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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

June 2021

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

**Mt. Holly Community Asso** – Contact Linda Miller at 802-345-1740

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

**Town Library:** In-Person with Mask Sat 9-1 Mon 9-1 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, 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> Mt. Holly Community Assoc. Meeting, Library *Brigham Young, Mormon Leader 1801* 7:00 pm  
Mount Holly Conservation Commission 7:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> *US Citizenship Granted to All American Indian's 1924*

3<sup>rd</sup> Fire Dept. Meeting, Belmont Fire Station *Sally Priesand, 1<sup>st</sup> Woman Rabbi in USA 1972* 7:00 pm

*Astronaut Edward White 1<sup>st</sup> American to Walk in Space 1965*

*First Hot-Air Balloon Flight 1783*

*D-Day Normandy 1944*

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

Select Board Meeting, Town Garage & Zoom *US Bill of Rights by James Madison 1789* 6:30 pm

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

Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

12<sup>th</sup> *Free Fishing Day*

14<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building *US Army Founded 1775 ~ Flag Day* 7:00 pm

*First Non-Stop Transatlantic Flight 1919*

15<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School 4:30 pm

16<sup>th</sup> Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont 6:30 pm

Mount Holly Planning Commission, Via Zoom 7:00 pm

17<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

*Bunker Hill Day 1775*

*Pan-Am First Airline for Around-The-World Flights 1947*

*Sally Ride First US Woman in Space 1983*

*Chit Chat Deadline by 6:00 pm ~ Father's Day*

*Summer Begins ~ Summer Solstice*

22<sup>nd</sup> Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *GI Bill Signed into Law 1944* 9:00 am

*Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress 1942*

23<sup>rd</sup> ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

24<sup>th</sup> Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station 7:00 pm

25<sup>th</sup> *Full Strawberry Moon*

*Korean War Began 1950*

*Korean War Ended 1953*

*Helen Keller 1880*

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

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## Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700	or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408		259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133	or	911	Game Warden – 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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**June Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> -Torey Surething 4<sup>th</sup> -Johnathan Davis \* Emily Colburn Freedman 5<sup>th</sup> -Diane Perry 6<sup>th</sup> -Jason Turco 7<sup>th</sup> - Kristin Veysey 8<sup>th</sup> -All Labozzo 9<sup>th</sup> -Barry Gagner \* Mary Ann Farley \* Molly Gagner 10<sup>th</sup> -Jennifer Turco \* Alex & Beth Lee \* Steve Hazelton 11<sup>th</sup> -Amber Nye 13<sup>th</sup> -Dylan Pierro \* David Crossman \* Shannon Labozzo 16<sup>th</sup> -Timothy Garrow \* Zak Delphia 19<sup>th</sup> - Stephanie Bussino (2000) 20<sup>th</sup> -Andrea Kilroe 22<sup>nd</sup> -Roger Garrow 24<sup>th</sup> -Natalie Brown 29<sup>th</sup> -Candace Neary \* Helen Graham 30<sup>th</sup> -Ted Garrow

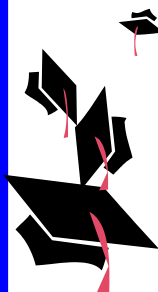


**June Anniversaries:** 12<sup>th</sup> -Clinton & Carol Woolley 14<sup>th</sup> - Mike & Mary Beth Dawley (52<sup>nd</sup>) 17<sup>th</sup> - Barb & Tony Falco 18<sup>th</sup> -Bill & Marnie Dassler (55<sup>th</sup>) 20<sup>th</sup> -Donald & Jean Gates

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

**LETTERS to the EDITOR:** email; 300 word limit; include name, address, and phone number. Letters are subject to editing for reasons of space and clarity. Requests for anonymity will be considered by the Editor.

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

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the Third Tuesday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office at 6 p.m. The meeting includes the annual report and election of the Board of Directors

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

**Chit Chat Deadline for July**  
**Sunday June 20th by 6:00 pm**



### Yvonne Guy

The Guy family would like to [celebrate](#) the life of Yvonne Guy, who passed away on April 21, 2021, at 1:50 p.m. She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth; her brother, Michael; her four children, Simon, Philip, Katherine and Robert; her six grandchildren, Kristina, Ashton, James, Andrew, Sam and Jeremy; and her great-grandchild, Arthur.

Yvonne was born on June 10, 1938, to Arthur and Thelma Groizard of Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire, England. Arthur served in World War II and was rescued from the beach in the battle of Dunkirk. Our mother always reminded us of the sacrifice he made and how proud she was of him. He continued to serve and was stationed in places like Lagos, Nigeria, where Thelma and Yvonne joined him. Yvonne went to school with at least 40 native children and when her father was re-posted, she was educated in a wonderful high school in the suburbs of London. She did not go to college, but her experiences allowed her to develop a superior intellect, knowledge and understanding of humanity.

In July of 1961, Yvonne married Ken after meeting him at their shared workplace. Ken was also a rugby player which drew them together, Yvonne loved rugby. In England, Yvonne and Ken had three children, Simon, Philip and Katherine – before they moved to Seattle, Washington, after Ken took a job at Boeing. Gradually, they progressed across America to GE in Vermont 1974 and Yvonne often remarked on the generosity of Americans throughout the years as they met various people and characters in their slow odyssey to Vermont.

Ken and Yvonne settled in Cavendish, Vermont. Robert was born soon after they moved to Vermont and again, the generousities of Americans moved Yvonne as the wonderful neighbors on Tarbell Hill helped our family during a difficult period after Robert's birth. Yvonne will be remembered for her sharp sense of humor, her love of reading, passion for food, and her lifelong love of learning. She was a skilled seamstress and knitter. She and a friend had a knitting business supplying handcrafted local wool dresses and coats to classy New York retailers such as Paul Stuart. After the business fell afoul of the garment union and Labor Department, she went to work in a law office as a paralegal and later, various secretarial jobs.

A really good card player, including bridge, we'll all miss playing the 'dumb game' and other games with her. No one else could convince everyone to gang up on the leader of a card game like Yvonne.

