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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

May 2020

Church Listings, back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

Mt. Holly Community Asso – Contact Penny Coldwell at 259-2760

Mt. Holly Museum – Open Sat & Sun 2 - 4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 10am-6pm Tue 9am-1pm Wed 2-6, 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

Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or by appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 259-3179

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

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	Turkey Season Begins ~ <i>Empire State Building Opened 1931 ~ May Day ~ Loyalty Day</i>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Captain John Smith Landed at Jamestown 1607	
4 <sup>th</sup>	National Teacher Day	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library,	Cinco de Mayo 7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	National Nurses Day	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	Robert Browning 1812 7:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Flower Moon ~ National Day of Prayer	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pres. Harry S. Truman 1884 ~ World Red Cross Day ~ V- E Day WWII 1945	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Transcontinental Railroad Completed 1869	
	Mother's Day	
	<i>Ethan Allen &amp; Green Mountain Boys captured the British held fortress at Fort Ticonderoga, New York 1775</i>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, Mt. Holly School Cancelled	Florence Nightingale 1820 4:30 pm
	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office via Zoom <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/700733635">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/700733635</a>	6:30 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Lewis & Clark's Expedition 1804 7:00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Peace Officers Memorial Day	
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Armed Forces Day	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	New York Stock Exchange Ext. 1792	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	Mount St. Helens Erupted 1980 7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	6:30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	American Red Cross Found by Clara Barton 1881 7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	United Spinal Asso. Founded 1946 ~ National Maritime Day 1933	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	Igor Sikorsky Inventor 1 <sup>st</sup> Helicopter 1889 7:00 pm
	Memorial Day Observed	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Voting Rights Bill of 1965 9:00 am
27 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Wild Bill Hickok 1837 7:00 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	Jim Thorpe Olympic Gold Medalist 1888 ~ Sierra Club 1868 7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Pres. John F. Kennedy 1917	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day Traditional 1868	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spring Turkey Season Ends	



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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 – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza		C	802-353-8347	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	779-6429
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	C text only 353-4492	H	802-259-3976	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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**May Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> -Dawn Howlett \* 3<sup>rd</sup> -Karl Parsells III \* Lois Miller 5<sup>th</sup> -Debby Bernagozzi \* Olivia Turco 10<sup>th</sup> -Amy Taylor 12<sup>th</sup> -Michele Chadburn \* Seneca Landry 16<sup>th</sup> -Heather Garrow \* Chad Getchell 17<sup>th</sup> -Hilary Swezey-Hurst 19<sup>th</sup> -Allison Bussino (2013) 20<sup>th</sup> -Patrick Chadburn 24<sup>th</sup> -Greg Herbst \* Christopher Jacobs \* Jordan Devereux 26<sup>th</sup> -Karen Blodgett \* Brigid Sullivan \* Austin Turco \* Amy Turco 30<sup>th</sup> -Jeffery Columb II \* Linda Roberts 31<sup>st</sup> -Tom Veysey \* Beth Hart



**May Anniversaries:** 3<sup>rd</sup> -Donna & Rick Lee 16<sup>th</sup> -Jack & Kathleen Koponen 17<sup>th</sup> -Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs 18<sup>th</sup> -Dennis & Fern Melvin \* Jeff & Lucy Columb (1985) 28<sup>th</sup> -Steve & Maria Howard 30<sup>th</sup> -Douglas & Lynnette Devereux 50<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> -Sarah & Zak Delphia

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

## Local Post Office Hours

<b>Mount Holly</b>		<b>802-259-2796</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>Belmont</b>		<b>802-259-2790</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
<b>East Wallingford</b>		<b>802-259-2829</b>
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b>		<b>802-492-3585</b>
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am & 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
<b>Ludlow</b>		<b>802-228-7436</b>
Post Master:	Dawn Howlett	
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



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## Dear Mount Holly Community,

Thank you! I am looking forward to serving the community as a new Select Board Member. I am eager to serve this town and tackle all town issues that present themselves. I look forward to working with my fellow Board members to ensure a sustainable future for Mount Holly. Preserving the community and its values is my top priority.

Community involvement and transparent government is another important priority. I encourage you to attend town meetings and volunteer for a town organization, or volunteer for the fire department, or the rescue squad. We all have our specialties; something we are good at, so why not share yours with the community? It is especially important in these difficult times.

Please feel free to email me at [jeff@chasevermont.com](mailto:jeff@chasevermont.com), and I will be quick to respond.

Remember, Select Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Stay healthy, Jeff Chase

## Join Bone Builders

Has been postponed call Judy Nevin  
For more information Number below  
Mt. Holly Community Room  
Under The Library  
For Weights and more information  
Call Judy Nevin 259-2443

## \*\*\* Hall Rental in Belmont \*\*\*

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 259-2791, or at [tcg2791@yahoo.com](mailto:tcg2791@yahoo.com). You may also leave a message with Dennis at 259-2460, or at [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

## [mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com)

On March 22nd the Mount Holly Newsflash established a new website where you can view all recent Newsflash emails. It will be a one stop website to catch up on all community news and events that came through the daily emails. The web site address is [mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com). As always to sign up for the

Newsflash emails please send a note over to [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) requesting to be added to the mailing list.

## Mount Holly School News

School meals can be picked up at Mount Holly School each week day Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 8:30am. A staff person will place the food on the pickup table outside near the gym door. Please wait for the staff person to back up to the door before you remove items from the table. Thank you.

## Black River Independent School Committee

BRISC Announces New Strategic Plan - Vision for School

## Notice: All invited Mechanicsville Cemetery

### Monthly Volunteer clean up schedule;

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

May 5, 6 pm      June 2, 8 am

July 7, 6 pm      Aug 4, 8 am

Sept 1, 6 pm

Please bring tools for the job

Mount Holly Elementary School

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Friday, May 15, 2020  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
By Appointment

[rayelin.collins@trsu.org](mailto:rayelin.collins@trsu.org)

For children who will be 3 years old  
on or before August 31, 2020

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Children : Please come explore the classroom.

Parents : Please plan to spend time completing  
the registration forms.

## Remains the Same

Even during these uncertain times, the Black River Independent School Committee (BRISC) remains committed to preserving and advancing local education. After several months of consulting meetings, as well as two meetings with members of the Vermont Agency of Education, BRISC has revised and strengthened their strategic plan. The group will open a privately funded pilot program in June 2020 serving 14 students, with the eventual goal of opening a publicly funded independent school. The mission and pillars of the school remain the same and BRISC will be working with interested students and families in the coming weeks to determine if the pilot program will be a good fit. Students and families are encouraged to reach out to BRISC with any questions or to express interest in enrolling in the pilot program. More information about the enrollment process will be posted on the BRISC website.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Sean Williams at [sean@blackriveris.org](mailto:sean@blackriveris.org) or Pat Pullinen at [patrick@blackriveris.org](mailto:patrick@blackriveris.org). General inquiries can be made to [TheSchool@blackriveris.org](mailto:TheSchool@blackriveris.org). Please visit our website [www.blackriveris.org](http://www.blackriveris.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT



"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." ~ R. Buckminster Fuller

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### State: No Open Burns Until May 30

Staff from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources is "strongly" advising the public to postpone all outdoor burning through at least May 30 to prevent the risk that an out-of-control fire that could strain emergency resources needed to assist the state's efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

A statement released Friday by the agency points out there is a need to minimize any additional pressure on emergency personnel in terms of response and unnecessary potential contact with people who may have COVID-19.

Very few wildland fires have been reported in Vermont this year; but April and May are historically the most active months.

Most of these fires occur as a result of stray embers from controlled burns, according to the statement. – Staff and wire reports Saturday-Sunday, Rutland Herald April 11-12, 2020

### Mt. Moriah Lodge # 96 April 2020, Trestleboard

Greetings Brothers,

Per order of our Grand Master, all masonic meetings and activities are put on hold until after April 15<sup>th</sup>. This month's meeting is canceled. We will resume on our regular meeting date on May 5<sup>th</sup>, depending upon what transpires after the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Sap Bucket Degree has been postponed for now as well. I will let you know when and if they will still have it this year after I hear from the Grand Master.

The Odd Fellows were having a clean-up day on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM at the Hall in Belmont but has been postponed.

## TREE STUMP GRINDING

Beardmore Excavating Inc.

802-342-3507

We will have a "workday" on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to scrape and paint the North end of the Hall, clean the inside, and anything else that needs attention.

If any of the older Brothers need help with getting groceries or other needs please don't hesitate to call WM Earl at: 802-775-6852, or me at 802-259-9400, and we will help you out.

I have had some difficulty printing this year's dues notices. When you receive your notice, please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. Fraternally, Earl Miller W.M. & Buster Seward Sec'y

### Mount Holly Town Library

The Mount Holly Town Library continues to monitor the situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We have adjusted our closure period to coincide with Governor Scott's mandate to extend the stay-at-home order until May 15. We continue to re-evaluate what services we can provide to the community that keeps staff/volunteers/public safety foremost in our decision making. Please visit our website <http://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com/services> to see the variety of electronic resources you can access from the safety of your home. Joe Galbraith, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802.259.3707

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! (@mthollytownlibrary)

Mount Holly Elementary School

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Monday, May 4th, 2020

3:15—4:15 p.m.

By Appointment

rayelin.collins@trsu.org



For children who will be 5 years old  
on or before August 31, 2020

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records

Children please come explore the Classroom.

Parents : Please plan to spend time completing  
registration forms.



Preschool students will also be visiting  
Kindergarten periodically throughout the spring.



## Tick Bite Prevention is More Important than Ever

The best way to prevent tickborne diseases is to prevent tick bites. At a time when our health care system is challenged by coronavirus disease, tick bite prevention is extremely important. Symptoms of tickborne diseases may be similar to other illnesses, including Covid-19. One third of Lyme disease patients in Vermont do not have a bulls-eye rash, so viral-like symptoms including fever, headache, and fatigue may confound diagnosis.

According to the Vermont Department of Health, the following steps can help to prevent tick bites:

- Wear clothing treated with Permethrin and use recommended repellents.
- Wear light colored clothing so that it is easier to spot ticks.
- Stay on the center of hiking trails and use a blanket or tarp to avoid sitting directly on the ground when resting or picnicking.
- CONDUCT DAILY TICK CHECKS!
- Tick check your gear and clothing prior to getting into a vehicle or entering your home.
- Place exposed clothing and gear directly into dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks that may be clinging to the fabric. (It has to be the dryer – putting them directly in the washer does not kill ticks.)
- Shower as soon as you come inside.
- Avoid sleeping with pets.

Over 60% of blacklegged ticks in Vermont are infected with a disease causing pathogen. Add a daily tick check to your social distancing routine to help prevent tickborne diseases. Additional prevention resources, including information about how to landscape your yard to discourage ticks, is available at [www.vtlyme.org/prevention](http://www.vtlyme.org/prevention)



## Black River Independent School Committee Hires Head of School

The Black River Independent School Committee has hired Andrew Lapham Fersch to be their inaugural Head of School for the 2020/2021 academic year. Prior to joining Black River, Mr. Fersch—a ten year teaching veteran of public schools—founded and ran an independent school in New Hampshire (The Penn Program) for several years. As a teacher and educational leader, Fersch has been regularly recognized for his innovative and progressive educational methods, aiming to integrate school and community to help foster meaningful opportunities for children to realize both their own potential and that of the communities of which they are a part.

Outside of teaching, Fersch is an avid outdoorsman who has cycled across the country twice, run several trail marathons, thru-hiked the Appalachian and Long Trails, and enjoyed countless hours of slow, quiet time in the beautiful New England outdoors. A registered yoga teacher working towards completing his 500-hour certification, Fersch also has integrated yoga, meditation, and mindfulness into his work for years. Finally, and quite importantly, he is a grateful husband, a father-to-be, a brother, and son.

