



Mount Holly Chit Chat



39/7

September 2013

Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440

E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com

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

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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 31st **Baked Ham Supper**, Benefit MH Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall 5:00 pm

Sun 1st Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station **World War II Began 1936** 7:00 pm

Gray Squirrel Hunting Season & Black Bear Early Season

2nd **V-J Day 1945 Japan Signed Formal Surrender ~ Labor Day**

4th Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Black River High School 7:00 pm

Union #39 School Board Meeting, Black River High School 7:00 pm

5th **Rosh Hashanah**

8th **Grandparents Day**

9th Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

10th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Selectmen's meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

11th Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station **Patriot Day** 7:00 pm

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

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

12th **Republican Committee Caucus**, Mount Holly Town Office 7:00 pm

Sat 14th **Yom Kippur ~ Francis Scott Key Wrote The Star-Spangled Banner 1814**

16th Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office 7:30 pm

Chit Chat Annual Meeting, Mount Town Office, All are welcome to attend 6:30 pm

17th Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations **Citizenship Day ~ US Constitution Approved 1787** 7:00 pm

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

18th **US Air Force Est. 1947**

19th Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 7:00 pm

Democratic Committee Caucus, Mount Holly Town Office 5:30 pm

Sat 21st **Roast Pork Supper**, Benefit MH Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall **POW/MIA Day** 5:00 pm

Sun 22nd **Fall Begins ~ Autumnal Equinox**

23rd Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building 7:00 pm

24th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

25th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

26th **George Gershwin 1898**

Sat 28th **Hare/Rabbit, Ruffed Grouse Season**

Sun 29th **VFW Est 1899**

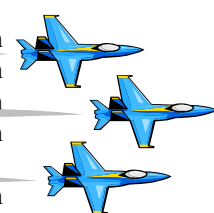
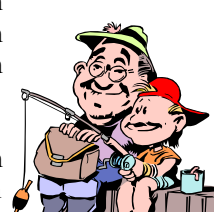
31st Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or 911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408 259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or 911	Game Warden – Greg Eckhardt	802-875-2112 802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	802-245-4452 802-786-4404	Health Officer - Frank Bickford	259-2885
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	mhconstable@yahoo.com 802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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



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September Birthdays: 1st -Adam Frey 2nd -Mark Turco Sr * Hunter Hupp 4th -John Taylor Jr 7th -Caleb Nye 8th -Sarah Hawkins 10th -Felicia Turco * Dustin Miller * Ruth Thornton (1925) 12th -Vera Tuomisto * Charles Conroy 13th -Joey Carrara 14th -Todd Bussino Jr (1983) 19th -Julia Hoeh * Heather Deem (1977) 20th -Mamie Richards * Anna-Mae Bellimer (1923) 21st -Evelyn Garrow 24th -Eleanor Nowosad 26th -Peter Herbst 27th -Clarise Dana 29th -Ryan Flynn 30th -Eliza Tarbell

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

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

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

Chit Chat Annual Meeting Monday, September 16th, 6:30 pm

Mount Holly Town Office

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Henry Pitaniello

Henry "Frank" Pitaniello, 68, of Rutland died unexpectedly Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013, at his home. He was born Sept. 18, 1944, on Egland Field [Army](#) Air Base in Florida, the son of Henry F. and Mamie (Simmons) Pitaniello Sr.

He attended Christ the King School, St. Peter's School, and was a 1962 graduate of Mount St. Joseph Academy. He graduated in 1966 with a master's degree from the University of Vermont.

He enjoyed teaching and started his career at MSJ, where he taught physics, algebra and basic math. He also coached the first MSJ boys and girls track and field teams in 1966-67.

He then joined the U.S. Army, and served in Korea at Camp McNair on the DMZ after the Pueblo incident, during the Vietnam era.

When he left the Army, he began a 34-year career at Mount Holly Elementary School, where he taught grades from 3 to 8 in math, science and reading. He was named an Outstanding Vermont Teacher, and was nominated three times for Disney Teacher of the Year. He retired in 2003.

He enjoyed fishing and rock collecting.

He was a member of American Legion Post 31, where he was the head of the Scholarship Committee and the Vermont NEA.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne (Granger) Pitaniello, his mother, Mamie Pitaniello, and a daughter, Shannon Pitaniello, all of Rutland; two sons, Major Jeremy Pitaniello and Sgt. Brian Pitaniello of the U.S. Army, Fort Meade, Md.; three grandsons and two granddaughters.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Dawn in 1989.

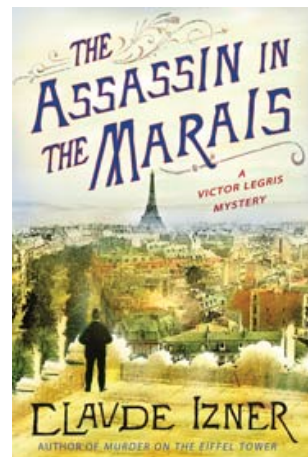
Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Christ the King Church in Rutland and officiating was the Rev. Justin Baker, pastor. A reception followed in the lower level of the church.

Friends and family called Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Clifford Funeral Home in Rutland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Holly Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund, c/o Clifford Funeral Home, 2 Washington St., Rutland, VT 05701.

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group is reading The Assassin in the Marais by Claude Izner for our September 11th meeting. We will meet at Clar Dana's at 720 Straight Road in Belmont. Please join us for a great evening. Call Minga Dana at 259-2471 if you have need of further information.



Mt. Holly School Board Meeting

The Mt. Holly school board met on Wednesday, August 7 at the Mt. Holly Elementary School with the LES and U39 boards. The boards discussed the Two Rivers SU meetings and possible adoption of a revised policy manual. The 3 boards discussed the change to Café Services for the hot lunch program. It has been approved by the LES board and is awaiting AOE approval. They discussed some changes in the contract and in pricing, particularly for middle school and high school students.



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The board approved the minutes of the previous meetings. They also discussed and approved security improvements to the school through Countryside Lock and Alarm and the purchase of a new photocopier from Canon. The board approved a letter of intent to the select board regarding the lease of the piece of property for a new town garage. Mr. Hutt Vater reported on the library/media center improvements as well as upcoming events. He also described a pilot project that the 4 elementary schools in the TRSU may be taking part in that will help students with 3-D thinking and spatial reasoning. The board also discussed a potential solar project. The open house and book fair will be held on September 12.

The next meeting will be on September 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Black River High School.

Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department Update

The members of the Fire Department would like to thank everyone who donated items for our recent auction, and all those who attended. We raised over \$9000.00 which will be used to purchase equipment to better protect our residents and our firefighters. Many local companies donated their goods and services, including gift cards and new items. We appreciate their generosity.

On a safety note, please take the time to have your chimneys inspected and cleaned prior to the heating season; also check your smoke/fire/CO2 detectors and change batteries as needed.



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"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth and no culture comparable to that of the garden." -Thomas Jefferson

Classes do not mean classroom time either. You are dancing and enjoying from the first night. The calls build on each other weekly, and if you miss a class or two there are reviews and experienced dancers to help pull you through. If you remember square dancing from your earlier days, come on by and brush up on the moves, too. Square dancing is a good way to forget about the working world and move into fun mode for a night. Carefree activity is becoming more rare in this world, so take advantage of these lessons to get out of the house, meet new people and have some fun.

For more information contact David Moakley (483 9938) or local dancers, Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson (259-3662) or Joan Judge (492-3418).

Mount Holly Constable Update

Thanks to all our residents for helping to make this summer an enjoyable one in our town. Crime incidents are down, and folks are calling the State Police and myself reporting incidents and suspicious activities. A reminder that school will be starting on August 28th, please use caution when driving as students are walking to bus stops. For those drivers using Belmont Road, please

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FALL; COUNTRY FAIRS, BRIGHT LEAVES AND SQUARE DANCING

Fall means many things to people, but when the air begins to cool it becomes the season of Technicolor leaves, country fairs, and ages old traditions in the Green Mountain State. One of those old traditions is the barn dance, where friends gathered on a Saturday night to enjoy music, each others company, and the fun of dancing in the cool of the evening. Most of us do not have barns anymore, so the fun of barn dancing has morphed into square dancing. It is good to know that this culture is still active in Vermont. The Cast Off 8's and the Champlain Valley Squares Square Dance Clubs recently put on a demonstration of modern western square dancing at the Addison County Field Days and the Cast Off 8's from Rutland are planning a demonstration at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland to show people what fun this activity can still be.

