Hall Auditorium, Skip Gorman and Connie Dover. Cowboy singer Skip Gorman explores music from one of the most romanticized periods in American history: the days of the cattle drives and westward expansion. He strips away Hollywood glitz and Nashville affectations to show the beauty of the music as sung and played along emigrant trails and in camps over a century ago. Dressed appropriately and using songs, stories, poetry and authentic instruments such as cross-tuned fiddle, cowcamp banjo, bones and slide guitar, and he transports audiences to the true American West of the 1800s. Skip's 1995 album "A Greener Prairie" was used by Ken Burns in his "Lewis and Clark" film series, and also made the top ten folk recording list by the Boston Globe which called it "one of the most masterful and flat-out gorgeous cowboy albums to lope down the trail in years."

Regarding Skip's singing partner for this concert, Emmy award-winning soprano Connie Dover, the Boston Globe may again have said it best. "Connie Dover is the finest folk ballad singer this country has produced since Joan Baez . . . her soprano is shimmeringly pure, her phrasing pristine, her evocations of Anglo-Scottish, Irish and American cowboy ballads melodically exquisite and utterly believable." Don't miss this rare pairing of voices and styles.

To get a sample of the music they will be providing, try the following YouTube numbers for Connie and Skip: Shenandoah by Connie Dover <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3JvSc4ORoA> and Yellow Rose of Texas by Skip Gorman <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXP5ulDbIpM> . You can hear both together in Connie's song; I'm going to the West <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crsPNwui7bA> .

The program is sponsored by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium). Tickets for the performance are \$12 and may be purchased prior to the performance at the FOLA web site, [http://www.fola.us/FOLA\\_ticket\\_purchases.htm](http://www.fola.us/FOLA_ticket_purchases.htm). Be sure to include your mailing name and address so that tickets can be sent to you. For information call 802-228-7239.



***Area Students Perform Community Service at  
BRAM***

Pictured above are Bailey Matteson and Aiyana Fortin, both students at Black River Middle School, as they work at Black River Academy Museum (BRAM) to fulfill part of their community service requirements towards graduation. Both will be entering grade 8 at Black River Middle School. Bailey lives in Ludlow and Aiyana lives in Mt. Holly.

***Mr 2kay Releases Brand New Video And Gets  
Set To Tour With Band***

Port Harcourt prized act Mr 2kay recently released the 3rd video from his 'Water side boy' album titled 'KOSI WERE' Ft Veteran rapper Rugged Man. The video is currently playing on Mtvbase,Channelo,soundcity,hiptv,1music,Nigezie and more. The video can be watched here <http://youtu.be/aeXJsYMnnrU>

Mr 2kay is currently preparing and rehearsing with his live band and looking forward to his forth coming tour, which details to be announced soon.

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Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) continues to outperform other home health agencies in Vermont, exceeding the state average in eighteen out of twenty-one Quality Performance measures, according to publicly reported data collected by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid (CMS). RAVNAH scored the highest in patient outcomes out of all Vermont home health agencies for the period April 2011 through March 2012.

The Home Health Care Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey (HCHCAHPS) measures the experiences of people receiving home health care from Medicare-certified home health agencies and collects feedback on topics that patients have identified as important to

them in determining which home health agencies provide high-quality care. For example, the survey asks patients about the care they received from their home health agency, including such topics as overall care; if home care started in a timely manner; whether care was provided in a courteous and respectful way; and whether the agency discussed medicines, pain, and home safety. RAVNAH received a score of ninety eight percent when asked if patients would recommend the agency to others and was successful in keeping patients from being re-admitted to the hospital.

"We are extremely pleased with our scores in patient outcomes," says Associate Director of Home Care, Laura Driscoll. "We know we are doing a good job, but it is encouraging to know our patients view our care as outstanding. Our staff of compassionate professionals is dedicated to keeping our patients healthy and safe at home." Driscoll says. Consumers can view the complete report of home health outcomes, posted quarterly at [www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare](http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare).

RAVNAH, named as one of the top five hundred home health agencies in the U.S., is a local, non-profit, Medicare-certified home health agency serving thousands of residents throughout Rutland County, Dorset and Rupert with home and community health services. For more information about RAVNAH, contact Ron Cioffi, CEO, at 775-0568.

### RAVNAH's Blood Press/Foot Care Clinics and Cholesterol Screening Schedule

Blood Pressure & Foot Care Clinics For September 2012

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is offering Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for blood pressure and \$5 for foot care. For more information please call (802) 775-0568.

Day	Date	Town	Site	Time
Wednesday	9/5/12	Wallingford	Wallingford House	11:30 am
Thursday	9/6/12	Rutland	Parker House	11:00 am
Wednesday	9/12/12	Rutland	Templewood Court	10:00 am
Wednesday	9/19/12	Rutland	Sheldon Towers	9:30 am
Wednesday	9/19/12	Rutland	Linden Terrace	11:00 am
Thursday	9/20/12	Rutland	Maple Village	11:00 am
Wednesday	9/26/12	Rutland	Godnick Center	12:30 pm
Thursday	9/27/12	North Clarendon	Community Center	12:30 pm

### GOT CHOLESTEROL?

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering a comprehensive cardiovascular / cholesterol health risk screening, including total lipid profile and blood glucose at the RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive, in Rutland on Wednesday, September 5 beginning at 8:30 AM. Please call (802) 775-0568 in advance for an appointment. The total lipid profile is a group of tests to determine risk of coronary heart disease. The blood glucose test screens for diabetes. The complete lipid profile requires 8 – 12 hour fast prior to the test to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.



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