Kenneth and Yvonne became citizens of the United States of America in May 1995, but never did give up English passports. They eventually moved to Belmont, Vermont, in 2002 and had lived there since – with winter stints in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They met many wonderful friends along the way, some who have predeceased Yvonne, and some whose [support](#) and generosity has meant so much to Ken and the children this week.



### Maurice L. Ponton

Maurice L. Ponton, 93, died April 26, 2021, surrounded by family, at Mountain View Center in Rutland. Maurice was born in Swanton, Vermont, on June 6, 1927, to Raymond and Marion (Soulia) Ponto. Maurice had a passion for cooking which he shared with his family and many friends over the years. He was head chef at Woolworth's in Rutland Vermont, before working and retiring from Rutland Regional Medical Center as head chef. In his retirement, Maurice and his wife of 67 years, Marguerite, opened the Horseshoe in Sudbury which they operated as a recital hall and catering company. When they closed the Horseshoe, Maurice shared his love of [cooking](#) with his family by hosting family gatherings and holidays. In Maurice's free time, he was often found in the garden or at the bird feeders. The one thing that brought Maurice the most joy was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Maurice was a former member of the Mount Holly, State and National Grange, and St. Patrick Church. Maurice and Marguerite enjoyed travelling to Florida every winter where they own a home in a [retirement community](#). Survivors include his wife, Marguerite (Johnson) Ponton; five daughters, Maureen (Bruce) Duchesne of Wallingford, Michelle Farmer of Evansville, Indiana, Debbie (James) Bennick of Shrewsbury, Patty (John) Epkey of Greenwood, Indiana, and Karen Ponton of Pittsford; 12 grandkids, 22 great-grandkids and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers, Harold Ponto of Burlington, Robert Ponto of Rutland, Richard Ponton of Virginia and Arnold Ponto of Florida; five sisters, Mildred Buffum of Texas, Barbara Lampke of North Carolina, Margaret Singleton of California, Marie Mylott of Texas and Mary McDevitt of Fairfax, Vermont. Maurice was predeceased by his son, Douglas Ponton; and five siblings, Raymond Ponto Jr., David Ponto, Arthur Ponton, Thersea Elssesser and Aline Chamberlain. Calling hours will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2021, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Clifford Funeral Home. Masks are required. A private funeral service [and burial](#) will be held for family after calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept., Shunpike Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738; or Clarendon Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 168, Clarendon, VT 05759. Arrangements are by the Clifford Funeral Home.

### Rutland Jewish Center Service Notices

[office@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@rutlandjewishcenter.org)

Saturday, May 29, 09:30 am

Friday, June 4, 07:30 pm

Saturday, June 12, 0930 am

Friday, June 18, 07:30 pm

Saturday, June 26, 09:30 am

### Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday 9:00 am

At The Odd Fellows Hall

For more information and to obtain weights

Call Judy Nevin 259-2443



## Donald B. Richardson

Donald B. Richardson, 81, of Mount Holly, VT died peacefully on Sunday, May 09, 2021 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center. He was born September 10, 1939 in Stamford, CT, the son of Thomas F. and Anna (Bartley) Richardson.

Don graduated from the Stamford public school system, attended Rider College and graduated from University of Connecticut concentrating in business management and marketing and had taken several graduate courses at College of Saint Joseph in Rutland. He worked at Republic Steel, Sears Roebuck, Allstate Insurance and Avon before starting his own business. His many business ventures in CT and VT included landscaping, building and servicing swimming pools, and property management. His most recent venture promoted energy conservation and residential solar systems.

Don volunteered at Rutland Regional Medical Center, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of Ludlow Auditorium, Okemo Valley TV and Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsman. He was a member of National Ski Patrol for over 25 years, both in CT (Mohawk) and VT (Okemo and Bear Creek). He was an EMT-I and served on Mount Holly Rescue, Ludlow Ambulance and Brandon Area Rescue Squads. He represented the Town of Mount Holly at Rutland Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Council meetings.

As a member of Grace Congregational UCC of Rutland, he served on the Property and Mission & Service Committees. Don was a longtime friend of Bill's. An avid square dancer, he joined the Cast Off 8's of Rutland and attended local, regional and national square dance events.

Don is survived by his long-time companion, Rhonda Rivers of Mount Holly, VT; a son, Scott Richardson and his wife, Anne (Mossa) Richardson of Denver, CO; a daughter, Sherry Berdini and her husband, Jim of Waretown, NJ; a daughter, Kelley Clark and her husband, Frank of Ridgefield, CT; along with four grandchildren, Michael and Nicole Richardson of Denver, CO, Kylie Berdini of Waretown, NJ and Iris Clark of Ridgefield, CT.

The family would like to thank the Foley Cancer Center and the RRMC 5th floor staff for their compassionate care.

A celebration is being planned for a later date and time to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are by Tossing Funeral Home.

## Robert H. Warren

Robert H. Warren, 91, formerly of Windsor and Island Pond, recently moved to Mount Holly to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Karl Parsells II. Bob passed away on May 1, 2021, at his home, with family. Born Nov. 11, 1929, in Rutland, Vermont, he was the son of Harry and Hope (Cooke) Warren of Ludlow, Vermont. Bob joined the Army (1951-