CO8's begin classes in September at Lothrop School, Route 7, in Pittsford and hope to convince the watchers to get out of the house and learn a new activity. Square dancing is a fun cure for the cabin fever that sets in during a long Vermont winter, too. They are planning 2 free nights, Wednesdays, September 11 and 18th to introduce new dancers to the fun of this activity. The club meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM from Sept to May. You can learn all the calls that you need to be able to dance all over the country, and even the world!

Modern Western Square Dancing is an active fun way to meet friendly people. The CO8's hope that the people that read this will give some thought to getting away from the TV and dancing.



Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont
All You Can Eat - Served Home Style
Adults \$10 - Children 11 and Under \$5

August 31 st	Historical Museum – Baked Ham
Sept. 21 st	MH Rescue Squad – Roast Pork
October 12 ^t	MHCA - Roast Beef
October 26 th	Gill Odd Fellows Home – Baked Ham



Take Outs Available With All Dinners

NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic flow. Thanks

obey the speed limits, especially in the area between Frost Hill Road and Route 103. Our Neighborhood Watch Program is still in effect. Send an email with your name, address and phone number to mhconstable@yahoo.com. Thanks for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or complaints: 24 hour pager: 786-4404 or Cell 245-4452.

**BLACK RIVER
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY – AUGUST 29, 2013

**LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
FAMILY BARBEQUE**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Bring the family and come join us for an outdoor barbeque to celebrate a new school year.

Meet teachers and staff, school officials, friends, and neighbors and let us do the cooking.

**OPEN HOUSE
7:00PM**

Teachers will be in their rooms and available to talk about their class and student expectations.

COME JOIN US! MAKE THE TIME!

All students will receive their first day packets after the morning assembly. Tables will be set up at the back of the gym for distribution of packets. All forms will need to be turned back in by Friday, August 30. All school letters will be sent to parents and guardians by email unless you notify the school that you prefer information to be mailed home. It will be extremely important that you provide the school with your current e-mail address and to frequently check your mail. Your address will also be entered into our School Reach System which notifies families of important messages and school closing. Please take the time to read carefully the Parent/Student Handbook. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about school information. .

Please call the Mt. Holly Elementary School at 259-2392 if you have questions about the bus schedule for Mt. Molly students and call the Ludlow Town Office at 228-2841 if you have questions about the Ludlow bus schedule.

This year we will be starting our 1 to 1 Program. Early in the school year, every student will receive a Chrome Book to assist in their learning. Information about our 1 to 1 Program will be emailed to parents and guardians during the first week of school. Finally, Café Services has replaced Abbey Foods as our new food service provider. Information about their program will be forward to you by email.

It is my wish that you find the time to have fun with your family and enjoy the final days of the summer break. Sincerely, James F. Frail, Principal



**Reinbow Riding Center 4th
Annual Pig Roast**

Pictured with the pony is of a student giving a riding demonstration. He is shown as he enters the Holly Keane Memorial Sensory Trail. Thank you to everyone who attended. The weather was great, good food, good music and dancing. A Hugh thank you to all the volunteers, none of this could happen without you.
M.J. Osborne Program Director

Welcome Back To School!

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The Back to School Sales are in full swing, the crickets are singing, daylight time is getting shorter, and the air is slowly changing. The summer has been wonderful and a new school season is ready to unfold.

Each year brings new changes in our professional staff. Mrs. Suzette Cyr will be replacing Mrs. Revenko-Bowen as our new Middle School Social Studies Teacher. Mrs. Cyr has several years of teaching experience and resides in Ludlow. Mr. Michael Spatzer will be filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Sylvia Quick's early departure last year. Mr. Spatzer resides in Mt. Holly and also has previous teaching experience. Mrs. Megan Randall will be substituting for Mr. McKaig who will be on sabbatical during Semester I. Mr. McKaig submitted a proposal to the Rowland Foundation to conduct educational research on digital learning as it applies to neuroscience. Very few educators are selected to receive this grant and we are proud to have Mr. Kaig on our faculty.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 28. This will be a full day of school. Our school day starts at 7:45 and ends at 2:32. I will greet all the students during a very brief morning assembly in the gym as well as introduce new students and staff members. The date for Open House is **August 29** which will include an outdoor barbeque and time for parents to visit teachers in their classrooms. A reminder to students and parents that the fall sports season started yesterday.

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**October Issue of Chit Chat
Deadline will be on Wednesday,
September 18th**

Zumba Update

Zumba continues at Mount Holly School this Fall with Certified Instructor Brigid Faenza. Classes will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:30 pm at the school gym. Cost is \$45.00 for a six session punch card, or \$10.00 for drop ins. Please bring flat shoes, water bottle and a towel. In the coming months, Brigid will be introducing Zumba Toning, which incorporates Latin-inspired dance with body-sculpting techniques. Participants in this fitness program use light-weight training sticks filled with sand. The sticks weigh around 2½ pounds and are used similarly to maracas. Along with dance moves, the sticks improve cardio performance and tone and strengthen the body's muscles. Brigid recently received training in several new Zumba techniques at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Brigid also offers classes at The Spring House at Jackson Gore on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8 am. For more information please call Brigid at 259-4100 or email bakerbrigid@vermontel.net.



The Torch is Passed

On August 5, 2013 Master Joseph F. Hammond, of Mount Holly, Vermont transferred instructorship of Hartland's Memorial Karate Club to Woodstock's Sensei Peter Carini. Sensei Carini was certified as a Black Belt Instructor on April 15, 2013 in a formal testing ceremony held by the Testing Board of the Riley Memorial Karate Club. Weathersfield's Laura Smith and Sensei Carini's son, Eli, were also certified as Black Belt Instructors at that time.

BRACC helps create a Successful First Season for Quest

BRACC staff, Paul Faenza and Brigid Sullivan, have been busy this summer with Camp Quest. The Quest summer camp project celebrated the conclusion of its first season with a gala event at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium recently. Everyone agreed the campers had fabulous experiences and the adults associated with it were tremendous.

QUEST was a 7 week camp for 9th and 10th graders teaching life skills, encouraging exploration of future careers and having fun with new friends. The camp served 27 youth through major donations of time and expertise by more than 50 Rotarians and community members sharing their talents with the eager campers.

In addition to Mount Holly and Ludlow, campers were from Cavendish, Plymouth and Rutland. Many new friendships were forged among campers, and between the adult volunteers and campers. Campers were treated like adults and appreciated that. They learned about potential careers. They learned cooking from some of the best chefs in the community and fly fishing from masters. And, they loved going to camp.

The Quest project introduced campers to a wide variety of subjects and recreational fun. BRACC staff organized sessions on fishing, cooking, sewing, swimming and etiquette classes. Some of the other sessions included kayaking, canoeing, golf, carpentry, archery, gun safety, auto mechanics, banking, interviewing skills, engineering, physics and a host of other interesting activities. All campers had to keep a weekly journal and do community service. They built a hiking trail at Fletcher Farm among other projects. Campers also enjoyed field trips to places like Shelburne Farm and Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Six Flags Amusement Park, and hiking at Mt Ascutney and Pico. Campers showed off their products and talents during a gala event held at the end of the camp. Parents and families were joined by volunteers, Rotarians and community members during the evening's festivities. Refreshments were provided by the camp's cooking class using products grown by the Quest gardeners.

The camp was financially supported by voter-approved Ludlow tax dollars, Ludlow Rotary Club, an Okemo Community Challenge Grant, fees, and private donations. Several Mount Holly teens participated in the camp.

BRACC supported it because teaching youth these types of skills and building their self-esteem and confidence is critical for their ability to make healthy choices as they mature. Having multiple caring adults in a child's life and feeling like they are valued in their community are also predictors of reduced drug and alcohol use later in life.

BRACC continues its prevention and healthy living mission at its next meeting September 17 at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend to keep up the momentum for our youth.

Mount Holly 2013 Photo Contest

DEADLINE:
Thursday, September 19!

There's no time like now to take your
August and September photos!!

Entry forms are available
At the Belmont Store, Mount Holly Post Office,
Mount Holly Community Center/Library,
And the Town Office.