He is enthusiastic and grateful to be given the opportunity to be the inaugural Head of School at Black River Independent School. The mission and vision of the Committee closely aligns with his educational beliefs and philosophy. The opportunity to work together with the community of Ludlow to build an independent school is incredibly inspiring to Fersch, both professionally and personally.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Andrew Fersch at [andrew@blackriveris.org](mailto:andrew@blackriveris.org), Sean Williams at [sean@blackriveris.org](mailto:sean@blackriveris.org) or Pat Pullinen at [patrick@blackriveris.org](mailto:patrick@blackriveris.org). General inquiries can be made to [TheSchool@blackriveris.org](mailto:TheSchool@blackriveris.org). Please visit our website [www.blackriveris.org](http://www.blackriveris.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

## Mount Holly School

Please contact Raye Lin Collins if your child will be 3 years old by August 31, 2020 to enroll in Mount Holly School Preschool and if your child will be 5 years old by August 31, 2020 to enroll in Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Please email: [ravelin.collins@trsuvt.org](mailto:ravelin.collins@trsuvt.org) or leave a voicemail at the school: 259-2392. Please be sure to include your contact information. Thank you.

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MORE INFORMATION  
[mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com](mailto:mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com)



## Mount Holly Community Cares Task Force

To All of our Friends & Neighbors in Mount Holly;

A very generous friend and neighbor has made a commitment to helping both the Belmont Store and people in need of food assistance here in Mount Holly. With his contribution, the Belmont Store will be buying food stuffs especially needed by the food shelf at Black River Good Neighbors, which serves the town of Mount Holly, as well as a few other towns in the region.

We are hoping to be able to expand on this commitment by asking that you consider contributing to this fund, which supports the store during this very difficult time, as well as provide food for our neighbors who are currently in need of assistance.

If you choose to do this, please **make your check out to**

**White's Food Stop** (the current name for the account of the Belmont Store) and put **BRGN Account** in the memo line. April and Gordon White, the proprietors of the store, will then supply BRGN with the food they most need. You can mail your check to: **April White, Belmont General Store, P.O. Box 151, Belmont, VT 05730.**

## Mount Holly Community Association Summer Calendar

Deadline for submitting dates for July & August  
May 15, 2020

All organizations please send dates to  
Mary Alberty at  
[Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov](mailto:Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov) or  
259-2900

**If you do not make this deadline**  
**Your events will not appear in**  
**the summer calendar!!!**

**(There will be a notification on the calendar  
that all dates are tentative, pending  
the status of the current health crisis.)**

Neighbors food shelf, which serves the residents of Mount Holly (see letter this page). This contribution will help the store in these difficult times, as well as provide food assistance for those in need in our town. Finally, the committee is currently working on creating a community garden, which would have shared garden plots for growing food for those in need and offer garden plots to those who cannot grow at home (see box announcement this page).

**Volunteers:** we currently have a roster of 50 people who are willing to step up to provide help in a variety of ways to anyone who needs help in our community. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at [mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com](mailto:mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com).

**Thank You!** The Mount Holly Community Cares group would like to thank all of those individuals and families who have already made donations to the collection of materials for students, as well as to the account at the Belmont Store for assistance for the food shelf at BRGN.

Be Well & Stay Safe, Mount Holly Community Cares, Mount Holly, VT A coordinated and cross organizational task force dedicated to addressing the immediate and ongoing needs of the Mt. Holly community during the COVID-19 pandemic. 802-245-3490 [mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com](mailto:mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com) [www.mounthollycommunitycares.org](http://www.mounthollycommunitycares.org)

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1927 – 1<sup>st</sup> Solo Transatlantic Flight by Charles Lindbergh  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1932 – 1<sup>st</sup> Solo Transatlantic Flight by a Woman Amelia Earheart

May 2020 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

# Beardmore Excavating

(802) 342-3507

Robert Beardmore, Jr.  
[beardmoreexc@gmail.com](mailto:beardmoreexc@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 101  
Belmont, Vermont 05730

If you would prefer making your donation using a credit card, please call April at the store 802-259-2292.

This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that the store will thrive for the duration of this crisis in our country, as well as providing much needed support for our friends and neighbors. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Mount Holly Community Cares task force consists of about 17 members and represents a variety of organizations in town. It has been meeting on a weekly basis for the past month to discuss, organize, and implement projects to help our neighbors and friends.

**People in Need:** if you or someone you know is in need of assistance (food shopping/delivery, pharmacy pick-ups, trash disposal, etc.), please call the number above, or email us at [mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com](mailto:mthollycommunitycares@gmail.com).

**Current Projects:** in addition to connecting volunteers with people who need assistance, the committee is collecting toys, puzzles, games, books, etc. to be to purchase food most needed by the Black River Good

## Mount Holly Cares About You

**Do you need to shop with your young child?**

Let us do your shopping, bring it to you and reduce risk!

**Are you at a higher risk for getting Covid-19?**

Stay home and let us shop or take your trash for you!

**Are you suddenly without income or experiencing delays in benefits?**

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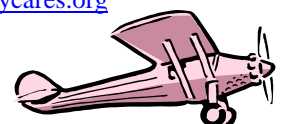
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## Mount Holly Community Association

For the first time since the event began about 12 years ago, the annual **Spring Mud Fling** was postponed due to the current health crisis. The MHCA is determined to re-schedule this event at some point, hopefully in late spring or early summer. Once we have come out of sheltering at home, this will be a wonderful opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate this amazing town and the numerous people who stepped up to care for those neighbors who needed our help. Stay tuned...

Although most organizations in town do not currently know what their plans will be for any summer events, the MHCA is going to move forward with organizing the **Summer Event Calendar** *with the understanding that any events that may appear in the calendar would be subject to change*, depending on the stay at home order in Vermont. Mary Alberty is the coordinator for the calendar. If any of you are interested in posting tentative dates in the calendar for July and August, she has asked that you email her *no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>*. You can reach her at [Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov](mailto:Mary.Alberty@vermont.gov) or 259-2900. **If you do not get the information to her by May 15<sup>th</sup>, it will not make it into the summer calendar, so please do it ASAP!** The Summer Calendar will again be included in the MHCA membership brochure this year. As the summer approaches, if any events need to be postponed or cancelled, that information should be posted in the Newsflash. Thanks for your prompt response!

Our annual **membership drive** will begin with the initial mailing in June of the new membership brochures for the 2020- 2021 MHCA season. Now more than ever, we all should demonstrate our support for our community through membership in the Mount Holly Community Association. All of the work of the MHCA would not be possible without the participation of all of you through annual membership. In addition, this is a primary source of revenue for the Association and enables it to provide for the on-going maintenance of our beautiful Library & Community Center building. Your membership is yet another way of affirming your commitment to the town of Mount Holly...thank you so much!

**In advance:** our beloved **Music on the Green** series will *hopefully* begin this year on Thursday, July 2nd and will continue every Thursday throughout July and August. A calendar with all of the musicians scheduled for this summer will be out later in the spring. Please join your neighbors and friends to share balmy evenings and wonderful music on the Green in Belmont. Many thanks to the Village Baptist Church for allowing us the use of the Green and the Gazebo for these musical evenings!

Spring is here and our thoughts turn to the 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Mount Holly Garden Tour** sponsored by the MHCA. *Hopefully*, it will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. At this time, Linda Miller, the coordinator for the tour, is looking for gardeners

"with dirt under their nails" to volunteer their gardens for the tour. Well groomed and pristine, or wild and rambling, all gardens are sought and variety is welcomed. If you are interested in being one of the exhibitors, please contact Linda Miller at [LindaDDmiller@gmail.com](mailto:LindaDDmiller@gmail.com) or at 259-2244.

The community event of the summer, **Mount Holly Day**, is **tentatively** scheduled for Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm on the beach at Star Lake. Last year saw a record number of people join together to celebrate this wonderful community. As you know, the barbecue (hamburgers, hot dogs, roast corn) is provided by the MHCA to thank everyone in Mount Holly for supporting all the terrific events that we sponsor throughout the year. The rest of the feast (sides, salads, desserts, etc.) is compliments of...all of you!! Be sure to put Mount Holly Day on your calendar and join us for a wonderful day of food, fun, and the camaraderie of neighbors and friends!

Please keep in mind that all of the events mentioned above may be **re-scheduled, or cancelled**, depending on the status of the health crisis when the time comes. Any changes will be announced in the Newsflash and future Chit Chats.

We hope all of you will read the information from the newly formed **Mount Holly Community Cares** group, which appears in this month's Chit Chat. The group is under the chairmanship of Jeff Chase, our recently elected member of the Mount Holly Select Board. On the core committee are three members of the *Mount Holly Community Association* Board of Directors. As always, the MHCA has stepped up to support this amazing community...many thanks to Mary Alberty, Kevin Hollebeek, and Linda Miller, the three directors who are helping this vital organization during this difficult time.

The entire **Board of Directors of the MHCA**, wishes each of you good health and hope that the reassurance that you live in such a supportive community will bring us all through these very difficult months. We are very hopeful that we will see all of you this summer!



## Donation Call

Local families in need could use non-electronic toys, books, legos, puzzles and games to help keep young minds active and engaged throughout the school closure during this crisis.

Looking for NEW items to be ordered directly to the address below.

Visit [www.mthollycommunitycares.org](http://www.mthollycommunitycares.org) for further suggestions on items in need and links to places to purchase.

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## Highway Safety is Top Priority For All Concerned

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

**TITLE 23 SECTION 1127** – “Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal and to insure the safety and protection of the person riding or driving.”



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

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

### Highway Precautions FOR RIDERS:

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

### FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS:

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

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

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



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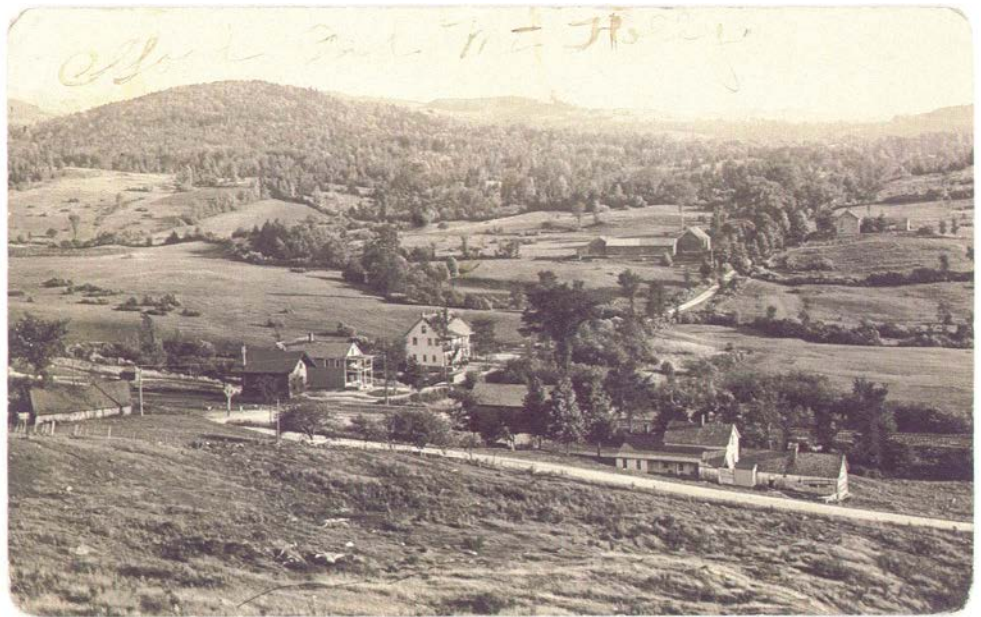
### CAR WITH SKIS PHOTO

The photograph in the April issue is an early automobile modified with skis attached to the front tires and chains on the rear tires. It is a postcard from the Community Historical Museum's collection created by local Postmaster Howland Marshall. The driver is Ralph Dana who operated the Belmont General Store from 1914 until 1934. He is parked in front of the store with the village green and church in the background.