1954), serving in the 536 Firefighting Platoon, Fort Davis – Panama Canal Zone, Panama. On leave, he married Patricia Coleman of Ludlow, and they had three children. He was employed by the Town of Windsor as deputy fire chief. Bob married his second wife, Patricia Dewey Magoon, in 1965, gained three children, and raised six children in Hartland. Retiring after 26½ years at the VA Hospital's Engineering Department, and moving to Island Pond, he enjoyed his retirement as chief groomer for the Brighton Snowmobile Club. Due to life's events, he left the best place to live in the state of Vermont, The Northeast Kingdom, behind. Bob enjoyed steam and gas engines, NASCAR racing, snowmobiling, walks in Paradise Park and Vermont traditions. An avid hunter, our dad enjoyed the trip of a lifetime, hunting on Anticosti Island, Quebec, Canada. Bob is survived by his brother, James C. Warren and Pat Wing of Ludlow; his children, Daniel and Linda Magoon of West Fairlee, Scott and Dwina Warren of West Brookfield, Gary and Patricia Warren of Island Pond, Pamela Wilmot of Windsor, and Julie and Karl Parsells II of Mount Holly; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; a niece, nephews and non-related family. Bob was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Roger, Junction City, Kansas, Rodney, Proctorville, Vermont; a nephew, Billy-Jo Warren, Hartland, Vermont; and a son, Richard Magoon, Arizona. Private service will be held at the convenience of the family. Celebration of life will be held at a later date. As a supporter of the Second Amendment and the 16th Article of the Vermont State Constitution, in lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to VTFSC Defense Fund, in care of Marcia Marble, 14 Stafford Ave., Morristown, VT 05661. Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



## Mechanicsville Cemetery Maple Hill Road, Belmont VT



*Mechanicsville Cemetery Assoc.  
P.O. Box 25  
Belmont, VT 05730*

### Notice; All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up Schedule;

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2021

June 1, 8 am

July 6, 6 pm

Aug 3, 8 am

Sept 7, 6 pm

Oct 4, 8 am



## Celebrate National Dairy Month

This June, celebrate National Dairy Month with your favorite dairy treat. Originally established as a grocery/milk promotion in 1937, National Dairy Month now acts as a reminder of the health benefits that dairy products provide. Dairy products contain essential nutrients — including calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and protein. They also reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers, while helping us to better manage our weight. Kick start each day with nutrient-rich dairy products and start your summer on a healthy note.

Milk is the only food that you can survive on alone. It has every nutrient you need. The world's population consumes over 2.1 billion liters every day. That's enough to fill up 813 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Calcium is crucial to the growth and strengthening of bones. A simple glass of milk, some yogurt, or a piece of cheese helps to fight off brittle bones and osteoporosis. Diets rich in potassium help maintain healthy blood pressure. Dairy products — especially yogurt and fluid milk — provide potassium, and can greatly reduce the risk of heart disease and strokes. Your teeth get stronger and healthier when you drink milk. Calcium helps protect your teeth against gum disease and keeps your jawbone strong and healthy. In addition, the protein helps to neutralize acids in the mouth.

Dairy cows are social animals. Like people, they will make friends and bond with some, while avoiding others. A cow turns grass into milk within two to three days. Depending on the breed, a cow can make between 6.5 and 12 gallons of milk per day. By Millicent Johnson



### Got Bees?

Warmer spring weather can cause honeybee colonies to form swarms and go looking for a new home. If you see a mass of honeybees hanging in the open from a tree or bush, your house, or any place else this may be a swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed. Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property, no charge. Call Jim at 802 259-2311, Fenn Farmstead & Gardens.



## Mount Holly Community Association

The MHCA Board of Directors is delighted to welcome you back to all the summer events that we missed this past year! Please take note of all the following dates and times:

**Music on the Green...**the schedule for the Music on the Green series is complete. As we are sure you know, it takes place every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm beginning on July 1 this year. Please see the poster here in the Chit Chat for the complete schedule and roster of performers. Many thanks to the Belmont Village Baptist Church for the use of the Green for this event throughout the summer!

**Garden Tour...**is on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm, so be sure to mark your calendars lest you miss this wonderful opportunity to explore the varied high altitude gardens in our lovely town and possibly get to know some of your neighbors, whom you may not know well, or may not have even met. This will be a glorious way to say farewell to the pandemic and enjoy touring beautiful gardens right here in Mount Holly! Tickets will be sold at the Mount Holly Library & Community Center in the Belmont crossroads. They are \$12 for adults and children 12 and under are free.

**Mount Holly Day** will be at Star Lake this year on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. A barbecue picnic will be provided by the MHCA, along with the usual spectacular buffet of sides, salads, and desserts provided by...all of you! Recognizing that some people may be uncomfortable sharing food, you are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the festivities. There will also be a plethora of old fashioned children's games, as well as swimming in the lake. Be sure to reserve that Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 pm and join in with your friends and neighbors for a celebration of our great community!

**Membership brochures** for the 2021 – 2022 year will be in the mail in late June. Please remember that the major source of revenue for the Mount Holly Community Association is membership! Without it we would not be able to provide you with the 10 outstanding events we sponsor each year, nor would we be able to maintain the lovely historic building at the crossroads in Belmont that is our Library & Community Center. Despite the pandemic last year, all of you maintained your support of the MHCA through your generous donations. We hope that you will continue that support by returning your membership form as soon as you receive it...thanks so much!

**Summer Calendar and Annual Calendar of Events:** As usual, the summer calendar and the annual calendar of events will be included with the membership brochure. Both of these calendars will also appear on Facebook and the MHCA web site at <https://www.mhcavt.org> Hard copies will be left in the General Store, the post offices, and the library. Thanks for looking out for them in the membership brochure!

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour**  
**We've been as busy as bees!**  
**Come tour the high altitude gardens**  
**Of real people with dirt under their nails**  
**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Tickets\* sold at the**  
**Library & Community Center Building**  
**Belmont Crossroads**  
**Mount Holly**  
**\*Adults \$12/Kids 12 & under are free!**



### We Need your Help

This year will mark the 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department. We are in the process of putting together a collection of photographs and articles about the Fire Department. We are especially in need of photographs from 1946 -1996. We are looking for photos of members, fire equipment, fire scenes, social events, parades, etc. If possible, please scan photos and email to [pfaenza47@yahoo.com](mailto:pfaenza47@yahoo.com). If you cannot scan them, please contact Paul Faenza at 259-4100 to make other arrangements. Thank you for your assistance.

### Mount Holly Town Library

Minga Dana's light continues to shine in Mount Holly. Thanks to the generous donations in her memory, the library has purchased a beautiful table lamp that we call "Mingas Light". It is in the library and is lit whenever the library is open.