Also available on-line at the Mount Holly web
site at www.mounthollyvt.org

Photos due Thursday, September 19, 2013
At the Mount Holly Town Office

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

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

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Vermont Books – Cookbooks, Farming, Norse Myths, History, Murder, Ghost Stories and More

Have you heard the saying “there are more writers today in Vermont than dairy cows”? Well, whether that is true or not Vermont has a long tradition of writers including Robert Frost and Rudyard Kipling. And it does seem that every week I hear about a new Vermont author. We make an effort to include Vermont authors in our collection. There is a rich variety of genres, nonfiction and fiction. Come check out our Vermont book displays and the many new publications.

Vermont Author Events

This fall we are hosting two Vermont writers: Norwich resident, **Katharine Britton** on **October 23rd** at 7 pm and Shaftsbury resident, **Megan Mayhew Bergman**, **November 10th** at 4 pm.

Katharine Britton's debut novel “Her Sister's Shadow” set in a small coastal town in Massachusetts is a story where lives have been shaped by family relationships filled with secrets and painful memories. Reviews have described the book as engrossing and thought-provoking with evocative and lush descriptions of the setting. Katherine Britton has a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Dartmouth College and teaches at Colby-Sawyer College. Her next book “*Little Island*” will be released September 3rd. She will read from her newest book and share her writing experiences.

Vermont author **Megan Mayhew Bergman's** debut publication is a volume of short stories entitled “*Birds of a Lesser Paradise*”. Well crafted writing that portrays real characters fighting their insecurities. Each story is heartwarming with frequent connections to animals, nature and a sense of place. Bergman attended Wake Forest University and has graduate degrees from Duke University and Bennington College. Megan was raised in the south but has made her home on a small farm in Shaftsbury with her veterinarian husband and two daughters. She has twice been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and her stories have appeared in many publications including the New York Times. Megan will talk about how her Vermont lifestyle has changed her and her writing. Her next book “*Shepherd, Wolf*” is coming out in 2014. Mark your calendars and join us for these two wonderful events co-hosted by the **Book Nook in Ludlow**. Books will be available for purchase at each event. Our two previous author events with Jon Clinch and Nancy Marie Brown were very interesting and well attended. We have some talented writers here in Mt. Holly and this is an opportunity for them to meet like minded people.

Yoga - Day and Time Change

There has been a faithful group of Mt. Hollyites taking advantage of Jen Coleman's expert yoga instruction all summer. Now that school is starting the classes will be Monday at 4:30 starting September 16th. Jen is a professional yoga teacher and has been conducting Kripalu Yoga classes for 6 years. Classes are appropriate for beginner to moderate levels of ability. There is an emphasis on breathing, sustaining posture and fluid gentle movement with music. Sign up for a month at \$10 per class or \$12 per class for drop-ins. For more information and to sign up call Jen at 802-775-6301.

Next Book Sale and Thanks For Book Sale Help

The first weekend in August the library had another successful book sale. Thanks to the folks who donate books to the sale and the folks who purchase the books. The proceeds from our sales are an essential income that helps keep our library operating. Setting up the sales are hard work and even though they say “60 is the new 40” the Herbsts are getting a little worn out. So Rye and Dayne Greineder to the rescue. Two hard working brothers helped us make short work of setting up and breaking down the last sale. Some additional help from Clay Zahler and Marianne McGee just made it even better. Thanks to you all!!! Don't forget the last book sale of the year is Columbus Day Weekend (Oct. 12th & 13th) and we already have 10 new boxes of donations, 20 boxes of kids books left from the last sale and countless quantities of adult fiction and nonfiction! As always a BIG thank you to Minga Dana for allowing us to store the books in her garage!

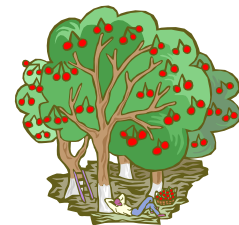
New Student Volunteer

We are pleased that Natasha Fortin has been helping at the library this summer. She has good computer skills and happily does whatever is asked of her. Natasha will be entering 6th grade this year and we hope that she can continue to fit us in her schedule during the school year. Thanks Natasha!

Middle East Study Group

Everyone has been so busy this summer that we have taken a short hiatus from meeting. We will discuss the book “*From Jerusalem To Beirut*” at our next meeting on September 12th at 6:00 pm. Although this book ends in the late 1980's it is so rich in history and background that it still has relevance today in helping us understand the current issues in the Middle East. Everyone is free to join us even if you haven't read the book. We invite anyone who would like to further discuss what they have been reading, a movie they saw, or even items on the news that has relevance to current events. This exchange of information will hopefully further our understanding of this complicated region of the world. We will pick a new book for the October meeting.

- **Playgroup – Every Tuesday 10 am - Birth to 5 year olds**
- **Folk Club – Every Monday – 7 pm**
- **Yoga - Every Monday at 4:30 pm (starting Sept. 16th)**
- **Writer's Group – Third Thursday of each month – 6:15 pm**
- **Middle East Study Group – Second Thursday of the Month – 6:00 pm (next meeting September)**
- **Library Board Meeting – Third Wednesday of the month – 7 pm**



The Mount Holly Community Association Presents

“Cider Days”

On the Village Baptist Church Green in Belmont

Saturday, October 12th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday, October 13th noon- 4:00 pm

Cider Pressing on an Antique Press
Local Artisans and Local Foods
Voting for the 2015 Mt. Holly Photo Calendar
Roast Beef Supper, Saturday Evening 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Mount Holly Community Association

CALL FOR VENDORS!!

Mount Holly Community Association Cider Days
Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th

Call for Craft and Specialty Product Vendors

Spaces are \$35.00 for one day (Saturday) & \$50.00 for both days.
(We regret that one space may not be shared by two vendors. Also,
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Pre-designated spots (10' x 10') are assigned on a first come, first
served basis.

Contact Morgan Skiathitis at morganskiathitis@gmail.com or 802-
259-2755 for an application and further information.

The temperatures are cooling, and have been for some time, but it is still difficult to believe that summer is drawing to a close. The summer events for the MHCA have once again drawn record numbers and it is heartwarming to see so many folks from our community come together to enjoy our wonderful town and each other. Thank you all for participating and we look forward to seeing you throughout the fall.

Music on the Green continues to be a main attraction during the summer months and, despite a couple of rainy Thursdays, it has been as successful as ever. Many thanks to Abe and Kathy Leber for coordinating this event every year and to all the wonderful

musicians, who have graced the gazebo stage on the Village Baptist Church Green. We look forward to one more performance on Thursday, August 29th, with the ever-popular Gypsy Reel on hand to close out the summer. Hope to see you all there!

The annual **MHCA Square Dance** was once again a crowd, shall we say, *large* crowd pleaser! We cannot thank our callers, Lou and Sue Flego, enough for getting everyone's hands clapping and toes tapping, not to mention the whirling, sashaying and doesy doing...and what was that about a la main left?! They are so generous with their time and talent every summer; all of us here in Mount Holly greatly appreciate it! Lest we forget the guys behind the scenes...Jim Osborne, the coordinator, and Abe Leber and Fra DeVine, light hangers extraordinaire. Thank you all for your attention to the details!

At the **MHCA Annual Meeting** a couple of weeks ago Lisa Kelley and Mike Smelser were re-elected to the MHCA Board and Lisa was also re-elected to the position of Treasurer. A new member, Karen Leonard, was elected as a member-at-large...welcome Karen! Joey Blane, who has served on the Board for two years stood down this year. Joey, thank you for all you did for the MHCA during your tenure! Needless to say, many thanks should be extended to all of our Board members, who contributed so much this past year to making the MHCA such a wonderful organization in our community! If you have any questions, or suggestions for the MHCA, please feel free to contact Penny Coldwell (259-2760), or Carol DeVine (259-2562). They would be happy to hear from you.

Labor Day weekend is fast approaching and we all know what that means...**Cabaret!** Once again the incomparable vocalist, Alexa Fila, and bassist, Joe Solomon, will weave their magic in the library turned "Cabaret" on Sunday evening, September 1st at 8:00 pm. This has become a "not to miss" event to close off the summer season, so please join us for wonderful jazz, irresistible desserts, and refreshing libations. See you there!

Autumn Preview: the first event of the fall season is the **Photo Preview** to be held on Saturday, October 5th in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center building. The preview will begin at 7:00 pm and light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to get a sneak peek at the photos entered in this year's photo contest. The **Photo Contest** has become a much loved tradition in Mount Holly, so don't miss the chance to see all the submissions for the 2015 calendar. In the meantime, you still have time to make a submission of your own, if you have not done so yet. And speaking of photo calendars, the calendar for 2014 is currently on sale in the general store, the library, and the town office. We sold out last year, so be sure to pick yours up soon!