There were likely few car owners in the area and some cars were modified to drive in snow. The Ford Motor Company was one of the first to sell kits to modify their automobiles. In the 1920s the local

mail carrier Hiram Cook replaced his front tires with skis and added tracks to the rear wheels of his truck.

What can you tell us about this picture? Please send email to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net) and let us know what you know or write to Mt. Holly Chit Chat, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758. Next month we will have another photo to share with you and then share what we know about this picture. To see all these pictures plus more visit the Mount Holly Historical Museum open Sat & Sun 2 – 4 pm also visit our [web site](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.or)



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### Calling all Gardeners!!

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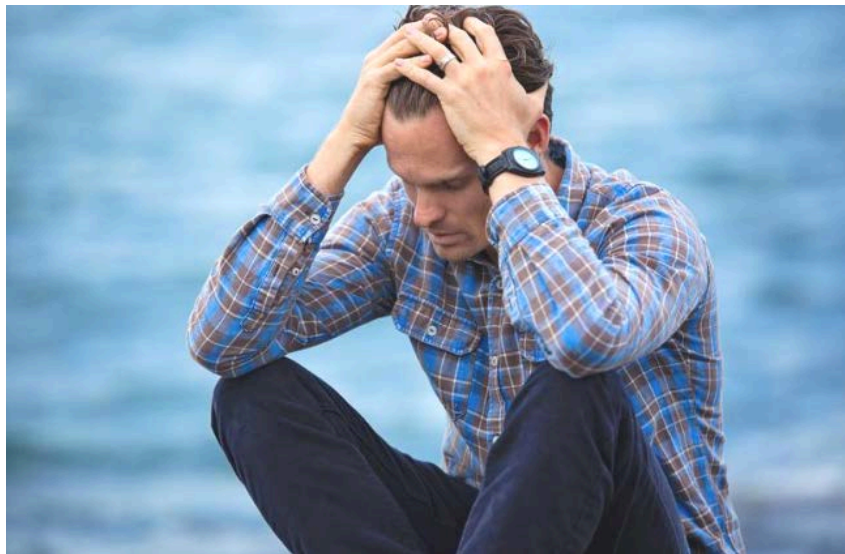
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## Is God *Mad* at Us?

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this question especially during this current crisis. Maybe *you*, either vaguely or whole heartedly, believe God's angry.

Yes, there are examples in the Bible where God gets angry, but His anger is toward the sin in our lives, not directly aimed at us. God's anger is fueled by love and a desire to correct ungodly behavior. But I've heard people say things like, 'I had a miscarriage and I wonder if God is punishing me for the way I lived in the past.' It seems our problem is an incorrect view of God. He doesn't punish us for past sins by bringing bad things into our lives. This "stinking thinking" can come from an abusive parent, the pain of rejection or maybe even a church.

Let me assure you, our troubles are not a sign that God is angry with us! We are in the world and Jesus said, "In the world you *will* have tribulation. But," he said, "Cheer up, because I have *overcome* the world." (Jn. 16:33)

An example of this *overcoming* is when he and his disciples encountered a man born blind. "Teacher, who sinned here- *this* man or his *parents*?" Jesus answered, "*Neither*." He's blind so that God's power can be shown in him." And He healed him. On another occasion, those ever-inquisitive disciples asked a similar question about the tower of Siloam that fell and killed 18 people. Jesus replied, "Do you think they were more sinful than all the others who live in Jerusalem? No...change your hearts." So from the beginning, humans have desired to create meaning in times of fear, uncertainty and suffering, and that's understandable and natural. However, staying positive and continuing to believe in the goodness of God during times of trial and tragedy will

prevent you from losing your *joy*. Each difficulty I've passed through in life has enabled me to go through the next one better (instead of bitter.) God is merciful, kind, and faithful, so continue to rely on Him when times get hard. And they *will*, because we're not "out of the woods" yet on this thing.

If it were not for the grace of God, He would have to be mad at us because His holiness demands justice for sin. A sacrifice has to be made for sin, but because of His grace, He *made* the sacrifice Himself by offering His Son's life for yours. Jesus took the punishment that we deserved for our sins, and offers to care for and bless us instead of giving us what we deserve.

When you start to fully grasp His grace, forgiveness and unconditional love, you can know with certainty His attitude toward you is *merciful* -not "ticked off." I can assure you that no matter what you've done in life or no matter how many misconceptions you have about God's feelings toward you, God will *never* stop loving you. God is not mad at you. In fact, His Son's resurrection makes sure that coronavirus and death do not have the last word. *Pastor Glenn*

## May I Always Remember To:

- Encourage youth.
- Find the time.
- Keep a promise.
- Forego a grudge.
- Forgive an enemy.
- Listen.
- Think first of someone else.
- Laugh a little.
- Gladden the heart of a child.
- Take pleasure in the beauty  
And wonder of the earth.
- Speak your love.
- Speak it once again.



## Mom's Hope When Children Are Grown

One day, when my  
Children are grown, I hope  
They still come through the  
Front door without  
Knocking. I hope they  
Head to the kitchen for a  
Snack, and slump on the  
Sofa to watch T.V.  
I hope they come in and  
Feel the weight of  
Adulthood leave them, for  
They are home. For my  
Children, my door will  
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## Main Title of Press Release

As the Covid-19 crisis deepens and the economy worsens, the staff at Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow continues to help the community with food and financial assistance. "We've closed the store,

but the food shelf is operating to help anyone in need," said Krey Kellington, Food Program Director. "Several people have contacted the food shelf since losing their jobs. So long as the need is there, the food shelf will stay open and families will be fed."

We don't need volunteers right now because the skeleton staff want to keep personal contacts to a minimum. Also, to avoid contacts, staff only serve people who call ahead to arrange for a pickup. The food will be waiting when the client arrives; there will be no need for personal contact, and everyone will keep a safe distance apart.

The food shelf never charges for its services and can help with rent, utilities or heat if lost paychecks make such payments impossible. Recall that we serve Ludlow, Cavendish, Mt. Holly, and Plymouth. "We've been helping our community for over thirty years, and we're here for our neighbors as long as it takes," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director. "We learned after tropical storm Irene that Vermonters come together to help in times of need. Let's all join forces to get through this crisis." If you need food and cannot afford to buy it, please call (802) 228-3663 and speak with Audrey or Krey to arrange for help.



## Food Shelf Offers More Than Food

The economic crisis gripping the nation and Vermont reaches into all of our pockets right now. "One of Black River Good Neighbors' main services is assistance with rent, utilities and heat when a family faces an emergency," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director. "This is just such an emergency, and we are here to help anyone in Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, or Plymouth who can't meet basic needs because of the crisis. We know that many people have lost jobs and may be facing a critical choice of paying the rent or the electric bill, each of which is important to pay. We can help when you face such choices. People are often too embarrassed to come to us for



assistance, but that's why we are here, and that's what we do."

While BRGNS is seen as the local food shelf distributing food to those in need, the other programs that they administer are often overlooked. The financial assistance program is one that has helped hundreds of local residents over the years.

For well over thirty years BRGNS has stepped up in times of crisis and helped local families. "We are not a government organization. Our funding comes from the people, and we are here to help our neighbors in turn," said Bridge. If you need food and cannot afford to buy it, or if you just can't make the rent because you've lost your job, please call (802) 228-3663 and speak with Audrey or Krey to arrange for help.



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The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department is urging everyone to be extra safe during these trying times. The firefighters are trying to limit their exposure to people as well as large groups. We will still respond to emergencies. Please be safe everybody and take this epidemic seriously.

## Dear Community,

The following is a recap of COVID-19 events since it first affected our community on March 13th. Please review this information and do your best to adhere to these guidelines for your safety and the safety of your fellow community members.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Phil Scott issued Executive Order (EO) 01-20, putting Vermont in a State of Emergency. The first case in our community occurred in Ludlow. This preceded the closure of Mount Holly Elementary School and Black River High School on March 14th. We were all just beginning to grapple with an uncertain future, while being inundated with information. There was a run on groceries and “essential” items at stores like we have never seen. We witnessed our world and community change over night and day to day.

Next, Addendums 2-5 and directives 1-4 were issued. These included: closing of restaurants and bars (No. 2, 3/16/20); canceling non-essential elective surgeries (No. 3, No. 3/20/20); closing of close-contact business and reductions in size of mass gatherings (No. 4, 3/21/20); and mandating work from home for jobs that allow such activity (No. 5, 3/23/20).

On March 25<sup>th</sup> Governor Scott issued an EO 01-20, Addendum 6, “**Stay home, Stay safe**”, as the number of COVID-19 cases throughout the state rose. This was an unprecedented order for an unprecedented virus. We began to hear about “the curve” and what we needed to do in order to flatten it to keep our hospitals from overflowing. The challenges are great and varied. Many of us have endured 4 weeks of staying home with what feels like no end in sight. There’s been loss of employment for some, the challenge of working from home and balancing school at home for others. The isolation for some is very real. Some have had to continue working and leaving their homes every day to keep our communities functioning. Thank you to all those medical workers and other essential workers on the front lines, taking risks for the better good of our community. And thank you to all that have stayed home to help flatten the curve.

Directive 5 (issued March 26<sup>th</sup>) called for the closure of Vermont schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Right here in Mount Holly, our own teachers have been hard at work from their homes, making sure the children of our community have access to meaningful, high quality instruction and maintain a connection to their classmates for the remainder of the school year via remote learning.

Addendum 7 (issued March 30<sup>th</sup>, now effective thru May 15<sup>th</sup>), includes quarantine restrictions on travelers arriving in Vermont, calling for immediate self-quarantine for 14 days for those who travel into Vermont for non-essential purposes (resident or nonresident). It calls for visitors from “hot spots,” including Florida and New York City, NOT to travel to Vermont at all and reminded those from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to stay in their home states per CDC guidance. It also suspended all lodging operations for non-essential purposes (including VRBO, Homeaway, and AirBnb), and suspended online lodging reservations, making the Attorney General responsible for enforcement of compliance of lodging providers.

Addendum 9 (April 10<sup>th</sup>, effective thru May 15<sup>th</sup>) included; extension of EO 01-20 and all addenda through May 15<sup>th</sup> (including the “Stay home, Stay safe” order); reiterated the suspension of in person real estate transactions; provided an extension of vehicle inspections for 60 days for April due inspections; allowed for lodging reservations to resume for stays and events occurring after June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Addendum 10 (April 17<sup>th</sup>) called for the beginning of the phased restart of the Vermont economy, with activities including construction (with “micro-crews”), outdoor commercial retail operations, and single worker services to resume. Working from home and telecommuting is still to be used to the fullest extent possible. We are still encouraged to use online and telephone ordering, pickup service, and delivery.

Please remember we are not yet on the other side of this pandemic and we need to still follow Governors Scott’s Executive Order, directives, and addenda. More addenda are likely to come every week. Please go to: [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org) and [www.facebook.com/mounthollyvt](https://www.facebook.com/mounthollyvt) to stay up to date. Also, check the Mt Holly Newsflash Emails (sign up by emailing [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com)).

Please remember to:

1. Stay Home unless you are an essential worker, or the latest Addendum 10 applies to you.
2. Wear facial coverings in public while doing essential activities such as grocery shopping.
3. Maintain 6’ foot social distance when you do need to go in public
4. Wash or use hand sanitizer frequently on hands while out.

Ask yourself before you leave to go outside of your home: Do I need to do this activity? Is it essential I do this? Can it wait? And can I do without it?