The Library is looking for volunteers to help out at the desk during our open hours. We are also looking for folks interested in taking on the role of being a member of the Board of Trustees. Contact us at [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com) if you are interested.

In other news, here are some of the new titles we have recently added to the collection:

**Adults:** No Way Out - Fern Michaels      That Summer - Jennifer Weiner  
Sooley - John Grisham      The Red Book - James Patterson      Ocean Prey - John Sandford  
Turn a Blind Eye - Jeffrey Archer  
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### Hello Bone Builders,

We have restarted Bone Builders on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am at the Odd Fellow Hall. The first time you attend class you need to bring your Covid 19 vaccine card with you. Everyone must be fully vaccinated two weeks past the date of the second shot. Everyone must sign a waiver form that first day. We will once again be taking temperatures when you arrive. Anyone with a temperature of more than 100 will need to go home. We will be signing in each day. As per the recommendations from the CDC, we will need to keep a

### \*\*\* 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).



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Ludlow  
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Danby  
Mount Tabor  
Pawlet  
Landgrove  
Weston  
Rupert  
Peru  
Dorset  
Manchester  
Sunderland



**Kids:** Hard Boiled Bugs for Breakfast - Jack Prelutsky  
Kelly DiPucchio      Gone to the Woods - Gary Paulson      Oona - Bad Kitty  
Goes on Vacation - Nick Bruel      Mr. Corbett is in Orbit - Dan Gutman  
She Caught the Light - Kathryn Lasky  
Joe Galbraith, MLS, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730, 802.259.3707

### Library Book Sale July 4th 10-2 at the library.

The library is accepting donations of hardcover books, CDs, DVDs beginning June 1st. Bring them to the library when we are open



distance of 3 feet and wear a mask. While we are meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall, we have been asked to donate a dollar per person per day. If you do not have weights, Please call me at 259-2443 Judy



## Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



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July 24<sup>th</sup> Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham  
Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge - Roast Pork  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup> MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup> MHCA - Roast Beef  
Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Gill Home, IOOF - Baked Ham



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## Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Mason Trestleboard

Regular Mtg Tuesday 5-25 8PM

Next Mtg Tuesday 6-22 8PM

Grand Lodge Wed. 6-09 9AM

Greetings Brothers,

We hope everyone has been healthy and safe as the Covid-19 virus seems to be slowing down more and more. We hope Brothers will feel comfortable enough to come to the meetings again especially for those who have been vaccinated. This meeting would be a good one to come to after six months of inactivity.

When you receive your dues 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

## Green Up Day Thank You

Thanks to all that helped with Green Up Day this year.

It was nice to at least see each other this year and to get it done early so the grass hadn't grown.

We had 99 volunteers and 103 bags collected.

Be sure to thank the town crew for the help with the bag pick up!!!

Hoping to see you all again next year and share the Mount Holly Green Up page on Facebook to get more of us out next year!

Thanks again everyone for a successful Green Up!

Peace, Marianne McGee, Coordinator

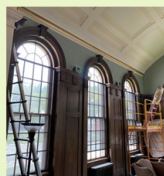
## Mount Holly's Independence Day Parade And Chicken Barbeque

Mt. Holly's Independence Day Parade on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>, in Belmont with parade line up at the corner of Dodge Road and Healdville Road starting at 11:30 am for parade participants and parade step off at 12:00 pm. Join us at the Parade Viewing Stand and at 12:00 pm for the Chicken Barbeque with all the fixings eat in or takeout. This event is sponsored by Colfax Lodge. Come and join us for good food and entertainment.

Chit Chat Deadline for July  
Sunday June 20th by 6:00 pm

## FML News

Fletcher Memorial Library  
June - 2021



## SPRING INTO SUMMER- 2021

Curbside Service Continues

**Inside FML:** Painting projects have begun. Soon to follow; roof repair, railings refurbished, lighting update, alarm system upgrade, NEW carpeting on main level.

All This with Hopes of Opening, in some form, in July!

## NEW BOOKS ARRIVING WEEKLY!



## PASS PROGRAM CONTINUES:

ALL passes are checked out for 4 DAYS. A late fee of \$5 per day will be assessed. All establishments have their own guidelines. Please call before you pick-up the pass to make sure they are open. Some require an appointment.

**We Offer Passes to:** Hildene, VINS, The Fell, Billings Farm, Echo, VT Granite Museum, plus more. Some places require an additional entrance fee with the pass.

Site links and details found on our webpage.

## Important Dates:

June 6th:  
June 14th:  
June 19th:  
June 20th:

D-Day  
Flag Day  
Juneteenth Day  
Summer Solstice



**CLOSED Memorial Day Weekend:**  
May 29th - May 31st



In preparation for the new carpet, our **YOUTH COLLECTION** is boxed up. You may still search in our catalog and place holds on youth material. Feel free to call for assistance.




A HUGE "THANKS" to Mountainside Youth for their Help in relocating the collection!

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## HOORAY REINBOW RIDING CENTER IS OPEN!

Reinbow Riding Center officially opened for programs Monday, May 17 at our new location in Belmont at Stone Wall Farm on the Tarbellville Road. We began our first day with students from Rutland City schools. Prior to that we held two Volunteer clinics and had a wonderful turnout, but we can always use more dedicated individuals, it's not too late to join us.

The move has taken a lot of planning and has resulted in a new and expanded ring, a new handicap accessibility ramp and just look at that view! Stone Wall Farm owners Alex and Faith have been instrumental in the preparation

and site planning of the new facility. Sometime over the summer we will have an Open House to introduce the

new facility. Pictured above from left: Faith, Alex, and Mary Jane making it official; school children being introduced to Arrow by instructor Jennifer McDermott;

Volunteers taking a turn on Cutie; and

the students in the Construction Technology class from Stafford Technical Center building our new handicap accessibility ramp. They are Owen, Hunter Kaleb, Gennett, Talon and class instructor Mr. Fowler. Thank you. We also have to thank the students—Cameron, Chance and Jarrod—of the Natural Resources class at Stafford along with their class instructor Mr. Raishart for working on our

trail system at Stone Wall Farm.