October means two things in the Mount Holly community...beautiful foliage and **Cider Days!** This year Cider Days will be held on Saturday, October 12th, and Sunday October 13th. 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 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.

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2013 – 2014

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


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

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Mount Holly Community Association Presents

JAZZ CABARET ON THE MT HOLLY STAGE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st - 8 PM
MT HOLLY COMMUNITY CENTER / LIBRARY



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

This event is free and open to the public.



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

NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad can help you make the home energy efficiency improvements that will qualify you for the Efficiency Vermont Incentives. It all starts with a \$100 energy audit which analyzes the efficiency of your home and makes prioritized improvement recommendations. Call the NeighborWorks Heat Squad to schedule an energy audit as the first step to a more comfortable, energy efficient home. Call Lorrie at (802) 438-2303 x 227.

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

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There is a Cold Climate Heat Pump program currently available that offers cash incentives for the installation of a mini split.

There are several portals for eligibility into this program- all are related to tightening up your home through weatherization.

For technical or program details contact Ken Welch at NeighborWorks 802-438-2303 x212.

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16 wonderful photos – 16 great ways to appreciate
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**Don't forget to enter the 2013 Photo Contest!
Deadline is September 19!!**

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

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Volunteers Needed For Repairs In Mount Holly Cemetery

Volunteers needed for repairs in the Mount Holly cemetery located off of Route 103 on Old Turnpike Road. A Vermont Old Cemetery Association workshop will take place on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on September 14th. Charlie Marchant, a long-time member of VOCA, will lead the 3 hour session. He will demonstrate techniques, and answer questions for those interested in learning how to straighten, clean or repair grave stones. Those willing to work



should bring shovels, work gloves, and wear sturdy shoes.

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

259-2460. Photo By Joseph Hammond

The Mount Holly Democratic Committee Will hold a Caucus Thursday, September 19, 2013 5:30 p.m. Mount Holly Town Office

Election of Officers and agenda items for the upcoming year will be discussed.

All members of the community are invited to attend. Please consider being a candidate for party office. There are several open positions.

If you have questions about the caucus please contact David Hoeh at 259-2274 or Janet Warren at 259-2007

Mount Holly Republican Committee Will Hold a Caucus

Thursday, September 12, 2013
7:00 pm
Mount Holly Town Office

Business to be conducted
Election of Officers
And any other business

**Come and join us and bring a friend
along
For More information call 259-2386**



Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting September 10, 2013. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD: August 13, 2013 ~ Jim Heald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Raymond Tarbell was present. Tim Martin was absent.

1. Jim requested that speakers identify themselves and keep remarks civil and short.
2. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 09, 2013 were reviewed. There were no corrections or

additions and the minutes were approved

3. Highways

- Winter Salt Bids: The State has a program to pool towns salt needs to get a better price. Jeff has put the town into the pool, although the price will not be known for a month or so. The town is not under any obligation to get salt thru this program.
- FEMA Update: The State has been negotiating with FEMA to try and get more money, but the negotiations have fallen thru and no additional funds will be provided. This leaves the town with a couple of outstanding issues.
 - Sawyer Hill culvert: The town replaced the damaged 4' culvert with a 5' culvert as emergency fix, which FEMA reimbursed. FEMA subsequently authorized a 6' culvert, which meets VTrans Q25 standard, and has provided the money for that (about \$60,000). ANR now requires a Q100 standard, which would be a larger box culvert at an additional cost of about \$150,000, which FEMA will not cover. ANR will not give the permits to do work at the Q25 standard. If the town does not build to the Q100 standard, there will be no reimbursement for damages in a future storm. After some discussion, the Board agreed to leave the culvert as is, and not do the larger replacement.
 - Fowler Brook culvert: This culvert needs to be replaced or repaired. The ANR Q100 standard would be for a 6 x 30' span, which could cost as much as \$450,000. FEMA authorized \$125,000 for a smaller Q25 level project, but the town has not received any money toward this, as FEMA's policy with larger amounts is to pay after the work is done. We can attempt a repair, that would cost approx.. \$30,000. FEMA agrees with this approach and will reimburse for it. Jeff will be meeting with ANR staff next week, to see if they will approve the repair. After discussion, the Board agreed to just do the repair. Jeff will try and get another bid, or at least a written decline by another company to satisfy FEMA's bid requirements.
- FEMA: Spring storm damage (Old Turnpike Rd): FEMA has declared a new disaster. The town used 28 loads of fill for the repair, and could try for FEMA reimbursement for this, which requires entering into the whole process again. The Board agreed to apply for FEMA funding. Jeff will attend the mandatory FEMA meeting in Mendon on 08/21, to start the process.
- Backhoe rental: The town has rented Jeff's backhoe in the past for a few hours of work here and there during the summer. After discussion, the Board agreed to continue to use Jeff's backhoe, paying only by the hours actually used and no travel time. It was felt that the town would not be able to get a similar deal from anyone else. Upon asking, no opposition to this plan was expressed by anyone in attendance.
- New Garage: The Town received a second letter from the Concerned Citizens group, which went out on the Newsflash this afternoon. The letter has been forwarded to the town's attorney, who is reviewing the letter and will respond to it. He further suggested that creating a timeline for the project so that it can move forward as fast as possible, with input from the town. Jim Heald noted that, other input aside, the final input will be the vote by the town. The project is a very important project is not just for the Board or the town crew, but for the town as a whole. Good suggestions made in a positive way are welcome. Jim then opened the discussion to comments from the floor.

Ted Crawford had read the second letter on the Newsflash and questioned how much influence 35 people should have on the town and the implications of this method of governance for the town in the future. He encouraged the Board to continue with the project and get it to a vote as fast as possible. Pat Teter noted that there will always be people with differing opinions, but in the past the town has met and discussed differences. The idea of some people forcing their ideas on the town seems wrong. The Select Board was elected to decide on what's in the best interests of the whole town in the most cost effective way. She thanked the Select Board for 'hanging in there' under difficult circumstances (round of applause). There were no other comments.

4. Report of Treasurer

- David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated July 31, 2013 showing cash balances of \$807,078. Tax bills went out 07/25. The tax rate was lower, so the town billed \$89,000 less than last year, and the State payment adjustments are \$98,000 more than last year. As of July 31, \$101,000 of current taxes has been received. Winter road material expenses reflect the delivery of sand as trucking was available.
- David requested that the Board approve advancing monies to the Mount Holly and U39 school districts, as usually is done at this time of year. The monthly advance schedule for U39 will not be available until September, pending

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information from the State. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To advance \$100,000 to U39 School District and to advance payments to the Mount Holly School District as required for their expenses.

- External Audit: David asked if the Board wished to continue with Jeff Bradley or look for another external auditor. During discussion, it was noted that his was the least expensive proposal last year. He had gone over the estimate, but there was some additional work and/or corrections to be made as it was his first year (and he was still the least expensive). Last year, work did not start until November. This year we plan to start in September, which should improve the timeliness of completion. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To continue using Jeff Bradley as the Town's external auditor.

- Late HS-122 Filing Penalties: In 2011, the Legislature changed the filing requirements for HS-122 (Homestead Declaration) from annually to file once and then only when the status (resident/non-resident) changed. The Law also allowed for penalties when the change was not filed in a timely manner, although towns could waive the penalties (which we did). This should be done annually. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To waive the penalties for late filing of HS-122 Homestead Declaration.

Note: The Legislature has changed the filing requirements for HS-122 back to annual.

- VLCT Town Fair: David and Rhonda expressed an interest in attending and the Board approved it.

5. Star Lake Dam

The Town received the State's Dam Inspection Report, which as usual noted that this is a high hazard dam in poor condition, and the town should either fix it or rip it out. Ron Unterman added that the State is pleased that the town is moving ahead with replacing it. He added that Dubois and King has started the engineering design, with actual construction anticipated for next summer or the year after. Specific goals for the design include raising the lake level 18" to more historic levels and dredging the swimming area (although the Army Corp of Engineers would need to approve that).

6. Transfer Station:

- Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD) has amended their ordinance to allow pulling the haul permit from local haulers who are delinquent in payment of fees and surcharges. This does not appear to affect the town.