**One of the best resources for Vermonter’s looking help and support is the free 211 service, dial 211 or go to [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org) for assistance. Also if you are in need of food the Vermont Foodbank and the National Guard started distributing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> seven day supplies of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) at Vermont State airports, including nearby Rutland Southern VT Regional Airport in Clarendon and Hartness State Airport in Springfield (9am to 6pm each day, go to [www.vtfoodbank.org](http://www.vtfoodbank.org) for more information).**

While this emergency is vastly different from those we have faced in the past, I am confident that if we continue to pull together and follow the guidelines, we will succeed. Stay Vermont Strong, Jeff Chase, Mount Holly Emergency Management Director

See all emails from Mt. Holly NewsFlash at [www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com) to be up to date with everything Mount Holly.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Dear Lord, hear my prayer,  
Be with me today, I pray  
Let the shadow of death  
Pass me by  
And if it be thy will  
Let me live  
To love and be loved again.

The cup is nearly empty now.  
I can do no more  
If on the morrow  
On the field I must die  
Grant me forgiveness, oh  
Lord,  
And give me your peace.  
Let those who care remember.

Where I go I know not,  
Nor what this day will bring.  
My duty and my comrades,  
In the Valley of Death  
They are all that matter  
By Unknown





## Mount Holly Town News

The following Minutes of the Select Board and the Planning Commission are "DRAFT" until approved at their next meeting. NOTE: Most Select Board and Planning Commission meetings are covered by Okemo Valley TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv). Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

**Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.**

Mount Holly Select Board will be meeting electronically via Zoom which is hosted by Okemo Valley TV. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Scott's executive orders, the Select Board meeting will not be held at the Town Office. You can attend the meeting electronically, either by phone or by computer. To join the Zoom meeting via computer or laptop: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/700733635> to join via phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099 meeting ID: 700 733 635 additional information at: <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/150047-2/agendas-minutes/>

### Mount Holly Select Board Meeting - April 14, 2020 – Minutes - Zoom Meeting: 700 733 635

**Present: Select Board:** Jeff Chase, Jennifer Matthews, Mark Turco

**Town Officials:** David Johnson, Jon McCann, Jim Seward, Brigid Sullivan, Andy Tanger, Clinton Woolley

**Members of the Public:** Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton, Annette Lynch, Stephen Michel, Donna Seward, Amy Turco + others unidentified on the phone

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1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:30 pm.

2. All recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Jennifer Matthews asked to add information about a grant agreement that had recently arrived regarding the replacement of Bridge #7 on VT Route 155 to **New Business/Other**. It was agreed to do so.

4. **Approval of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes** – Ms. Matthews asked to amend the minutes for item #5j pertaining to the time of the regular meeting. She stated she had recorded the motion made on the time, but not the vote itself. She would like to add that she and Jeff Chase voted for the motion to start the regular Select Board meetings at 6:30 pm; Mark Turco voted against the motion. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

5. **Reorganization (continued from 3.10.2020 meeting)**

a. **Select Board Chair** – Previous motion had been tabled. No new

motions were made. Brigid Sullivan suggested a six-month alternating Chair, with Mr. Turco serving for six months followed by Ms. Matthews serving for six months. Mr. Turco thanked Ms. Sullivan for the suggestion. With no motion made on that suggestion and no other motions put forward, the Board moved on.

b. **Emergency Management Director** – Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Turco. Motion unanimously approved.

c. **Rutland County Solid Waste District Alternate (RCSWD)** – Ms. Matthews noted that at the March meeting, the Select Board had appointed Clinton Woolley to be the RCSWD representative; the Board also needed to appoint an alternate. Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Mr. Chase as the alternate, seconded by Mr. Turco. Motion unanimously approved.

#### 6. Reports

a. **Highways & Transfer Station – Clinton Woolley**

i) **Update** – Mr. Woolley advised that there were six trees in Belmont that needed to come down. He had a quote from G.M. Tree Tech for \$1600 to take all six down; they would leave the wood for the road crew to use. Ms. Matthews asked how many more trees around town would need to be removed. Mr. Woolley responded there were quite a few, but he thought the road crew could take those down. Brigid Sullivan noted the six trees were part of the Village Center Designation funding. She asked if the trees could come down in stages and if there was a replacement plan for trees. There was additional discussion about the location of the trees (two on Belmont Road at the Herbst property, one by cemetery, a large ash and two dead maples on Maple Hill Road) and the health of the trees. Mr.

Woolley stated the trees are dead and they need to come down, and in response to a question from Mr. Turco, the trees do pose a hazard to the roadways and nearby property. Mr. Chase stated he thought the quote was very reasonable. Mr. Woolley offered to put tape around the trees so Select Board members could inspect them. Ms. Matthews suggested they table any decision on the

trees until the next meeting and after Select Board members had a chance to look at the trees.

ii) **One-Ton Truck** – Mr. Woolley had two quotes for the truck from Ford of Claremont and Stewart's. He had three quotes for the truck body and plow: \$20,283 from Iroquois, \$21,386 from Earle's Truck Repair, and \$28,682 from HP Fairfield. Mr. Chase asked if there was any difference between the Western and Fisher equipment. Mr. Woolley replied that either was fine in meeting the needs of the road crew. Mr. Woolley stated the truck would take anywhere from four-to-six weeks for delivery and the body would take an additional three weeks. He thought the order could be placed in June with delivery in July. Ms. Matthews noted the funds for the one-ton truck were included in the FY'20-21 budget (start of that fiscal year is July first). Mr. Turco said this item will be placed on next month's agenda

May 2020 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

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Of Memorial Day**

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call the Town Garage at 259-3179**

for further discussion.

Steve Hazelton asked if the tree at the bottom of his driveway on Healdville Road which was right up against a utility pole with a transformer on it was on the road crew's list. Mr. Woolley said no. Mr. Turco recommended Mr. Hazelton call Green Mountain Power; they would assess the situation and remove the tree if need be.

### **Mount Holly Animal Control Officer**

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Laura Swartz. She handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call **Home (802) 259-3976** or Cell text only 802-353-4492.

### **b. Treasurer – David Johnson**

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** – Mr. Johnson noted the following: there was no delinquent tax report and very few payments were made in March; not much revenue is received this time of year; interest income is still good, even with some lower interest rates.

Mr. Chase asked about the Snow Plowing Income. Mr. Johnson explained that the Towns of Wallingford and Plymouth are billed in May after the Select Board decides at its May meeting whether to make any adjustments to

the plowing rate due to the severity of the winter. Mr. Chase also asked about the State Aid for Roads. Mr. Johnson noted that a \$29,000 payment had been received over the weekend, so the amount received will be more than anticipated in the budget.

Mr. Johnson continued, noting the following: the Solid Waste Labels Sold continue to be strong; there is a new expense category for Public Safety – COVID-19 expenses with one expenditure of \$108 for the sign at the transfer station; the Casella bill for March has not yet been received, but solid waste expenses remain within the budgeted amount; State Education Fund finalizes its amount due about this time of year with what should be a little less than the \$399,509 listed on the P&L due; the Vehicle/Equipment Repair & Maintenance Expenses remain under budget; winter labor expense will be over budget due to storms on weekends that are paid at the overtime rate, but with winter materials expense under budget, winter road expense should come in under budget.

Mr. Chase asked if the summer road expense would be under budget. Mr. Johnson replied there was about \$40,000 still available for summer road materials and about \$30,000 for summer road outside services. Some of those funds could be used for culverts. Ms. Matthews noted there was \$70-75,000 to come in FEMA funds. Mr. Johnson pointed out expenses for the repair of Freeman Brook Road, and the early receipt of some FEMA funds.

Ms. Matthews asked about the current timetable on tax bills as the income tax filing deadline has been pushed out to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson replied that we have to wait for the State to set the education rate which could be delayed this year. He noted that the inspections of properties had been mostly completed before the social distancing order, so the Listers work was about a month ahead of a normal year, and the Grand List was pretty much ready to go. With the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for Homestead filings, he thought tax bills would go out sometime in the first weeks of August, about a two-week delay from the normal mailing time. He said that the discount on taxes is set for payment within the first 30 days of the mailing date, so no change would be needed there; the final due date of November first will, hopefully, be fine. Ms. Matthews congratulated the Listers and Doug Lemire for a job well-done again this year. Mr. Turco echoed that sentiment and thanked Mr. Johnson for his report.

ii) **Tax Sale Attorney** - Mr. Johnson stated that Delinquent Tax Collector Peter Perrino would like to continue using Kevin O'Toole as the tax sale attorney. Ms. Matthews made a motion to continue to use Kevin O'Toole as the Town of Mount Holly's tax sale attorney, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

c. **Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Jon McCann** submitted a report as he was single-parenting this evening. Ms. Matthews read from his report that Rob Fish had given a presentation on rural broadband connectivity at the March RRPC meeting. Mount Holly was well served with close to 100% coverage by broadband. Brigid Sullivan alerted the Select Board that Jon McCann was on the phone, and he needed to be un-muted. Mr. McCann added that Mount Holly has 98.3% of the buildings in town served with 100 mg/second download & upload speed, which is quite exceptional for Rutland county and Vermont in general.

## **Transfer Site Request**

As There is a State-wide **Ban on Burning** until May 30<sup>th</sup>,

Please **Hold Off on Adding Any More Brush**

**To the Burn Pile** at the Transfer Station.

Thank You!

d. **Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad – Kristin Veysey** was not able to be present. Mr. Turco read from the report she submitted to the Select Board. The report stated that MHVRS now has an 84% response rate with 15 calls made in a row and 28 of the last 29 calls made. Ms. Veysey had a couple of issues to raise with the Select Board about plowing at the Rescue Squad building. Clinton Woolley responded there was one storm when they had a call and he had not yet plowed the driveway; MHVRS had to drive through a snowbank to reach the road. Mr. Turco then read from a report stating MHVRS responded to 21 calls in zip code 05730, 28 calls in zip code 05742, and 46 calls in zip code 05758. Ms. Matthews noted that report was the SIREN report from the State and she was pleased to see that the numbers on it and Ms. Veysey's report agreed as there had been some discrepancies between the two in January. Ms. Matthews also noted that the response rate had risen from 80% to 84% between January and April, and she congratulated MHVRS on the great job they are now doing. She wondered what the final resolution was with Ludlow Ambulance Service (LAS) and the contract they had submitted to Mount Holly to provide mutual aid at a cost of \$500 per call. Mr. Turco replied Ms. Veysey had sent a letter to LAS refusing to sign the contract and that she was going to contact Rutland Regional Ambulance Service about mutual aid. Ms. Matthews wondered what the final resolution was.

e. **Mount Holly Planning Commission – Peter Berger** emailed he was 'not equipped' to attend the meeting electronically. Ms. Matthews noted the Select Board had asked Mr. Berger back in March to plan on attending this Select Board meeting to discuss the Planning Commission's activities of the past year and the planning issues to be addressed in the coming year. Ms. Matthews read the report Mr. Berger submitted which was a reiteration of what had been submitted for the Annual Town Report: 36 building construction

### **Mount Holly Listers Hours**

The Listers are at the Mount Holly Town Office most Tuesdays 10:00am-2:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions.



registrations and two subdivisions approved; Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy revised; appointments made by the Select Board, and the regular Planning Commission meeting day and time. As there was no additional information provided, Mr. Turco began to move on to the next agenda item. Ms. Matthews stated she had a couple of concerns.

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Ms. Matthews noted the two meetings held last October to discuss the proposed FirstNet/AT&T cell tower project with discussions about view sheds, the aesthetics of the tower, health & safety issues in town and land use. She continued, noting the two meetings held in September and October to discuss the 345-acre parcel to be conserved off VT Route 155 and the lengthy discussions had at both those meetings. Topics discussed were conservation, development, taxes, the desire to keep land and housing affordable in town, our excellent elementary school and the desire to keep and attract young families to Mount Holly, and the desire to hold on to a diverse population here. Ms. Matthews stated that since those meetings, concerns about dark skies, ski resort development at the top of Okemo Mountain, and the desire to protect our side of the mountain had been raised at various Select Board meetings. Ms. Matthews again expressed her concerns about Vail Resorts, a publicly traded company with a net worth of

\$6.24 billion and net income/profit of \$301 million in 2019, the second largest, it appears, ski resort company in the world, and one with no ties to Vermont. She noted that in their 10, 20 or 30-year plan, there was a strong possibility that Mount Holly and our side of the mountain came into play. Ms. Matthews stated Mount Holly is a precious community, and if we want to hold on to that, we need to take steps to protect what we treasure. Otherwise, we may end up with development here like one of Vail's recent real estate ones done in partnership with the Ritz-Carlton and with the construction of \$100 million ski mansions. This would bring higher property values but also higher property taxes, thereby making Mount Holly unaffordable for Vermonters to live here. One only need look at Ludlow with its 80-85% second home ownership rate. Ms. Matthews stated it was the Planning Commission's role to address land use issues, and she was very concerned we could lose the community we value due to inaction.