For information about our program and to get participant or volunteer paperwork go to [reinbowridingcenter.org](http://reinbowridingcenter.org); email [programs@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org) or call 802-236-2483. Look for us on Facebook, Twitter@Reinbow Riding and Instagram@reinbow\_riding\_center



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northern New England  
conditions. Let's look at the  
benefits and explore a couple  
ways to build raised beds.

While building raised beds  
will require some extra effort in the beginning, they will save you  
labor later plus all the benefits are well worth the effort. In case you  
need convincing, here is a summary of the specific benefits: Deeper  
soil for better root growth (bigger, healthier plants) - Better  
drainage in wet, clayey soils - Faster soil warming in the spring -  
Efficient use of your planting space (grow more in limited spaces) -  
Reduced soil erosion on slopes - Improved soil structure and  
aeration - No need to ever rototill, dig, or plow the garden  
(earthworms do that work) - Creates an attractive garden appearance  
- High raised beds are more accessible (less bending)

Building raised beds is work, but there are several ways that you  
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## Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive

2021 - 2022

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Garden Tour-Cabaret-Photo Contest-Cider Days-  
Roast Beef Supper-Christmas in Mount Holly-  
New Year's Eve at Star Lake-Spring Mud Fling

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

(Brochures are available in the library, the General Store, and the post offices.)

### Repellant for your pets:

For pets, add 1 cup of water in a spray bottle, followed by 2 cups of distilled white vinegar. Ticks hat the smell and taste of vinegar and will be easily repelled by this ingredient alone. Then add 2 spoonfuls of vegetable or almond oil, which both contain sulfur (another natural tick repellent).

To make a repellent that will also deter fleas, mix in a few spoonfuls of lemon juice, citrus oil or peppermint oil, any of which will repel ticks and fleas while also creating a nicely scented repellent. Spray onto the pet's dry coat, staying away from sensitive area's including eyes, mouth and genitals. When outdoors for an extended period, spray this solution on two to three times per day.

### For you and your family:

In a spray bottle, mix 2 cups of distilled white vinegar and 1 cup of water. To make a scented solution so you do not smell like bitter vinegar all day, add 20 drops of your favorite essential oil.

### Only A Dad

BY EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

Only a dad, with a tired face,  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame,  
To show how well he has played the game,  
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice  
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,  
One of ten million men or more.  
Plodding along in the daily strife,  
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,  
With never a whimper of pain or hate,  
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,  
Merely one of the surging crowd  
Toiling, striving from day to day,  
Facing whatever may come his way,  
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,  
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing, with courage stern and grim,  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen,  
Only a dad, *but the best of men.*

Eucalyptus oil is a calm soothing scent that also work as a tick repellent, white peppermint and citrus oils give off a strong crisp scent that also repels ticks.

After mixing the solution, spray onto clothing, skin and hair before going outdoors. Reapply every 4 hours to keep ticks at bay and examine your skin and hair when back inside to make sure no ticks are on the body.

If you have ever shared anything, please share on this! We must get the word spread about the dangers of TICKS and how to avoid them. Wunderland Pet Lodge



## Home Made Tick Repellant Formula

It's an epidemic this year and these things are as lethal as a venomous snake in the wrong scenario! Please not only read this, but share this! Make sure we get the word out about these ticks and the disease they carry.

Summer is almost here and time for camping, hiking and getting outside to play. Don't let these pesky annoying ticks top you.

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## What Is A Dad?

*A dad is someone who  
wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up,  
brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.*

*A dad is someone who  
wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence  
when you get hurt.*

*A dad is someone who  
holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail...  
- Unknown -*



## A World War I Flying Ace "Mount Holly Hero"

**Memorial Day.** It's one of those holidays that so many of us have learned to celebrate by being outside (unmasked), with family, grilling, eating, parades, all those good things. It's sort of the unofficial start of summer. But how often do we really stop and think... to honor and thank those vets and enlisted folks in our military?

The Day originally began as Decoration Day, following the Civil War. People would take a spring day to decorate soldier's graves. It wasn't until 1968 that it landed on the last Monday in May. It became a day we honor all those who've given their lives in the line of duty and service of our country.

There is an "unofficial hometown hero" here in Mt. Holly. He is not buried here, but a memorial exists to honor his sacrifice. During WWI, 2nd Lt Joseph Brown Bowen, while serving with the 82nd Squadron of the British Royal Airforce, flew out alone on a voluntary patrol along the Allied side of the lines just west of Cambrai, France. He

encountered a German Fokker scout and in the ensuing dogfight was shot down on Sept. 7, 1918, just weeks before the war ended. Lt Bowen was buried where his English comrades laid him, near the little village (like ours) of Pronville, France.

Above his grave, his squadron placed a cross, inscribed in his memory, made from the broken propeller of his plane. Being a 1917 graduate of Yale's School of Forestry, his parents donated 500 acres in the shadow of Okemo to honor his memory. In fact, if one travels out Hedgehog Hill Rd. into the Yale Forest there is a bronze plaque on a boulder inscribed with a line from one of Bowen's letters home, "It is not *when* a man dies, but *how*."

In the same way that we enjoy freedom because of people who were willing to lay down their lives in the service of our country, we are able to enjoy *spiritual* freedom because Jesus was willing to lay down His life to purchase that freedom. Jesus spoke of it as the ultimate act of love, "Greater love has no man than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends."

These soldiers throughout the years did it not just for their friends, but for you and me and all those who

may never even know their names. They imitated the love of Christ. "God shows His love for us in that while we are still sinners, Christ died for us." God's only son poured out his life on a cross to forgive us of our wrongdoings. He rose from the grave to conquer death and give us the gift of freedom from sin and an eternal life.

As you celebrate, never forget that freedom *isn't* free. Honor those who paid the price for us. *Pastor Glenn Davis*



## Horses On The Road

IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127  
That horses have the right-of-way  
On all roads.

Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down.  
Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

There are many things that frighten a horse:

- The sounds of different road conditions.
- Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road – the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out from the tires.
- Maybe you are pulling a trailer and the items in it are making loud noises.