7. Planning Commission:

- Town Plan Update: Annette Lynch reported that the process for the re-adoption of the 2008 Town Plan is on schedule. As required, copies of the plan were mailed to the State, RRPC and adjoining municipalities and planning commissions, and the Planning Commission has duly warned and scheduled a public hearing on the plan for Monday, 08/19/13. After that, the PC submits the plan to the Select Board, the Select Board will need to warn and hold a public hearing on the plan, then the Select Board adopts the plan. The RRPC will need to approve the plan at their meeting on 09/17/13, which they have agreed to do conditionally before the Select Board adoption (which likely cannot occur because of required timing of the warning and hearing). The RRPC approval is required to file a Municipal Planning Grant by the 09/30/13 deadline. The MPG will allow the Town to update the Town Plan.
- Annette also noted that the 2008 Town Plan expired April 2013 and an updated town plan should have been done by then. However, the Planning Commission was immersed in subdivision work and so planning work was put aside. She mentioned VLCT has information on splitting the work into a Development Review Board for quasi-judicial elements (like subdivisions) and a Planning Commission for planning elements.
- The Administrative Officer position remains vacant. The Planning Commission has been speaking with people, but no one has applied. The position will be reposted.
- Appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Rutland Regional Transportation Council: An additional letter of interest has been received, but the Board tabled the appointments due to Tim Martin's absence.

8. Other Business

- Energy Coordinator/Committee: No action was taken.
- Timber Creek at Okemo: The Town has received several additional packets of information on this project.
- DUNS number updated 07/25/13 on the SAM

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(System for Award Management). This is required in order for the town to receive federal grants, such as FEMA monies.

- American Red Cross offers an Emergency Shelter Initiative to provide equipment and training for municipalities to be able to provide a shelter. The Board decided not to take any action on this at this time.
- ANR Stewardship Activities: The town received the annual notice of activities on state lands.
- Building Communities Grants Program: The town received notice of FY14 grants available. Information is available at the town office and on State websites.
- Dave Venter announced that the Mount Holly School was one of 81 schools that passed the annual yearly progress test; 221 schools did not. Mount Holly was the only school in the new Two Rivers SU to be recognized. (applause)

The Board reviewed and signed the July orders for payment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

Roast Pork Supper

September 21, 2013

Starting at 5:00 p.m.

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Benefit Mt. Holly Vol Rescue Squad

Roast Pork Supper

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED ON MOUNT HOLLY'S BEHALF

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

MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Administrative Officer is primarily responsible for administering regulations of the Town that pertain to the Town Plan and land development, such as Sub-Division and Flood Hazard Regulations. This includes working with property owners applying for subdivisions. A complete job description is available at the Town Office. Candidates should be comfortable working on a computer and be detail oriented. Hours are somewhat flexible, average 10-15 hours per month, and are compensated at \$10.00 per hour. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

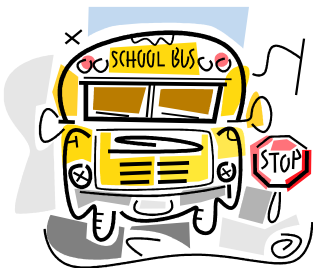
Interested candidates should plan to meet with the Planning Commission at their regular meeting. An appointment to the position will be made at the following Select Board meeting.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RUTLAND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE

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

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



Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc., 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758

The Mount Holly Chit Chat, a membership organization, has been incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Vermont, dedicated to providing all members of the Mount Holly community with information on Town events and issues. Membership is open to anyone who lives in, works in, or owns property in Mount Holly and who has made an annual membership donation. Membership donations help bring the Chit Chat to you every month.

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Look forward to seeing you at the **Annual Membership Meeting** on the Third Monday, **September (9/16) 2013, at 6:30 p.m.** at **Mount Holly Town Office.**

PUBLIC HEARING BY MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION - MONDAY August 19, 7:30 IN THE TOWN OFFICE
PRESENT: PLANNING COMMISSION: Jim Seward, Annette Lynch, **SELECT BOARD:** Raymond Tarbell, **PUBLIC** Ralph Michael, Randy Hawkins, Tammy Hawkins, Sarah Hawkins and Zac Delphic, David Hoeh, Peter Smith. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by chair Annette Lynch.

The Chair introduced the statutory requirements for a new town plan, or re-adoption of an existing plan, every 5 years. (Reference to the printed copy of the timetable for re-adoption– see below) The Planning Commission was unable to incorporate all new Census data by the deadline (April 2008) and was seeking re-adoption. The Commission planned to obtain a Municipal Planning Grant for engaging consultants or the RRPC for assistance with re-writing the Plan in 2014. Comments were solicited from members of the Planning Commission, Select Board and members of the public. As there were no comments or other input the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Submitted Annette Lynch

TIMETABLE FOR RE-ADOPTION OF MOUNT HOLLY TOWN PLAN

August 19 1. **Public Hearing** - Planning Commission 2. Planning Commission regular meeting - moves to send Town Plan to Select Board with recommendation for adoption

August 20 1. Select Board receives Town Plan. (August 21 marks the beginning of the 30-120 day wait period before a Public Hearing - that date is Sept. 19)

September 10 1. Select Board regular meeting - decides date for Public Hearing on Town Plan. 2. Begins process of 15 day warning for public hearing, (therefore the earliest date for a hearing would be September 25). 3. Signs resolution to apply for Municipal Planning Grant

September 17 1. Rutland Regional Planning Commission **approves** the Mount Holly Town Plan noting that a Select Board Public Hearing has been warned

October 8 1. **Public Hearing** - Select Board 2. Select Board regular meeting - **adopts** the own Plan

PLANNING COMMISSION has changed its meeting time to the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Mount Holly Town Office. Warned Public Hearings, if scheduled, usually take place prior to the regular meeting. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and attendance

is encouraged. DRAFT Minutes MONDAY August 19, 2013 after Public Hearing, the Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Town Office. **PRESENT: PLANNING COMMISSION:** Jim Seward, Annette Lynch, Clinton Woolley (by phone) **SELECT BOARD:** Raymond Tarbell. **SUBDIVIDERS:** Ralph Michael (Surveyor, Engineer), Randy Hawkins, Tammy Hawkins, Sarah Hawkins and Zac Delphic, **PUBLIC:** David Hoeh, Peter Smith The meeting was called to order by Chair, Annette Lynch, at 7:37 pm. 1. All were welcomed, 2. Agenda: accepted, with Subdivision advanced to top of agenda. 3. Minutes of Meeting July 15, 2013 (draft published in July Chit Chat) note, no action 8.. Subdivision Application: Ralph Michael presented the final plat for the minor subdivision (two lot) by Randy Hawkins 466 Packer Road. Reviewed, check list in order, waste water permit received from state, Fee calculated: \$150 per lot plus recording fee = \$315. The Surveyor and Subdivider asked for a possible early date for a Public Hearing on the subdivision in order to begin work asap. There is a precedent. The need for 15 days' notice from the date of publication in the Rutland Herald would make the earliest date Wednesday September 4. Approved Seward, Woolley, Lynch

4 Nomination and election of Recording Secretary – no discussion, no action

5. The Public Hearing on Re-adoption of Town Plan took place before this meeting. There being no input from the public present or from notice submitted to State, Regional or Municipal government agencies it was moved to send the Town Plan to the Mount Holly Select Board with a recommendation for re-adoption. Approved: Seward, Woolley, Lynch,

6.. Status of application for a Municipal Planning Grant to obtain consultant assistance in 2014 to update the 2008 Mount Holly Town Plan. First draft has been sent by Regional Planning Commission Information which is preparing application for Mount Holly 9 Building Construction Registrations: Three taken by chair to be reviewed tomorrow with the Listers before signature. There being no members issues, or Public Comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Submitted by Annette Lynch

WORKING GROUP of the Planning Commission has changed its meeting day and time to the second Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. The Working Group includes everyone who attends a meeting. .Draft Minutes Meeting Monday August 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Town Office

Present: Jim Corven, David Hoeh, Annette Lynch. The meeting was opened at 7:35pm.. The Agenda and Minutes, July 8, 2013, were accepted

1 Update on Blue Spruce: Annette reported that the Lutheran Synod prohibited Mr. Hunter from the premises and changed locks after he rented the back building. The woman renter has been helped by Pastor Longworth of the Rutland Lutheran Church. It is not known if a realtor has been engaged by the Synod. A Mount Holly non-profit has indicated its interest the building. It is believed that the Synod will make a decision in September.