There was discussion about the town plan and whether it had the teeth to stand up in Act 250 hearings, the duties of the Planning Commission, and future land use policy initiatives. Mr. Turco stated the Select Board should ask all the Planning Commission members to attend the May Select Board meeting for a discussion of these concerns. It was agreed to do so.

#### 7. New Business

a. **Local Emergency Management Plan – approve** – Jeff Chase explained he had been working on the annual updates to the plan. So as to better acquaint himself with the Emergency Operations Center guidelines and the LEMP in general, he expanded the plan from the previous short form to the long form. He added some additional contacts and a number of community organizations. He explained this was basically the same document as last year's but with more detail. Ms. Matthews thanked him for taking this off her plate and expanding the plan with additional information. Discussion ensued about various pieces still to be completed, and about how the debris management information page would provide an additional 2% in FEMA funds to cover those costs in a disaster. Mr. Chase will fill in the last needed bits of information, and he will have the Rutland Regional Planning Commission review the plan. Mr. Turco stated the Select Board will have to finalize the plan and approve it at a special meeting. It was agreed to do so.

b. **Social Media Policy - approve** – Mr. Chase explained due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was much information that needed to be provided to the community using the Town website and the Newsflash. It became evident that a Town Facebook page could supplement both. The Facebook page would be for information purposes only with no public comments permitted. Ms. Matthews stated she thought a Town Facebook page was a great idea and that it would add another tool for communication with the community. Mr. Turco thanked Mr. Chase for pulling the policy together. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the Social Media Policy, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

c. **Animal Control Officer Appointment** – Ms. Matthews stated there were two individuals interested in the position, so the appointment would need to be discussed in executive session. Mr. Turco agreed.

d. **Temporary Junk Ordinance Waiver** – Ms. Matthews explained that there was an individual in town who had complained about junk in residents' yards. Nobody likes junk in residents' yards, but as Ms. Matthews explained, removing junk at the moment is challenging. Governor Scott's Executive Order and numerous Addenda state residents are to stay at home, only go out for essential business, practice social distancing, and that all non-essential businesses are to be closed. Ridding one's yard of junk is further complicated by the fact that the Gleason Road facility has limits on what it is currently accepting: only trash, recycling and food scraps. While residents are at home, many are doing intensive clean-outs which are further straining the solid waste disposal systems in the State. Ms. Matthews stated the junk ordinance would be difficult to enforce at present given the inability to dispose of junk, and she recommended a temporary waiver of the ordinance. Ms. Matthews made a motion to temporarily waive the enforcement of the junk ordinance, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco noted that the Governor's orders were in effect until May 15<sup>th</sup>, so the Select Board would revisit the issue at its June meeting.

e. **Act 148 – Ban on Food Scraps in Trash effective 7.1.2020** – Ms. Matthews reminded residents that as of July first, no food scraps would be allowed in the trash for disposal. She noted the containers at the transfer station were available for food scrap disposal. She also noted that the costs were increasing for the disposal of the food scrap containers through the Rutland County Solid Waste District. She

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wondered if there was any interest in town for a community-wide composting program. Mr. Turco questioned whether there were any regulations concerning this. Mr. Chase said he would check with the Agency of Natural Resources and Casella Organics about any rules and regulations that may apply. It was agreed to revisit the idea at the May meeting.

**f. Other – State of Vermont Grant Agreement re: Municipal Expenses associated with the Bridge #7 Replacement on VT Route 155** – Ms. Matthews explained that a grant agreement had arrived for bypass mitigation for this bridge replacement project; grant is for \$10,226. Included in this sum are \$2,600 for maintenance, \$1,126 for dust control, and \$6,500 for law enforcement. The replacement work is to occur this summer with an anticipated 35-day closure of VT Route 155. The detour will use Maple Hill Road on the south end and Tarbellville Road on the north end. The State will post signs on Route 100 on the south end and Routes 103 & 140 on the north end to detour traffic. The law enforcement funds are to keep trucks off the local roads and to stop any speeding along the detour routes. Mr. Chase offered to contact the sheriff's department about a contract and costs for law enforcement during the project. Clinton Woolley will look into the cost of chloride for dust control. Ms. Matthews will talk with VTrans about including town officials in the pre-construction meetings. It was agreed to revisit the issue in May with the additional information.

#### **8. Ongoing & Old Business**

**a. Road Crew Uniforms** – Mr. Chase did a comparison of the two quotes presented at March's meeting: one from Unifirst, the other from Foley. Costs are similar and service comparable. One has a four-year term, the other five years. Foley is slightly cheaper in costs over the four-year term. Mr. Chase made a motion to use Foley for the road crew uniforms, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

**b. Cemetery Tree Removal Bids** – Ms. Matthews discussed the need expressed by Cemetery Commissioner Dennis Devereux to address dead and dying trees at the Town's cemeteries. She explained there would need to be a small financial commitment over the next few years to address these trees before damage is done to buildings, fencing, and/or headstones. Mr. Devereux had two quotes: one from G.M. Tree Tech and one from Jason Barrows, with the G.M. Tree Tech quote substantially less. Mr. Devereux would like to remove the four dying maples at Old Mechanicsville Cemetery near the Herbst home as soon as possible so the trees do not come down and damage the home or garage. He would like to remove the five dying maples at Carlton Cemetery after July first. Mr. Chase asked how many more trees might need to come down. Mr. Woolley thought there were another eight to ten trees in addition to these nine. David Johnson stated there was \$3,000 in next year's budget for cemetery tree removal. Ms. Matthews asked if there was \$2,400 available to do the four trees at Old Mechanicsville Cemetery now. Mr. Johnson stated there was \$11,200 in extra interest income that could cover that cost. Stephen Michel asked if these cemetery trees and the other Belmont trees could be taken down at the same time. Ms. Matthews suggested a motion to accept G.M. Tree Tech's quote for \$2,400 to remove the four trees at Old Mechanicsville Cemetery, leaving the wood, and inquire if this work could be done at the same time as the Belmont tree removal in order to realize some cost savings. As no decision had yet been made about the trees in Belmont, Mr. Turco made a motion to accept G.M. Tree Tech's quote for \$2,400 for the cemetery trees, seconded by Ms. Matthews. Mr. Turco and Ms. Matthews voted for the motion; Mr. Chase voted against it.

**c. Emerald Ash Borer Update** – Mr. Chase has spoken with the EAB Committee Coordinator Don Richardson and he had attended a video conference. They are focused on organizing the inventory of ash trees in town, using GIS to identify the trees. They plan to do the inventory in a couple of months.

**d. EID Grant Program Update** – Mr. Chase worked with Road Foreman Clinton Woolley to create a list of bridges, culverts and roads that will need attention in the coming years. He would like to choose a project for the grant which is due May 15<sup>th</sup>. The grant program covers 80% of the project's cost. He would recommend the culvert replacement at the corner of Lake Street and Belmont Road. If the culvert should fail, there could be damage to several homes and other downstream culverts. Ms. Matthews asked about the projected cost of \$500,000 with only 80% covered by the grant; how would the additional \$100,000 be covered so as the cost does not fall on the town. There was discussion of other State grant possibilities. There was also discussion about box culverts, hydraulics from VTrans and current delays, designs, other culvert sizes. Mr. Chase will explore the costs of the project further and provide an update at the special meeting next week. He will also investigate the Sawyer Hill culvert project as a fallback, given its anticipated lower cost.

**e. Bob Bryant's Concerns** – Mr. Bryant was not present.

**f. Other** – There was no other ongoing and/or old business.

**9. Announcements/Other Business** – Ms. Matthews announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the transfer station had been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Matthews also reminded residents to continue to abide by Governor Scott's Executive Orders by staying at home, leaving only for essential reasons like grocery shopping, medicine, medical care, and exercise. She thanked residents for staying home as a way to keep each other healthy and to get through this pandemic more quickly. She also thanked all our frontline workers

who reside in town and work at grocery stores and other essential businesses. She thanked our nurses, doctors, and healthcare providers, postal workers, and delivery drivers & personnel.

**10. Review & Sign Orders** – to be signed one Select Board member at a time at the town office.

**11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3)** – For personnel to discuss the animal control officer appointment, Ms. Matthews made a motion to enter executive session at 8:38 pm, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Motion to exit executive session at 9:29 pm was made by Ms. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Ms. Matthews made a motion to appoint Laura Swartz Animal Control Officer, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Matthews

#### **Planning Commission Virtual Meeting Minutes ~ April 20, 2020**

Present: Peter Berger, Nicole Lewis, Clinton Woolley, Jim Seward, Gabrielle Macklin-Bickford, OkemoTV  
Peter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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The minutes from February 17, 2020 were reviewed and accepted by motion, second and vote (5-0).

Correspondence:

- FCC – informational notice of update to previous Section 106 filing
- Downs Rachlin Martin – copies of amended documents submitted to Vermont Public Utilities Commission re: Tarbell AT&T cell tower and partial transfer of certificate of public good
- Reeves Consulting – response to District #2 Environmental Commission re: Act 250 Application Filing by Okemo Limited Liability Company regarding renovation of the Base Lodge and lift upgrade projects

Building Construction Registrations:

Gregory – Howland Farm Road, 21x24 shed: approved

Kreig/Roest – Old Turnpike Road, 12x16 free-standing greenhouse: approved

Barker – Patch Hill, 12x16 sugar house: approved

Other:

Letter received from Selectboard re: request for Planning Commission members to participate in the May Selectboard meeting for the purpose of discussing the Town Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM by motion, second and vote (5-0). Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Lewis, Planning Commission Secretary



## Happy Mom's Day

This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barf laced with Oscar Mayer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid saying, "It's okay honey, Mommy's here."

Who have sat in rocking chairs for hours on end soothing crying babies who can't be comforted.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who DON'T.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections are hanging on their refrigerator doors.

And for all the mothers who froze their buns on metal bleachers at football or soccer games instead of watching from the warmth of their cars.

And that when their kids asked, "Did you see me, Mom?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair when they stomp their feet and scream for ice cream before dinner. And for all the mothers who count to ten instead, but realize how child abuse happens.

This is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the (grand) mothers who wanted to, but just couldn't find the words.

This is for all the mothers who go hungry, so their children can eat.

For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again. "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for every mother whose head turns automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home -- or even away at college -- or have their own families.

This is for all the mothers who sent their kids to school with stomach aches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up. Right away.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

For all the mothers who bite their lips until they bleed when their 14 year olds dye their hair green.

BR For all the mothers of the victims of recent school shootings, and the mothers of those who did the shooting.

For all the mothers of the survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to be peaceful, and now pray they come home safely from a war.

What makes a good Mother anyway? Is it patience? Compassion? Broad hips?

The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time? Or is it in her heart?

Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 A.M. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The panic, years later, that comes again at 2 A.M. when you just want to hear their key in the door and know they are safe again in your home? Or the need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a fire, a car accident, a child dying?

The emotions of motherhood are universal and so our thoughts are for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation... And mature mothers learning to let go. For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers. Single mothers and married mothers. Mothers with money, mothers without. This is for you all. For all of us...

Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can. Tell them every day that we love them. And pray and never stop being a mom.. "Home is what catches you when you fall - and we all fall."

### "The Crooked Man" By Virginia Ward

There was a "Crooked Man"  
And he walked a crooked mile,  
His name is Comrade Sanders;  
"Socialism" is his style.

He owns three crooked houses  
With his crooked wife Jane;  
One's worth half a million  
On the shores of Lake Champlain.

He counts his crooked millions  
While on his crooked plane,  
If he loves a clean planet  
Why won't he ride a train?

He hates crooked borders,  
Wants "illegals" here to stay,  
And he seems to love Cuba  
More than the U.S.A.!

So adios Comrade Sanders,  
It's time for you to go;  
You'll never be our President-  
Good luck helping "Crooked Joe"!

Have a great day everybody and  
Remember – KEEP AMERICA GREAT!

## Online Shopping in Okemo Valley *Supporting our Regional Business Community!*

Okemo Valley, VT: The *Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce* (OVRCC) has compiled a list of members offering online shopping opportunities during this COVID-19 Pandemic. The public is invited to help support these businesses by shopping online as well as purchasing gift cards or gift certificates from them. Visit the Chamber's [website](https://yourplaceinvermont.com/opportunities-for-online-shopping-in-okemo-valley/) and click on the post with the shopping bags or follow this link: <https://yourplaceinvermont.com/opportunities-for-online-shopping-in-okemo-valley/>  
<https://yourplaceinvermont.com/onlineshopping/>

There are a range of retailers participating in online shopping throughout Okemo Valley including: apparel, artwork, beauty products, beef, candy, carpeting, cheese, flooring, food, furniture, unique gifts, glassware, home furnishings, kitchenware, maple products, sporting equipment, toys & games, and custom wood products. Some chamber members have always offered an online shopping option while others are expanding their online offerings at this time.

The chamber also continues to update a list of members and others offering food take-out and grocery providers here: <https://yourplaceinvermont.com/support-okemo-valley-members-offering-food-pick-up-delivery/>

In order to support their members and the regional business community, the chamber is also maintaining and updating a **COVID Resources** button on their website linked to business resources here: <https://yourplaceinvermont.com/covid-resources/>

In addition, there is a community resources information page on the chamber's website which is also continually updated as well. For more info, go to: <https://yourplaceinvermont.com/community-resources-needs-during-covid-19/>

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** *Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce*, [www.yourplaceinvermont.com](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com) 802-228-5830

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**Decision:** We will contact you to notify you of our decision regarding your acceptance to Mount St. Joseph Academy.

**Tuition Assistance Application:** Once you have been accepted, you may be eligible to apply for tuition assistance from MSJ. If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance, you can do so via the FACTS online portal. Please note, there is a \$35 fee for FACTS applications.

**Tuition Assistance Award Letter:** We will contact you with the results of your tuition assistance application for the semester/year and a remaining balance.

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**Contact:** Bill Bruso, Enrollment Coordinator, 802.775.0151 x 2013 or via [wbruso@msjvermont.org](mailto:wbruso@msjvermont.org)

### ***Ludlow Emergency Team Discusses Virus Status***

The local public television station recently conducted a ZOOM presentation featuring Ludlow's leaders in the emergency management of the Covid-19 crisis in Ludlow.

Pictured above are Scott Murphy, Ludlow's Municipal Manager, Ron Bixby, the town's emergency management director, and Ralph Pace, the host of the TV program "Spotlight". All three were in different locations and the ZOOM presentation was managed by Patrick Cody at the Okemo Valley TV studio.

Both Murphy and Bixby emphasized the need to follow Governor Scott's order concerning "stay at home". They noted that they were reviewing the local, state and national status of activities designed to curb exposure to the virus as well as the impact the virus had on the local community.

They also noted that key information on the status of the virus and efforts to control it was available on the town's web site, [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us), where links to important regional and national websites were available.

The Spotlight program will be broadcast on cable channels 8 and 10 in Ludlow, Cavendish, and Plymouth, and 20 in Mt Holly. By Ralph Pace





## Black River Independent School

### Dear Black River community,

The time is now. We are ready to make a big move. You have been hearing from us for three years now, in some form, about our mission to open an independent school in Ludlow, to serve any area student, tuition-free. A school whose independent status will allow full local control. A school whose vision and mission arise directly from our community, from its character and needs. One that is not another attempt to cut-and-paste a large urban high school onto our rural mountain town.

In the past year, you've seen a concrete vision for what this school could be. Six pillars. 75 students, and in future years, perhaps 150 or 200. A school where "personalized learning", "vocational education", and "environmental commitment" are not just buzzwords. Where a student, with the support of their family, has true freedom to learn based on their passions. To look towards a career that excites them. To count on a truly diverse and well-rounded education that will prepare them to live the lives they want, and to *lead*, whether here in Ludlow, or anywhere in the world.

That vision is the same. That's where we are headed, as long as our community supports it.

Over the past month we've been zeroing in, with laser focus, on how that vision will begin in August 2020. We've taken input from our local representatives, from the very helpful contacts that we've developed at the Vermont Agency of Education, from specialized fundraising and legal consultants, and from a few of our best candidates for Head of School, who we've recently been interviewing. The message we've received has been clear: with a big vision, it's always better to start small. It's better to create what you want to see at a scale where you feel confident of success, and grow it into the future.

The coming school year will be our pilot program. We'll start with 14 students and two faculty, including our Head of School, supported by one Business Manager, and, of course, our 100% volunteer Board of Trustees. This will be done on a budget of just \$200,000. We'll be sharing that budget in the next few weeks. You'll find that, compared to the district budgets we all review and vote on every year, ours is quite short and easy to understand. That's because at a small scale, things are simple, and overhead is reduced - especially administrative overhead. In fact, our per-pupil cost will be just \$14,294 dollars - about 15% lower than local districts.

In this pilot year, we'll be doing this *without* public tax dollars. For the first year of operation, our goal is to preserve as much local control as possible. The State of Vermont's process for public funding for independent schools, where town tax dollars are channeled on a per-pupil basis to that pupil's school of choice, involves significant oversight by the state. We believe that if we come to that process with an established school, with a strong record of success and with parents and a community behind it, we will come through with our vision still intact. We expect to do that as early as next year.

That means that for 2020-21, the Black River Independent School will be funded on a 100% donation basis. We need our community behind us to make this happen. We'll be asking our major donors not how much they can give, but how many students they can fund - \$14,494 each. If that's you, we'd like to hear from you, and you can expect to hear from us. For those of more modest means, we ask that you do whatever you

can. We are intensely aware that this is a time of great economic uncertainty. If you are unsure of what the next month brings, we ask that you think about the following month. If you are not ready in the summer, we will be here in the fall.

We are already over a third of the way there, having raised \$79,000 so far. Our goal is to hit \$200,000 by the end of 2020. But to open the doors in August, we need to make significant progress in the next three months. We will not invite students to begin their school year at a school that is not on solid financial footing: *if we have not made significant progress towards our goal by the end of June, such that we feel confident about reaching our goal, we will not open in August.*

We are sure our towns can do this. If every one of the 3,200 full-time residents of Ludlow and Mount Holly contributed \$64, we'd be there. If 14 generous donors, individuals or families, who love our towns and can support a vision that will help ensure their viability as genuine communities, where families can live and succeed, supported one student each... we'd be there.

We need your help, whatever your means. The 14 students who will commit to this pilot year will be brave pioneers. They deserve your support, and your belief in them. But it's not just about them. Their success this year will set the stage for this pilot program to be scaled up in subsequent years, thanks to Vermont's generous and innovative system of public funding for independent schools.

It has to start somewhere, and it's starting now. If you have questions or input, please contact any one of our Trustees, who are carrying this vision forward until the Head of School begins work early this summer. You can also respond to this email. We will be contacting students who have already enrolled on our website to discuss how this new vision can include you.

In community, The Black River Independent School Board of Trustees, Sean Williams, Chair, Pat Pullinen, Vice-Chair, Marissa Selleck, Secretary, Kristen Garvey, interim Treasurer, Melissa Perrino, Trustee, Suzy Buckley, Trustee, John Bannon, Trustee, Julie Abraham, Trustee, Summers Williams, Trustee



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## Okemo Valley TV Provides Local Media Resources to Help Keep Community Connected

### Local News, Information, & Entertainment on TV and Online

During these times of shutdowns and social distancing, people are looking for ways to stay informed and keep connected with their community. Through a mix of technology, outreach, and creativity, Okemo Valley TV - the community TV station and media center serving the Black River Valley and Okemo region- is helping to support such efforts.

"We're adapting and doing as much as we can to be of service during this time", says Executive Director Patrick Cody. "It just means doing this differently. Our facility (in the Ludlow Community Center) is shut down at the moment and we're working remotely. So, there's physical distance and we're without the studio and all of the regular equipment. But we can still make TV!" The station is using video conferencing - mainly Zoom - to record shows, commentaries, and meetings. "I want to get the word out to everyone and invite them to use us, because we can help. We're here to support any person or organization wanting to get out news, information, or entertainment."

Some organizations, including Town governments, have taken advantage of the opportunity, relying on station's technical host and record meetings with video conferencing software. In addition, other shows have been recorded via video conferencing. On the topic of COVID-19, the station recorded a discussion between the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce and Springfield Medical Care Systems, and another with the Town of Ludlow about its emergency management operations and available resources for residents. Both of those shows are currently in rotation. Senate President Tim Ashe is recording daily video updates related to the State's COVID-19 response, distributing them on community stations. Okemo Valley TV televises them every day at 1:30pm and 6:30 on the Education / Government channel.

Examples of others using video to bring their offerings to the public during this challenging time include: Ludlow Baptist Church, which is recording its services remotely on video, Merck Forest & Farmland Center, with its "Nearby Nature" educational series, the Fairbanks Museum with its "Virtual Learning" classes, Cavendish librarian Kata Welch's "Story Time" readings, and PSAs from Black River Good Neighbors. Dr. Linda Thomson, a licensed hypnotherapist from Ludlow, created a half-hour session for TV and online "to give others a soothing respite from the craziness that is our world today". By working with Okemo Valley TV, Dr. Thomson said she was able to make this offering to not only to her friends and neighbors, but "to an even wider community".

Okemo Valley TV operates two channels on local cable TV systems- on Comcast Xfinity and in high definition on VTel. On Comcast, they are on channels 8 & 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish, and channels 20 & 21 in Mount Holly. Comcast is moving the channels to 1076 & 1086 in all Towns, a transition which is currently in process but not yet finalized. On, VTel Okemo Valley TV is on channels 166 & 167, system wide. Program schedules - daily schedules and weekly "grids" can be found on the station's website ([okemovalley.tv/schedules](http://okemovalley.tv/schedules)).

In addition to cable TV, local programming can be viewed online on [okemovalley.tv](http://okemovalley.tv), and You Tube. The station also offers a calendar / bulletin board to share news and invites all community organizations to submit their information to be posted on it. The calendar runs on TV in between programming and is also available to view on [okemovalley.tv](http://okemovalley.tv).

## Green Up Day Postponed to May 30.

Greetings and news, we probably expected, about Green Up Day is below. Updates will be forwarded as received. Please note this is the 50th Year of Green Up so at some point this year we will clean up and celebrate even if it's fall cleaning.

With so many closings and the Governor's "stay home, stay safe" order, Green Up Vermont is unable to distribute Green Up Day supplies until the first week in May. Town coordinators will be communicating how people can pick up bags safely with social distance, along with plans for trash collection on May 30.

With Covid-19 and the precarious health situations in our world today, please use logical precautions and stay informed on what the Vermont Dept. of Health is recommending. Visit <http://www.greenupvermont.org> for information on safety, ways to communicate, and other fun information. Thank you to all who get out and Green Up to keep our state looking beautiful as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day.