Things like these can cause even the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements – SOMETIMES JUMP INTO THE ROADWAY!

WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.  
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER  
SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.

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## Mount Holly Day!!

Come join us for an old fashioned picnic  
and fun and games  
On the beach at Star Lake!

Sunday, July 25th  
From 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

Sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association



## THE DAWLEY HOMESTEAD

In the year 1660, John and Sara Wilcox Dawley sailed from Northern Ireland to Massachusetts. Like so many other Irish Immigrants sailing to America, they looked forward to a new start without the British control. They joined the Massachusetts Bay Colony who were struggling with the winters, starvation and yellow fever. But England even ruled this colony. The coastal regions were becoming so populated making large plots of land scarce.

John and Sarah then moved to Rhode Island where they established a homestead in Exeter. They began a life of farming and raised six boys and two girls. Today, their carefully constructed stone walls are still standing tall. There is also a Dawley Lot cemetery in Exeter/Kingston area.

One of his son's named Daniel and his wife Hannah had four boys and two girls. His son, Perry Greene (1750-1813), was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. And it was that same son, Perry Greene, and his wife, Dorcas, who traveled north to Vermont.

News had spread of inexpensive beautiful native land up north. Perry's older brother, Benjamin Gardiner Dawley and wife, Millicent, joined them along with the Wilcox family. The three families which included Perry's two small children (Hannah and Gardiner) traveled North West along the native route to Wallingford, VT.

There they met an Andrew Jackson, Jr who had been granted the right to purchase and sell a gore of land he named "Jackson's Gore". Jackson had divided the land sold it into lots. The Dawleys purchased Lot #42 which had about 400 acres of "good" land. It has been told the Dawley's did not want to live in Wallingford because of an abundance of mosquitoes and flies.

Upon clearing the land and building a small cabin on the hill, Perry and Dorcas had another son born in their small hilltop cabin. A stone marker still stands where that cabin was built with an inscription that reads, "Perry Green Dawley Jr born here in 1783" "The first male child born in the town of Mount Holly, VT" This stone may have been carved after town was incorporated in 1792.

According to the 1792 Mt Holly town Land records a "Pedigreen Dolley" purchased some land to the east for 4 pounds and 10 shillings of lawful money from Ezekial Clark. He also bought another 100 acres, less 5 acres for highways, from John Randall. The conveyances would not be final for a couple years because it had to be paid-in-full to be completed.

A larger cabin was built down below the older one to host a family of ten children. It was common to build the larger section of the house later as the family grew and it was likely added to after the Civil War. With larger families it was common practice to provide land to the children which is evident in the town records of 1950. At that time it was listed at 180 acres of cleared land and 40 acres of woodland.

The horse and carriage barns were attached to the newer home along with a milk house in the back. The old cow barn was quite a distance from the newer home. Horses were not used to bring the milk down from the barn because of the chance of getting a hair in the fresh milk. Thus, it was carried down using hand-carved yokes and wooden buckets.

A Dawley Pond was created by damming up many streams and springs to use as water power to run a small grist mill, tanner, and a blacksmith shop. Turnpike road went across this dam. In the spring of 1869, the dam was washed away by a freshet and never rebuilt.



**Perry Green Dawley Jr.**  
**First Male Child Born in the Gore**

Mordecai Consider (1805-1879) was Perry Jr's eldest son who married Ruth P. Raymond and also lived on this homestead all of his life. They had 5 children who all grew up on the homestead but a couple of them moved out west.

Mordecai's second child, Dawin Gardner Dawley (1837-1915) married Abbie Etta Clark and had two boys, Harry Gardner (1883-1965) and Norris Clark (1887-1964). Both of their sons were very musically talented. Harry was known to walk for miles to play his fiddle at dances. He could play it behind his back or on his head. He even played the fiddle while Robert Frost recited his poems for a TV show "Wide Wide World" in the 1950's. Harry walked to Hartland, VT many times to play at the Grange Hall. In Hartland, VT he met his wife, Flora Alma Williams.

Flora and Harry had two children, Richard Harry (1925-living) but unfortunately lost their infant daughter. Richard was born in a little back bedroom of the larger house. He was told he had to sleep between his parents so he wouldn't freeze to death.

Richard brought electricity and cars to the farm which is father did not approve of. He said his father told him his first words were motor. Richard is also a WWII veteran.

Richard married Marjorie Gokey and together they raised three children, Michael, Susan and Timothy Dawley. Richard was the seventh and last generation to dairy farm. There are no more livestock to care for. Michael does the haying of the fields as his forefathers did but with tractors. Susan keeps the home fires burning and Tim helps with the homestead maintenance. The family still gathers at the 249 year old Dawley farm homestead. Written by Susan Dawley LeBlanc with reference material from Dennis Devereux, descendants of Perry Green Dawley, Jr. the first male child born in the Gore.



**State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly,  
Shrewsbury**

Hello again from the Legislature. As I write this we are hopefully just hours away from adjourning for the Summer, presumably by the time you read this. We have done a lot this year. As I've said, this session I'm on the House Commerce committee, so the bills I have been dealing with more closely are those related to our economy and our workforce. This has been a very interesting committee to be on as we try to position the state for success in our recovery. We focused our efforts on bills related to the unemployment insurance system and workforce development programs. We also talked a lot about Tax Increment Financing districts (TIFs), but that bill appears to be languishing and no longer on the road to pass this year.

This time at the end of session gets very convoluted and can be hard to follow. As I've said in past years, with regards to legislation a lot of the disagreements end up being less between the political parties (Dems vs Reps and/or Progs) and more between the two chambers (House vs Senate). We also often colloquially say at this time of year that bills and policies are either "hostages" or "Christmas trees". In this sense, a "Christmas tree" is a bill that one chamber adds other "smaller" bills or policies to, which would be the "ornaments". And a "hostage" would be a bill/policy that one chamber or committee knows the other likes, so delays passing it to get the something from the other body.