2. The Mount Holly Emergency Management Plans was reviewed. Coordination between the Emergency Coordinator – Paul Faenza - and the Planning Commission in updating both the Emergency Plan and the Town Plan (particularly its Public Safety section) were discussed. The role of the Regional Planning Commission in funding and technical assistance for re-writing the plans is not completely clear partly due to change in staff at the RRPC 3. Incorporation of ideas from the Town's citizens into the 2014 re-writing of the Town Plan was discussed. Some examples of areas to be considered are environmental protection of shorelines (a state-wide problem stimulated by Vermont's (and not Canada's) pollution of Lake Memphremagog); Mill River management following the studies and recommendations the 2009 Mill River Corridor Management Plan the need to follow all statutory requirements; and ensuring that such discussions are part of any contract with RRPC for Town Plan re-write. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Submitted by Annette Lynch

Town Garage

Please note: Posted on the town web site will be three letters in concerns of the proposed new town garage, two letters from Concerned Citizens and one from the Select Board. Go to: www.mounthollyvt.org to view

Our annual Made in Vermont Statewide Tour runs September 20-30.

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

Dates are listed below:

9/20 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Johnson](#)

9/22 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Derby Line](#)

9/27 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Bellows Falls](#)

9/29 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: St. Alban's](#)

9/21 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Vergennes](#)

9/26 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Lyndon State Colle...](#)

9/28 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Randolph](#)

9/30 [Made in Vermont Music Festival: Castleton](#)

Please be in touch with any questions call 800-876-9293 x 16, 802-864-5741 x 16 or email amycaldwell@vso.org web site is www.vso.org . Many thanks, Amy Caldwell

TEAM RUBICON RE-DEPLOYS TO VERMONT

Team Rubicon, the national veteran service and disaster response organization returns to Vermont this weekend in support of the long-term recovery effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. This will be the 4th mission to the area for the growing California based organization and it's Northeast Region Team.

Team Rubicon is supporting the Rutland County Long Term Recovery Committee with clean-up projects in Shrewsbury, Mount Holly and East Wallingford area. 25 Veteran volunteers representing the Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard from all over New England and part of a national network of over 10,000 volunteers will be deployed to Vermont this weekend. "We are excited about coming to Vermont for another Irene related clean-up mission", says US Marine Vet Levi Briscoe, the organization's Team Leader for this weekend's project. "The work is meaningful to our veterans and the community has been very supportive and gracious. We value our time here and the opportunity to help disaster victims."

Many of the team members for this week's mission are fresh off of a multi-week deployment to the tornado-ravaged region in Oklahoma. That operation engaged over 450 volunteers and represented the organization's 37th mission since its inception in 2010 after the Haiti Earthquake.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills of military veterans and first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams to disasters and other crisis situations. TR offers a chance for veterans and others to continue their service by empowering those afflicted by disasters and also themselves. For more information about Team Rubicon, visit www.teamrubiconusa.org

Ludlow-Quest Celebrates Successful Completion of First Year

Pictured are Ludlow Town Manager, Frank Heald, in the center, with the young campers who just completed a seven week period in the first Ludlow-Quest program. The celebration was held at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium and featured various presentations by the Quest campers along with videos depicting the camper's adventures. According to the Heald, the first year Quest members belied the recent studies claiming that youngsters lack out-of-doors activities, noting that Quest provided opportunities for the participants to kayak, learn how to fly fish, pick up essential cooking and sewing knowledge, as well as over a dozen more outside activities.



QUEST was a 7 week camp for 9th and 10th graders teaching life skills, encouraging exploration of future careers and having fun with new friends. The camp was financially supported by voter-approved Ludlow tax dollars, Ludlow Rotary Club, an Okemo Community Challenge Grant, and private donations. The camp is serving 29 youth with major donations of time and expertise by more than 50 Rotary and community members volunteering their time and sharing their talents with the eager campers.

Campers showed off their products and talents during the event. Parents and families were joined by volunteers, Rotarians and community members during the evening's festivities. Refreshments were be provided by the camp's cooking class using products grown by the Quest campers.

Led by Director Venissa White, the Quest project introduced campers to a wide variety of subjects and recreational fun. Some of the events included kayaking, canoeing, golf, carpentry, sewing, cooking, archery, swimming, and a host of other interesting activities. Campers also enjoyed field trips to places like Shelburne Farm, Six Flags Amusement Park, and hiking up Mt Ascutney

Pine Wood Derby At Weston Volunteer Fire Department

Weston Volunteer Fire Department is having their first Annual Pine Wood Derby on Sept. 14th at 10:00 AM. Cars can be purchased thru Wes Hupp @ huppw@comcast.net or wvfd@comcast.net. 856-7470 or 824-3539.

Cars are \$6:00 and there is a \$5 Registration Fee. Ribbons and Trophies will be given out on Race day. Race Classes include K thru 4th, 5th thru 8th, 9th thru 12th and an "OPEN" class for all of those parents who think they have still what it takes.

The Grand finale will be for the entire 1st place winners of their class, going against each other for bragging rights and the "Ultimate Winner" trophy! Dogs, Burgers & Drinks will be available at the Weston Fire station. Rain or Shine it'll be a fun day for the entire family. There is still time to get your cars as the Deadline for Cars and Registration is August 31st.

USDA Provides \$300,000.00 in Housing Preservation Grants in the Northeast Kingdom

David Robinson, Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development announces that three non-profits in the Northeast Kingdom each received \$100,000.00 in grant funds. They are Gilman Housing Trust, Inc., d/b/a Rural Edge, Northeast Employment and Training Organization and Vermont Center for Independent Living. The Northeast Kingdom (Essex, Orleans and Caledonia Counties) region is a USDA designated Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP) Zone and this project has been approved by the Northeast Kingdom Collaborative – the governing body which provides oversight to the Rural Economic Action Plan. "This is very exciting for our REAP Zone and our Housing Preservation Grant program. These funds help to assist existing programs to take care of the serious issues in these homes in this area. This is one of many great partnering accomplishments for USDA and all of the other funders in Vermont." said David Robinson.

The Housing Preservation Grant is structured to help assist households with repair/rehab, weatherization, health & safety issues, accessibility, and more to single family dwellings. Vermont Center for Independent Living has received funds twice for this area. This year they plan on assisting 17 very low households.

Northeast Employment and Training, Inc. has been with this program since 2006. They have had a very strong weatherization program that this grant has helped keep going strong. They are assisting 30 very low households.

Gilman Housing Trust, Inc. d/b/a Rural Edge has been USDA's longest partner in this program and the grant money has worked very well with their revolving loan fund program as well as the success they have receiving funds from other funders. They will be assisting 15 very low income households in this area. Joe Allard, Rehab Specialist, RuralEdge, stated, "One recipient, Julie Perry of Newport contacted us and asked for assistance in getting a new water heater and an accessible ramp. Once the Initial Site Visit was completed, we found that the bathroom was not accessible and that changes needed to be made here for the owner to safely use the bathroom. The fuel oil tank was also badly rusted and appeared to seep out some oil around the fittings. We have pooled together funding from our HPG program, Vermont Center for Independent Living's HAP program, and two small grants from NEKCA and the State of Vermont ANR's fuel tank replacement program. She now has a new fuel tank, a new water heater, and a completely modified bathroom. There are other items that are being addressed on this home today."

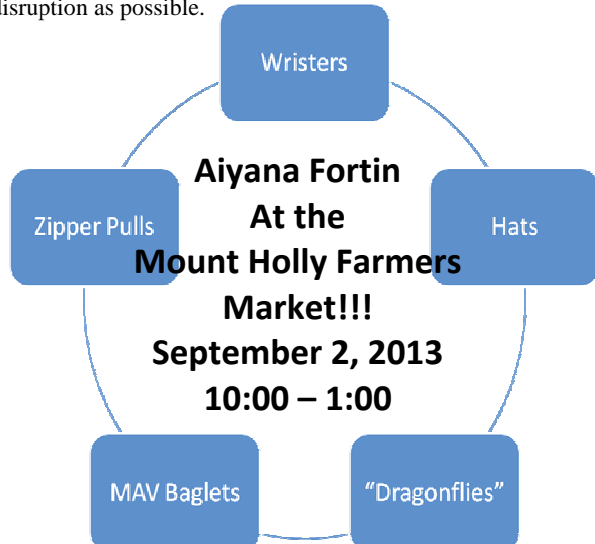
"The population Gilman Housing Trust, Inc., d/b/a RuralEdge serves is extremely stressed. Cultural resistance to accepting assistance often leads to clients approaching us only when conditions become unlivable. Additionally, as the poorest region in a rural state, our clients are often at 30% median income or well below. Without the program's ability to grant HPG funds, most of these applicants would either have to leave their home - with few or no options - or attempt to persist in very difficult circumstances. It is no overstatement to say that HPG funds are saving lives in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont." George Mathias, Chief Operating Officer, RuralEdge.