An easy way to support Green Up Vermont is on line 23 of your Vermont Tax Form. Stay well. Marianne McGee, Green Up Coordinator.



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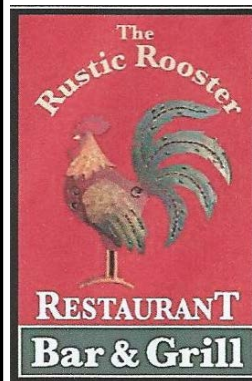
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### Chamber of Commerce

We are encouraging people to share pictures on social media along the way to help create a positive sense of community by using #comealiveoutside and #5x5challenge!

Can you help us spread the word? It is such an important time to continue to enjoy the outdoors in safe and healthy ways!

You can help by:

- Forwarding this email and the attached one-pager to your network.
- Following @comealiveoutside on Instagram and Facebook and sharing our social posts on your own social media channels.

Also, be sure to sign up for the challenge yourself!  
<https://comealiveoutside.com/5x5/>

## Get Outside with Come Alive Outside's 5x5

Come Alive Outside has created a new 5x5 Challenge for people to complete 5 healthy outdoor activities a week for 5 weeks while we are all social distancing! Folks can download an Activity Guide and Tracking Sheet on our website.

1: GET ACTIVE OUTSIDE!

2: GROW SOMETHING YOU CAN EAT!

3: LEARN WITH YOUR HANDS IN THE SOIL!

4: CONNECT WITH NATURE!

5: PLAY UNPLUGGED!



## SVCOA launches shopping service for older Vermonters

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) has launched a new grocery and supply shopping service to support older Vermonters in Bennington and Rutland counties during the COVID-19 issue.

“We’re excited to make this critical service available to older Vermonters in our region so they are able to get the essential food and supplies they need while being able to stay home and safe during this challenging time,” said Courtney Anderson, Nutrition Director with SVCOA.

The shopping service, which is supported by vetted SVCOA volunteers, is available to anyone age 60 or over, as well as eligible younger disabled individuals.

“Similar to our home-delivered meals program, this service functions under a set of thorough safeguards that remove all in-person contact and ensure the well-being of both clients and volunteers,” said Anderson. “The service is safe, easy and really helpful for anyone who might need it.”

If you or someone you know is interested in accessing the shopping service, or if you’re interested in volunteering, please call SVCOA at 802-786-5990 and ask to speak with Ellen Green.

### About SVCOA

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging exists to be a community force in creating and sustaining opportunities for elders and caregivers in our region to help assure that elders are able to maintain maximum independence and quality of life.

For more information about SVCOA, visit [www.svcoa.org](http://www.svcoa.org).



## Vermont Symphony Orchestra

To Music Lovers Everywhere...

Although in-person performances are on hold for the moment, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra is still committed to bringing music to Vermonters. Follow the VSO on Facebook and Instagram to stay in the loop about future plans, and in the meantime, check out the VSO Blog for the staff’s favorite stress-relieving music, a list of VSO musicians offering remote lessons, and more. Blog: [Blog - Vermont Symphony Orchestra](http://Blog - Vermont Symphony Orchestra) [www.vso.org/blog/](http://www.vso.org/blog/)

## Hello.....Isn't It Time for Spring!?!

Every few days we get a touch of spring, then Mother Nature reminds us that winter is still not quite over and we wonder if it will ever really get here. Nevertheless, the horses are feeling frisky and ready to start a new season. With the snow gone some like to seek out new pastures and inevitably get back to their old habits of testing each and every section of the fence to see if they can find a spot for escape. Even with new fencing there are two—Fonda and her daughter Sabre--that always know just where to look.

It's also the season when the new lambs arrive. White, black, a few like chocolate, boys and girls, singles and twins. Give them a few days and they're ready to explore their world so out into the horse pasture they go along with Smokey, Dollar and Cutie. Smokey loves the little darlings and always keeps an eye on them even reaching over the gate when they are in the barn to give them a friendly nudge and howdy-do. Dollar just thinks they are part of the landscape and ignores them. Cutie doesn't mind the little ones and is always trying to grab a mouthful of

hay from their bin and when she's eating her breakfast grain, if they come to help, she steps back out of the way and lets them eat their fill; just a little unusual because she really likes her grain.

So even though we may all be stuck at home, on the farm it is still a busy time and there is a lot of new life starting and even some returning that keeps the days interesting. Wood ducks are back to nest, geese and other ducks are on the lake, and every day it seems there is another, different bird song outside. Since life is a little bit slower these days what a good time to stop and listen to life renewing and returning once again.

Although we have not set any dates for the start of our lessons and our annual Volunteer Open House and Orientation, anyone that would like to volunteer is urged to either contact us or go on-line and download a volunteer application to fill out and email or mail to us so you can be ready to get started.

Anyone that wants to participate in the program should also contact us or go on-line and download our participant application and paperwork and get it back to us.

If you can't obtain the paperwork from our website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org), send an email [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowridingcenter.org) or call us at 802-236-2483 and we will email or send you the paperwork you need. Our address is P. O. Box 395, Shrewsbury, VT 05738



## Mount Holly Garden Blog

This is a new series to share information about something positive that we can be doing during these very peculiar times. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and persistent snows, spring is officially here and many of us are thinking about the garden. In these weekly articles I will address timely gardening topics as we go through the seasons in Mount Holly. If you have ideas to contribute or questions to ask about a local gardening topic please email me at ([mhgardener@vermontel.net](mailto:mhgardener@vermontel.net)) and I'll try to include them in an article.

**First things first.** If you want to grow the best varieties from seed the best time to order your seeds was early January. The second-best time is NOW. Seed companies have been overwhelmed with seed orders and are running low on many varieties. We have several excellent seed companies in New England that specialize in northern varieties including FEDCO Seeds, High Mowing (based in Vermont), and Johnny's Seeds. They all offer online catalogs and convenient ordering but don't delay. Local retail stores are also seeing strong seed & gardening supplies sales and may not have a full selection soon.

**What should we be doing now?** Use the nice days to your advantage and get your pruning and cleanup done before everything else starts. In general, prune out all dead, diseased or damaged stems and branches while plants are dormant (now). Make your cuts close to the main stem, just outside the enlarged "collar" or just outside lateral buds that can grow new branches. This is a great time to manage shape & size by cutting off those drooping branches and downward growing branches. A few specifics:

**Raspberries** – cut out all the old canes that fruited last season plus any short, spindly canes (cut off at ground level). Also, you can cut back young canes to 5-6 ft. to reduce floppiness or excessive height. If you have everbearing that tried to bear a second fall crop you should cut those canes down to the lowest fruit bunches as they won't repeat fruiting on that top area.

**Apple & Pears** – remove all dead or damaged branches and any "suckers" (branches that grow straight up from the main trunk or side branches. Remove branches that cross (pick one), grow downward or head centrally. After pruning, apply a dormant oil spray covering all surfaces well (especially the buds) from the ground up to the top to smother over-wintering pest insect eggs. Do this on a calm day when the temperature is above 40 (coming soon). We'll repeat this application after the leaf buds swell and after they just open but *before* blossoms to get most of the larvae hiding in the bark and buds.

**Hydrangeas** – in Mount Holly we mostly have only smooth or panicle hydrangeas that bloom on new wood. (Big white blossoms) They don't require pruning but you'll get bigger blossoms if you cut all last year's canes back to the ground. I leave a number of strong young canes (straight and gray colored) for early greening and to provide support for new canes.

Do not prune forsythia, rhododendron, spiraeas, clethras, viburnums, or lilacs until after they have finished blossoming (except to remove dead or damaged branches). Their flower buds are already present on last year's wood and pruning them now would remove this year's blossoms!



## Rutland County Solid Waste District Regional Transfer Station

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- Other materials up to the attendant's discretion

This is a temporary restriction lasting **at least until April 15**,  
per Executive Order 01-20.

Regular operating hours are in effect.

### Additional requirements for facility use:

**DO NOT ENTER** if you have COVID-19 symptoms or possible exposure  
**MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE**– at least 6' from other people  
**UNLOAD YOUR OWN WASTE**– employees have been instructed to not handle waste

**NO CONGREGATING**– leave facility once unloaded

**PROVIDE CHECKS OR EXACT CASH** for payment

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate concerns associated with COVID-19.

Please see our "Public Service Announcement" about limiting regional transfer station visits to essential items:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=8&v=hMirVNouNf4&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=hMirVNouNf4&feature=emb_logo)

We are not trying to make light of our situation, but we hope you can enjoy a smile and a laugh while hearing our message. Thank you to all the essential workers who are risking their lives to serve our communities every day!

**My big suggestion**, keep a garden journal. This is so valuable for your own record of what happened, when and what you did. Yes, I know you have an excellent memory, but keep a journal anyway. Next year it'll be your goldmine of reminders. Make it simple and easy - what you did to what plants and the dates. For example: "4/3/2020 Planted tomato (Juliet) seeds, 24 seeds in 4 6 packs" or "4/5/2020 Pruned raspberries". You may add whatever you want such as weather, varieties, soil mix, etc. but keep it simple so that it doesn't become a chore. Get a notebook and start it now.

For more information and to follow Jim's weekly garden tips go to <https://mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com> Jim Corven, Fenn Farmstead & Gardens, Mount Holly. [mhgardener@vermontel.net](mailto:mhgardener@vermontel.net)



## Vermont Home Gardener begins in Mount Holly

In times of change and stress we need something positive that we can control and enjoy. For me that is my garden. What about you? The soil, the plants, the cycles of nature are continuing and we can participate to our benefit and enjoyment. The purpose of this new blog is to share gardening ideas and experiences with you. I will bring seasonally timely topics to our gardening community and ask that you also contribute your ideas, comments, and questions to make it better.

**What to Grow?** Don't get cabin fever, get gardening fever! The next installment of Mount Holly Gardener is available online. Planning a garden requires some decisions. Most basically "What to grow?" That depends on what you want to eat or to see in your yard, and the kind of work you can do. Soil & climate conditions in northern New England place constraints on our choices too. No bananas, oranges, or mangoes, but we do have a wide selection of great fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers that do very well here. Read the whole story at [Vermonthomegardener.com](http://Vermonthomegardener.com) **Jim Corven, Fenn Farmstead & Gardens** 802-259-2311 H 781-307-0394 M

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## Distance Learning (The MSJ Model)

Like most of the nation Mount St Joseph Academy was not spared in the effects of COVID-19. In March it was obvious that drastic measures were about to take effect and we needed to adjust and adapt to some very difficult and different times. We met as a faculty and staff to discuss the potential of having to change the way we teach and educate taking into consideration the whole student as well as their families.

During this discussion the subject of distance learning and remote access came to the forefront. There were several challenges that needed to be addressed; first there was the structure we were going to operate within, next there was the issue of sourcing- does every student have a device that will sustain them over a long period of isolation from school, and lastly is there infrastructure available to support all our students? These were the problems and challenges we had to overcome all within a very short period of time (inside a week's time).

The first problem, the structure to operate within, was ready made and simple in its design. The traditional eight period day, where students transition from one period to the next during a normal school day, was actually perfect to support distance learning for multiple reasons. The two primary reasons for choosing this model were structure and consistency. Structure is important because it gives purpose to the day, adolescents and even lots of adults need purpose, they need to know what is in store for them during their day. Students are also very comfortable knowing that they do not have to learn a new schedule on top of trying to learn in a totally different environment. Using the existing schedule was one less thing to worry about.

Consistency is also vital to success in this environment. A sense of routine provides a level of comfort that makes accessing a student's education that much easier. A student that knows they have a schedule they are used to, knows when class is scheduled, and knows what the expectations are for class will be more open to learning new ideas, a concept than a student that is trying to learn a new structure, on top of trying to learn new material.

The second problem of ensuring every student had a device to sustain them through this period of uncertainty was less of a problem because Mount St. Joseph is already a one to one school; meaning every student has a device and is very familiar with incorporating it into their everyday lives.