To come back to my committee, on paper we will likely end this biennium having passed only three bills, but those bills were "Christmas trees", in ways containing the language from as many as five other bills, depending on how you count. Those bills are far-reaching, most recently we have been working on S.62, which started as a bill that codified the Governor's remote worker program and added a provision to help pay moving expenses for employees relocating from one part of the state to another. But when it passes, the bill will contain a lot of language about our Unemployment Insurance system, making changes so that employers will not face as severe taxes on unemployment than they otherwise would have because of how much the system was used this past year. We have a healthy UI Trust Fund, even now, because of difficult decisions made by the legislature 10 years ago, and this will ensure we continue to going forward. It also adds a supplemental \$25 benefit to those collecting unemployment for ten years after the current federal \$300 benefit expires.

I will go into more detail in my aforementioned End of Session Report on the bills my committee worked on and others from around "the state House". I am also planning to resume my "legislative coffee hours" soon, hopefully will be able to set some dates and times next month!

As always feel free to give a call on this or anything else, Logan Nicoll, State Representative Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury 802-345-8430

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**2021 SHREWSBURY MEETINGHOUSE PUBLIC EVENTS MAY - OCT.**

Sat. May 29	5 pm	THE PLUMB BOBS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 5/30
Sat. June 12	5 pm	GYPSY REEL concert	Rain Date: Sun. 6/13
Fri. June 25	5 pm	RICK REDINGTON & THE LUV concert	Rain Date: Sun. 6/27
Sat. July 10	5 pm	ELECTROSTATIC CATS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 7/11
Sat. July 24	5 pm	ESSENTIAL JAZZ concert	Rain Date: Sun. 7/25
Sun. August 8	5 pm	CARLOS OCASIO & CHUMP CHANGE concert	Rain Date: TBA
Sat. August 14	TBA	SHREWSBURY LIBRARY'S HAYSTACK DINNER AND STREET DANCE	
Sat. August 21	5 pm	HERMIT HOLLOW STRING BAND concert	Rain Date: Sun. 8/22
Sat. September 4	4 pm	STEVE SPENSLEY AND FRIENDS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 9/5
Sat. September 11	TBA	SHREWSBURY DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVITIES	Rain Date 9/12
Sat. September 18	4 pm	VA-ET-VIENT concert	Rain Date: Sun. 9/19
Sat. October 2	TBA	FIRE DEPT.'S HAM SUPPER	
Sat. October 9	3 pm	THE NEIGHBORS concert	Rain Date: Sun. 10/10



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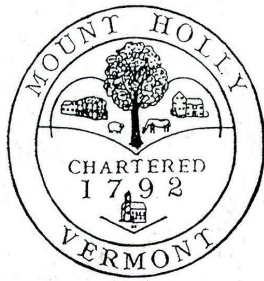
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## Mount Holly Town News

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.

### Town of Mount Holly Special Select Board Meeting April 23, 2021 Minutes

**Present: Select Board:** Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase, Jennifer

Matthews Town Officials: David Johnson, Jon McCann

**Public:** None in Attendance 1. Call to Order by Mark Turco at 3:00 p.m.

2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the **Agenda** – Mr. Turco asked to add the road line striping quote to the agenda. It was agreed to do so.

**To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew, call the Town Garage at 259-3179**

**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.**

3. **Mowing of Town Lands Bids Decision** – Bids were received from Fitzgerald General Services (FGS), Guilmette Landworks, and Norton's Property Management. The three bids were reviewed. Jennifer Matthews noted that Guilmette was located in Burlington, and she had not received a response

from them to her question about whether or not they had crew members based locally rather than two+ hours away. Discussion ensued. Mr. Turco recused himself from the bid decision due a conflict of interest based on family ties. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept Fitzgerald General Services' bid of \$3,395 for all four areas, noting that FGS was lower on cost than Norton's for both Star Lake and Triangle clean-up and mowing, and that no bids had been received for clean-up and mowing at the two cemeteries from Norton's. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

4. **Leddy Group Contract – Select Board Admin Assistant** – The contract was reviewed. Ms. Matthews noted the following fees: for a direct placement for the position, 20% of starting annual pay; for interim placement, pay plus 55% with a 20% conversion fee based on starting annual pay if individual is then hired. Discussion ensued. Select Board members agreed this was pricey. Ms. Matthews will research other options.

5. **Junk Ordinance Enforcement Update** – The junk ordinance was reviewed along with advice from the town attorney. Given the pandemic, winter weather and the length of time since our last letters, Select Board members agreed to send out certified letters to each of the four properties in violation of the ordinance. Per the ordinance, property owners will be given 30 days to take steps to bring the properties into compliance with the ordinance. If at the end of 30 days, this has not happened, a ticket with a fine of \$50 will be issued. Each additional day after the initial 30 days that the property is not in compliance will constitute another violation and another daily fine. Additional tickets with a \$60 fine will be issued every 30 days until the property is brought back into compliance with the junk ordinance. Mr. Chase will assemble a list of local organizations for junk disposal or junk car removal.

6. **State of Vermont Wastewater Regulations & Permits** – Permit regulations pertaining to campgrounds and exceptions to them were reviewed in regards to the campground on VT Route 103. Discussion ensued about the use of hoses, gray water disposal, wastewater disposal, electric panel upgrades, maximum number of nights of camping in a year, and more. Mr. Chase will contact the Agency of Natural Resources.

VT wastewater regulations were also reviewed in regards to the mobile home located at 1559 VT Route 103. Discussion ensued about permit requirements and enforcement measures as well as the value and bill of sale on the mobile home. The Select Board will ask the Listers to investigate further. **Agenda Addition: Line Striping** – Road Foreman Clinton Woolley received a quote of \$3,200 from L&D to do the line striping on Shunpike and Maple Hill Roads. Mr. Chase made a motion to accept the \$3,200 quote from L&D for the line striping on Shunpike and Maple Hill Roads, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

7. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm. Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews

### Mount Holly Select Board Meeting - May 11, 2021 Minutes In-Person with Zoom Meeting: 898 6126 5487

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

**Town Officials:** Phil Crane, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Russ Garrow, David Johnson, Annette Lynch, Jon McCann, Stephen Michel, Renee Sarmiento, James Seward

**Members of the Public:** Paul Barton, Melissa & Buddy Batchelder, Zena Gates, Steve & Barbara Hazelton, Craig Hutt Vater (Mount Holly School Principal), Mount Holly School Students Aidan, Jameson and Thomas, Judy Nevin, Christine Pratt, Donna Seward, Amy Turco

### 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.

1. **Call to Order** by Mark Turco at 6:33 pm.