President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as the Department implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act.

USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.



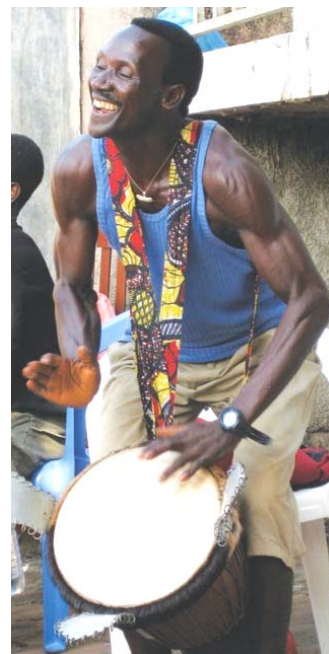


D'Aisy
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My name is Aislynn Kelley. I am 10 years old and am going to be in 5th grade next year. This is my dog treat business. I named it D'Aisy since it means "from Aisy" in French. I make dog treats from scratch and sell them at the farmers' market.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

AFRICAN DRUMMING IN PROCTORSVILLE

The musical beat of West Africa will fill the Proctorsville green on Sunday September 8 when Sayon Camara and the Landaya Drumming Ensemble kick off the fall Raise the Roof concert series. Camara filled the Gethsemane Episcopal Church last spring with his spirited djembe playing and returns to the series by popular demand with his full drumming troupe. The six musicians combine African flute with dunun and djembe drumming to produce traditional Mandinka songs and rhythms that take listeners on a percussive, melodic and upbeat journey to West Africa. The concert starts at 4:00 and donations of \$10.00 will help fund future live music in Proctorsville. Cross your fingers for good weather and bring your blanket and your dancing feet. In case of rain, the performance will be held in the Gethsemane Episcopal Church on Depot Street next to Crows Cafe. For more information call 226-7497.



Okemo Chamber August Member of the Month announced at Chambers mixer

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the August Member of the Month award to The Vermont Country Store! We appreciate all that The Vermont Country Store

does with our Chamber and how they go above and beyond in customer service.

We appreciate this Company's values and love how they reach out and

partner with others in our communities.

Congratulations, The Vermont Country Store.

"We are honored to be the recipient of this award!

We have had the pleasure of working with many other businesses in the Okemo Valley creating memorable experiences for visitors from near and far. The combined efforts of all our participating businesses is creating additional exposure and recognition for our area, both domestically and internationally. We thank all of our partners within the chamber for working so well together to strengthen all of us! Bill Ackerman"

Pictured: l-r Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, CEO, Marji Graf; Jim Szabo, Weston Store Manager, Deane Toen, Rockingham Store Manager and Bill Ackerman, Head of Retail for The Vermont Country Store



BRAM Holds 3rd Annual "Unique Experiences Gala"

On Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2013, BRAM will host its 3rd Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Gala, from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. The event will be held at the Epic Restaurant in the Solitude Lodge at Okemo Ski Resort. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the Book Nook and the Wine and Cheese Depot, both in Ludlow, VT. The Silent Auction will again, this year, focus on "Unique Experiences" as well as tangible items. There will be many items and experiences for bidding and every guest should be able to find something they "must have". The very popular "I Dreamed of Africa" will again be offered. It is a six-day, six-night luxury safari in southern Africa. Additional information on this exciting adventure is available at www.zulunvalagroup.com.

The Gala is the Museum's main fund raising event and the proceeds are used to support the development of new programs and exhibits, as well as maintaining the Museum and its collection. Tickets are also available at the Museum, 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT, on-line at their web site, bramvt.org, or through Museum members. For further information phone 802-228-5050 or email glbrehm@tds.net or visit their web site at bramvt.org.

Photo caption: "I Dreamed of Africa", a six-day, six-night luxury safari, one of the many experiences offered at BRAM's 3rd Annual Silent Auction and Dinner.



USDA Energy Program Assists Vermont Businesses and Farms

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced funding for 631 projects across the nation – including 6 in Vermont – that will help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce their energy consumption or use renewable energy systems in their operations. Grant and loan guarantee funding is made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

In Vermont, six projects with total development costs of \$1.048 million were awarded \$180,760 in REAP grant funding. David Robinson, Acting State Director, stated that, "These six projects represent opportunities for Vermont businesses to reduce their carbon footprints, reduce energy costs and improve profitability. USDA's investment is leveraging \$867,000 of private funding placing the bulk of project investment with the benefitting businesses." Businesses receiving assistance include: Vermont Cranberry Company, Rodney Bushey Jr., Louise & Randi Calderwood, Lawrence Sloan Jr., Westminster Energy, LLC and The Big Picture Farm. A diversity of technologies was funded including: Solar photovoltaic, Micro Hydroelectric, Reverse Osmosis and an Electrical Generation System to support "Cow Power" energy production.

The Vermont Rural Development office has underwritten over \$44.5 million in REAP projects that have supported 170 businesses and over 800 jobs. REAP offers financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses located anywhere in Vermont (including Burlington) to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. REAP funding leverages local, state, Efficiency Vermont and other private funding sources for businesses. REAP also helps the conservation of natural resources and the development of new forms of energy that reduces Vermont's dependence on fossil fuels and creates a stronger rural economy.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$189 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas. For more information on Rural Development, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/nh-vtHome.html

FOLA's Silent Movie Festival A Great Success

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) produced its third annual 'Silent Movie Festival' this past week. Over 85 people enjoyed the comedy of Buster Keaton in a short skit and the feature film, "Steamboat Bill, Jr." Making the event even more enjoyable, Jeff Rapsis provided musical background for the Keaton feature film while Ludlow's own Glenn Brown played the upright grand piano he donated to the town for the introductory comedy skit. Judging from the enthusiastic response of the audience, the music of Rapsis and Brown was deemed to be a great success. Pictured above are Ralph Pace of FOLA and Glenn Brown as they prepare to start the festival activities. FOLA plans to continue presenting silent films at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium and is already planning for its festival films for the next season.



BRGNS Needs Furniture, Housewares For Rummage Sale



Black River Good Neighbor Services will hold its Annual Fall Rummage Sale at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow on Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday September 29th from 10 am until 2 pm. At this time there is a need for all sorts of house wares, linens and furniture.

If you have anything to donate, please bring it to the thrift store at 37B Main Street in Ludlow or for larger items such as furniture please call 802-228-3663 to arrange a drop off time. Donations will be accepted at Fletcher Farm in the week before the sale, but are welcome now. If you are unable to drop off a furniture donation, our volunteers can pick it up if arrangements are made in advance.

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 Audrey Bridge, Executive Director of BRGNS. "Although the economy has improved, demand for our services continues. There are still people going hungry and needing help with housing and clothing costs; so we keep running the rummage sales," said Bridge. The monies raised will help cover the cost of utilities, heating fuel, food and ret for qualified individuals and families in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Belmont, Proctorsville, Cavendish and Plymouth.

For further details please contact Audrey Bridge at the Black River Good Neighbor Services Thrift Store, 37B Main St. 802-228-3663, or BRGNS@tds.net



Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Corner by CEO Marji Graf

As I write this we are preparing for the Iron Adventure Run. There are so many activities throughout the Okemo Valley; it should be a great weekend for all. These motorcycle events average spend is \$250 per person, a day.

Congratulations to the Vermont Country Store for being named August Chamber Member of the Month.

Upcoming September Events:

September 8-13, we are expecting 63 antique cars and 115 people who will be eating and shopping in our region!

September 19-23, we are expecting another smaller group of antique cars.

Special Programs:

Healthcare:

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Ludlow Town Hall

FOLA and OVRCC are co-hosting a seminar about health reform, Vermont's Exchange and Vermont Health Connect.