The last concern was access to the internet. This is difficult to control because depending on where the student lives and the socioeconomic state of the family; not every student has the same capability to access the internet. Luckily (sometimes it's good to be lucky) the local internet provider saw the issue and made access to the internet equitable during this time of crisis.

Thus, the "MSJ Model" was born. I say this because as we started rolling out our plan to students, surrounding public schools had not even come up with a delivery plan for their students. They were struggling with many other issues that we were not burdened with. So, as surrounding schools were looking for examples to follow, word got out that they should be looking at our model as a working example of what they could do.

None of this would have been possible if not for the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff of Mount St. Joseph Academy. It is the mark of a great organization that when presented with adversity they dig in, work together, and figure out a plan rather than complain and try to wish it away. Our Mount St. Joseph Family did not complain or worry, they just lowered their shoulders and pushed forward, faithfully knowing that what they were doing would yield good results in time.

So here we are three weeks into this new normal. Virtual classes are the new normal, students, families, faculty, and staff have fully embraced the concept. It has been an absolute honor to watch the transition and I could be happier with the results thus far. We are looking toward the future, we will return to some semblance of normal, life will go on but we have a system and structure in place that will sustain us until that time. By Mike Alexander - Bill Bruso, *Enrollment Coordinator*, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, 802-775-0151 ext.2013, *Ride the Wave to Success*, [www.msjvermont.org](http://www.msjvermont.org) [Follow MSJ on Facebook!](#)

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>

Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used if appropriate for the surface. **Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.**

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute

To make a bleach solution, mix: 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water OR 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

According to Clorox™, the amount of hypochlorite that is added to their bleach depends on the season in which it is manufactured, because temperature affects the decomposition rate of sodium hypochlorite. So, more hypochlorite is added to bleach made in the summer than in cooler months. Clorox aims to maintain a 6% hypochlorite concentration for at least six months after the manufacturing date, assuming the bleach is stored around 70°F. It takes about 4-8 weeks from the time chlorine bleach is made to when it gets to a store so that you can buy it to take home. This leaves you 3-5 months where the bleach is at the effectiveness level stated on its label.

**Does this mean bleach is useless after 3-5 months? No, because you probably don't need 6% hypochlorite for laundry and home disinfection. The 6% hypochlorite level is an EPA disinfection standard. If you store your bleach where it can get warmer than 70°F, like 90°F, the bleach is still effective for around three months.**

From the Clorox site

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It's important to keep track of how old a bottle of bleach is because it doesn't last forever! The way to identify the age of a bottle (people don't always remember when they bought it!) is to use the production code stamped on the neck of the bottle. Let's use A81421321CA3 for an example.

To find the date the product was made, you read it from left to right and use the first 7 characters as follows:

Plant Number—Last two digits of year made—Day of the year made

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Not sure what to do with too-old bleach? If it has any bleach smell, it still has some bleach active and can still be used for general home cleaning and laundry; just use a little more than the recommended amount (and be sure to use it up quickly). If it no longer has any bleach odor, just flush it down the toilet — any small amount of sodium hypochlorite active that may remain will finish breaking down as it travels through your home's pipes and out to the sewer.

## Senator Alison Clarkson's Legislative Update

The Legislature's priority focus during this unusual time is providing relief to Vermonters who face serious life challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. As we are all discovering, a surprising number of the needs of everyday life are affected by having to 'stay safe, stay home'. From reducing people's economic burdens, to helping people stay in their homes, sign wills, notarize documents, consult with health care providers remotely, and create flexibility for our towns, to maintaining the financial viability of our emergency responders and to extending licensing renewals – there are countless ways 'business as usual' needs a legislative change to protect Vermonters during this pandemic. In order to carry this out, however, we have needed to adapt our own rules and procedures to the requirements of social distancing.

During the COVID crisis, many of us are now using remote meeting technology for our activities – business, family visits, even religious services happen through video conferencing. Now the Legislature has joined the club. For weeks the Vermont Legislature's committees have been meeting remotely, and almost daily the full Senate has had video calls to discuss strategies and exchange information. Now we've added remote voting to the mix.

It seemed quite natural to meet as an entire Senate by Zoom on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>. But in fact it was a legislative 'first' – and of some historic significance. While there have been unusual circumstances such as wars and natural disasters that have tested the Senate rules which require us to meet and vote in person, in the Statehouse, this was the first time in over 200 years that one of the Vermont's legislative bodies debated bills and voted remotely.

Sixteen of us had gathered in person in the Statehouse on the Wednesday before this historic session to pass a Senate Resolution which temporarily amends Senate Rules 10A and 32A authorizing the Senate to "participate, debate, deliberate and vote" remotely during a declared emergency by the Governor. To vote remotely we need to use both audio and video. The format authorized by the Rules Committee also enables the public to have access to our proceedings in a manner consistent with the Vermont constitution. After a dress rehearsal on Thursday afternoon, our first live, remote Session on Friday went seamlessly.

The Senate passed four bills during its remote session on Friday. The first, a Judiciary bill, S.114, adapts certain judicial proceedings to the needs of this emergency period, including emergency landlord/tenant hearings, powers of attorney and deeds being executed remotely, and criminal defendants appearing via video conferencing in court. The second, S. 182, addresses the challenges our emergency medical and public safety services are facing in this crisis (financial, supplies and personnel), and provides for the temporary extension of plumber and electrician licenses. The third bill, S. 333, creates a state-wide moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during this emergency period. It allows for certain emergency eviction hearings if there is a serious threat to the health and safety of other tenants. And the last bill passed on Friday, H. 741, allows for criminal background checks to be done on contractors' employees who are working on state owned or leased buildings.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email: [aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us) or by phone at 457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which are being debated now, those which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website: [www.legislature.vermont.gov](http://www.legislature.vermont.gov)



## To Our Communities:



Please know the staff at Fletcher Memorial Library is trying to be creative in offering you items to read, listen to or watch. On nice days from 10-2 (at least) we will have a book cart outside of the rear entrance with bagged books, audio books and movies. Please take and enjoy. We do not want these items back. Our hope is that we are able to brighten your day a bit.

What have we been doing? I and team member, Jill Laramie, have been diligently working to inventory and weed the adult collection. Many items had not circulated in excess of 5 years. The shelves were crowded and a number of books in non-circulating condition. Now the shelves are refreshed, dusted, awaiting new and then ready peruse. Sacha, our youth librarian has been working remotely from home posting on social media, reading stories – found on our youth web page- posting links for kids and families, researching new books and working on some kind of a Summer Program offering.

**The good news** – I have been researching titles for days and weeks. Two orders for adult books and two orders for adult audio books have been submitted. I received 31 new Large Print books. Displays have been refreshed and much work in the cloud has been done in our catalog. In this time of Covid-19 my annual NYC Book Expo was cancelled.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming new patrons. We are closed until May 15 following Governor Scott's Stay at Home and non-essential workers order. We are here if you have questions. Please take time to go to [www.fmlnews.org](http://www.fmlnews.org) and look around. There are many offerings, all free! Click the MENU tab in the top left and check out the tabs: downloadable Audio and E-books, Ancestry Research, Web Courses, Youth page with a lot on it and more!

When we do open, we will be using the **REAR ENTRANCE ONLY**. Patrons will be asked to leave their returns in the air lock, **WEAR MASKS** and use the **PROVIDED HAND SANITIZER -BEFORE-** entering the inner door and practice **SOCIAL DISTANCING**, assuming the Order is still in place. As well, our book shelves will be closed to the public.

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## Motherhood

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The pitter patter of little feet-  
a bike race in which they want you to compete  
Fruity Pebbles, pancakes, no wait! a pop-tart-  
those daily moments that steal your heart  
One throws tantrums, the other just pouts-  
ahh, the joys of motherhood- what life is all about  
Another birthday - two paychecks in all-  
but, it is so worth it with smiling memories on the wall  
From late night tears to early morning grumps-  
through all the bruises, scrapes and bumps  
The kisses and hugs, the encouraging words-  
from nursery rhymes to the bees and the birds  
The laughter, the memories, those looks in their eyes-  
never trade it for anything - never compromise  
The toys left out, the clothes on the floor-  
these are the moments we mothers live for  
For we are the ones who are there through it all-  
to always make it better and pick them up when they fall  
From kissing their boo-boos and making sure they're fed-  
passing down stories while tucking them into bed  
Through the weight gain, cravings, labor and more-  
to that one special moment we spend 9 months waiting for  
Eighteen years is what they say, but our work is never done-  
a lifetime of tears, laughter, sadness and fun  
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The VNA Community Health Clinics have nothing listed right now. Hopefully soon our community clinics and support groups will be able to start up again. Stay Safe!

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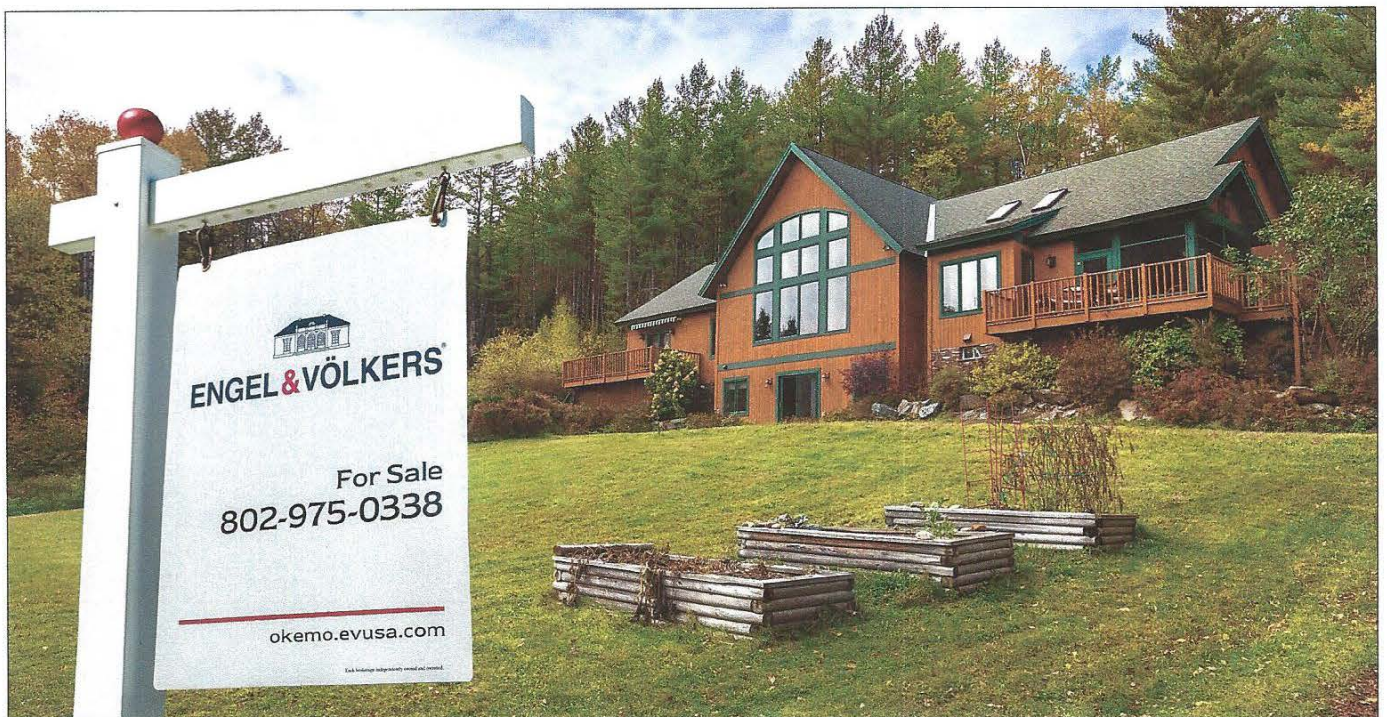
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