Golf:

Thursday, September 26 is our date for our golf tournament at Okemo Valley Golf Club Open to the public. Call Julie Bowyer if you would like to participate 802-440-3058

Education:

October 15, 8am-9:30am Constant Contact will be back at Newsbank Conference Center for a follow up training. Free for members, Open to the public for \$10.00.

Call the Chamber office to participate.

Travel Shows we are attending:

9/18, 9/19 & 9/20, 2013 BIG E, Agawam, MA

10/19 & 10/20/13 AAA Fall Travel Show, Lincoln RI

2014:

2/7-9/2014 Boston Globe Travel Show

2/28-3/2/2014 New York Times Travel Show

5/4/2014 Hartford CT Travel Show

Upcoming Chamber Mixers:

Sept 11 - Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grille-Ludlow

October 9 - Vermont Institute of Contemporary Art (VTICA) -Chester

November 12 - Jackson Gore Inn - Ludlow

December 11 - Annual Meeting & Holiday Party at The Inn at Weston - Weston



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Riding On Angel Wings by Leslie Bixby (Violin, Viola, C...

There are times when my hope is low and I begin to lose faith. When family becomes ill, and I wonder how much longer they can continue to hold on and continue what seems to be a never ending battle. "Riding on Angel Wings" was written during a time where my father was ill and in the hospital. When I started to lose all hope, faith, and was afraid that I was going to lose him, I began to write this piece. Believing and knowing that even if he leaves, he has gone to a better place. A place where he will soar above the clouds with the angels, riding on their wings, looking down on my family and protecting us, keeping us safe and

sound.

My original piece played in the Opus 26 on May 1, 2013. At the Haskell Opera House, Derby Line, VT USA, Stanstead, Quebec, CA

Watch it on line at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctTqQfkYohw&feature=youtu.be> gdata player

Chamber Recognizes Winners at Winter In August

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce announced the Chef's Best Taste Awards, Chef's Best Presentation Award and People's Choice Award at the 32nd Annual Chamber Winter In August Celebration sponsored by Rutland Herald. This is the first year the Chamber established a "Chef led panel" of experts to make the decision. It was a success. The panel was led by former NYC Chef - Chef Paul Lasky. In addition we had Chef Rick Iffland from Middlebury College and Mike Clifford (with extensive local restaurant experience). The 9 criteria included everything from complimenting flavors to appeal to the eye. Restaurants were rated on a weighted point system and scored accordingly. Attendees voted by ballot throughout the evening for the People's Choice Award,

The Chef's Best Taste Award was presented to Okemo Mountain Resort with the Chef's Best Taste Runner Up Award going to the Bryant House at The Vermont Country Store. The Chef's Best Presentation Award went to Killington Resort. The People's Choice Award was presented to The Foundry at Summit Pond.

Nearly 600 people including Senator Patrick Leahy, Congressman Peter Welch, Mayor Chris Louras and many other officials, along with Killington Resort and Okemo Mountain Resort attended. According to Tom Donahue, EVP/CEO at the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce: "Winter In August is one of the most anticipated Rutland Region Chamber events of the summer and has become a true taste of Vermont". The event held annually recognizes the positive economic impact that the ski industry has on the Rutland region and Vermont. Thirty six area restaurants and businesses provided delicious food for attendees to enjoy while the businesses marketed their establishments.

Photos are Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce Photos by Vyto Starinkas

Best Presentation1 – Pictured L to R: Chef Rick Iffland, Judge; Chef Paul Lasky, Judge; Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce; Rob Megnin, Director of Sales, Marketing, Reservations & Snow Sports, Killington Resort; Congressman Peter Welch and Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras



**Best
Taste**

Runner Up1 – Pictured L to R: Chef Rick Iffland, Judge; Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce; Chef Paul Lasky, Judge; Bill Ackerman, Vice President of Retail, The Vermont Country Store; Congressman Peter Welch, Bob Miller, Rutland Herald and Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras

Best Taste1 –

Pictured:

Mike Clifford, Judge; Chef Rick Iffland,

Judge; Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce; Chef Paul Lasky; Executive Chef Scot Emerson, Okemo Mountain Resort; Bob Miller, Rutland Herald; Congressman Peter Welch;

Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras

Peoples Choice1

– Pictured: Mike

Clifford, Judge; Chef Rick Iffland, Judge; Marleen Cenate, President, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce; Chef Paul Lasky; Chef Chris Franco, The Foundry at Summit Pond; Bob Miller, Rutland Herald; Congressman Peter Welch; Rutland City Mayor Chris Louras





Fall Grief Support Group

Rutland Area VNA and Hospice will be conducting a six session support group and educational program for those who have lost a loved one. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences of loss, as well as gain an understanding of the process of grief and its impact on life emotionally, socially, physically, and spiritually. The group will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. on September 12 and 19, October 10 and 24, and November 7 and 21st at RAVNAH, 7 Albert Cree Drive, Rutland. To register, please call Ann LaRocque, at 802-

770-1516.

RAVNAH Blood Pressure, Foot Care & Cholesterol Screening Clinics For September 2013

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is offering the following Blood Pressure and Foot Care Clinics. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for blood pressure and \$10 for foot care. For more information please call 775-0568.

Wednesday,	September 4,	10:30 a.m.	at the Wallingford House in Wallingford
Thursday,	September 5,	10 a.m.	at Parker House in Rutland
Wednesday,	September 11,	10 a.m.	at Templewood Court in Rutland
Wednesday,	September 18,	9 a.m.	at Sheldon Towers in Rutland
Wednesday,	September 18,	11 a.m.	at Linden Terrace in Rutland
Thursday,	September 19,	10 a.m.	at Maple Village in Rutland
Wednesday,	September 25,	12:30 p.m.	at the Godnick Center in Rutland
Thursday,	September 26,	12:30 p.m.	at the Community Center in N. Clarendon



CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

The Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) is offering a cholesterol screening including total lipid profile and blood glucose on Monday **September 4** between **8:30 and 11 a.m.** at the **RAVNAH office on 7 Albert Cree Drive**, in Rutland. Call 775-0568 in advance for an appointment. Call 362-1200 for an appointment. An 8 to 12 hour fast prior to the test is required to ensure accurate results. The cost for a complete lipid profile and glucose is \$30.

Clinics held at the Rutland Office are the 1st Monday - call 775-0568 for an appointment.

Healthcare Forum in Ludlow, Sept 10

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) and the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an important healthcare forum for small businesses and individuals at the **Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium** on Tuesday, **September 10 at 6:30 PM**. The event will discuss the implementation of Vermont Health Connect, also known as the Exchange, and how it affects everyone. Mark this date on your calendar to learn everything you need to know about this program that goes into effect October 1. For information, call 802-228-7239 or 802-228-5830; information will also be posted at www.fola.us. Ralph Pace, FOLA

Have questions about health care in Vermont? We've got you covered.

Vermont Health Connect, also known as the Exchange, will offer a new way to choose a health plan that fits your needs and your budget. Both private and public plans will be available through Vermont Health Connect. Starting October 1, you'll have all the information you need to find the plan that's right for you - all in one place.

You're invited to a small business forum with David Reynolds, Dr PH, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform – Policy, to learn about Vermont Health Connect! We'll be covering topics including who can get coverage, new choices available to individuals and small businesses, financial help available to many Vermonters and more. To learn more, join us in Ludlow, Tuesday September 10, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium, 37 Depot St., Ludlow, VT 05149.

www.vermonthealthconnect.gov

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With this expansion, we have added to our growing team. Rene Greene will lead our Rental Division. Rene has been a member of our Mt. Holly community for over 20 years and is a native Vermonter. She brings with her a passion for perfection and a high level of integrity that will make your rental experience painless.

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G & H Masonry-Jay Goraj ghmasonryvermont@yahoo.com 259-2625
Grey Goose Chimney Sweeps, Window Washing 492-3549
Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. masterph@vermontel.net 492-3657
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Communication – Computer Repair & Entertainment

Film/Video Production & DJ Services David Guerrera 345-6905
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Plew Farm – Kevin & Pattie Plew plewfarm@gmail.com 259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm- Grass Fed Beef Cuts-Fresh Frozen 492-2151
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Hair Cuts

Cuttings In The Ville – Lisa Sharrow 492-3360

Health Care Providers

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Painters

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

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Angelo's Family Tailoring 259-3564
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Paneless Window Cleaning- Insured, Free Estimates 259-2786
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