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

3. **Changes and/or additions to the agenda** – Judy Nevin asked to make an announcement, which was agreed to following the Approval of the Minutes.

4. **Approval of April 13th, 2021 Meeting Minutes and April 23rd Special Select Board Meeting Minutes** – Paul Barton asked the minutes of April

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13th meeting be changed so as to name Charles Tarbell, an American patriot and hero who died in 1862 in service to his country defending the Constitution and American freedoms. Jeff Chase made a motion to approve the minutes with that amendment, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve the April 23rd Special Select Board meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

**Judy Nevin** explained that the Master Gardener program would like to plant a display garden in every town. After looking around town, she identified the shore of Star Lake behind the rock wall as a good place for Mount Holly's display garden, a garden which would feature pollinator-friendly plants. Mr. Turco made a motion to allow the Master Gardener program to plant a display garden in that spot, seconded by Mr. Chase, unanimously approved.

#### 5. Reports

**a. Highways & Transfer Station Update** – Clinton Woolley was not able to attend the meeting, so Mr. Turco gave the update. The culverts on Alpine Drive and Healdville Road have been replaced in preparation for the paving. Mr. Turco signed the paperwork to have the yellow and white line striping done on Shunpike and Maple Hill Roads. No update necessary on the transfer station.

i) Retreatment FY21 Underrun – Mr. Chase asked about using the remaining funds in the paving budget. Discussion ensued about best use with the decision to roll remaining funds over at the end of the fiscal year into next year's paving budget.

ii) **Plow Bills – Plymouth & Wallingford** – For plowing this past winter season, Plymouth will be billed \$3,300 and Wallingford will be billed \$2,600. Bills will be mailed this month.

#### **b. Treasurer – David Johnson**

i) **Monthly Income & Expense Report** – Mr. Johnson reported he has not received a report from the Delinquent Tax Collector but an additional \$24,000 in delinquent taxes has been collected and the lawyer has been directed to send an initial letter to all non-responsive delinquent taxpayers; the Prepaid Property Taxes amount of \$9,921 is

correct reflecting early tax payments by some taxpayers; the final payment from the State has been received for State Aid for Roads for a total of \$120,806 which is \$4,806 more than budgeted; the Solid Waste Labels Sold amount of \$26,834 is almost at budgeted amount; the Solid Waste Hauling & Disposal Expense of \$48,032 is through the end of April and should be close to budgeted amount; Vehicle/Equip Repair & Maintenance amount of \$19,423 is under budget; and, the Purchased Equipment amount of \$1,000 is for the used sweeper bought from the Town of Plymouth.

Ms. Matthews asked about the possibility of doing a dog census, as Mr. Johnson had suggested last month, as only \$356 has been received of the \$1,200 budgeted for Dog License Receipts. Mr. Johnson explained that the \$1,200 budget figure also includes the funds received for liquor licenses and that another \$400 has been turned over for dog licenses.

ii) **Independent Audit Update & Fixed Asset Services Contract** – Mr. Johnson reported that he is to meet with the auditors on Thursday. They seem to have completed their initial work. A list of needed documents as part of the audit is to come with a site visit following and a walk through the financial procedures. As to the Fixed Asset Services Contract, the town has not kept a fixed asset schedule in the past. The previous auditors just worked that information into the financial statements. The contract will maintain the fixed assets schedule per accounting regulations on an annual basis. Ms. Matthews made a motion to sign the Fixed Asset Services contract for fixed asset database maintenance at a flat rate of \$250 annually, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

**c. Listers Update – David Johnson** reported that grievances are scheduled for May 21st and 22nd. He reminded residents to file their HS-122 by May 17th. The Listers recently attended a webinar on the statewide Grand List program; they now have the option to continue to work with NEMRC until 2023.

**d. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann** reported the Planning Commission had completed the Bolalek subdivision, including writing the findings of fact and conclusions of law. Although previous Planning Commissions had written these, this has not been done for some time. Both the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and VLCT recommended this be done going forward. The Planning Commission is calling these findings and decision, and they will serve as a record of the process and the subdivision decision. The Planning Commission has also been working with the Listers on revisions to the Building Construction Registration form and the ordinance; more info is needed, probably from the lawyers. Mr. McCann is working with the National Historic Lookout Register folks in order to add the Okemo Tower to the fire tower registry.

**e. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Phil Crane** reported the town-wide survey received 124 responses of which 109 were complete. Castleton University is assembling the final report, which will be posted on the Conservation Commission webpage on the town website. The report will contain a few definitive items for the Planning Commission on what townspeople value. The Conservation Commission is putting together a subcommittee to work on the Municipal Shade Tree Preservation Plan, and they hope to establish a fruitful collaboration with Shrewsbury in this undertaking; a Tree Warden is needed to help with this project. Work continues on updating the town's inventory of natural resources. As part of this work, Commission members, led by Jim Corven, made a visit to a vernal pool. They are planning a visit to look at ledge habitat, core

#### **Mount Holly Listers Hours**

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forests, and riparian areas soon. Commission members plan to participate in the Summit on the Future of Vermont on May 26th & 27th.

**f. Rutland Regional Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann** reported more FEMA reimbursement for flood disasters may be available. He will email the Select Board with that information.

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**g. Rutland Region Transportation Council Update – Clinton Woolley** was not able to attend this evening's meeting, so there was no update.

**h. Rutland County Solid Waste District Update – Clinton Woolley** was not able to attend the evening's meeting, so there was no update.

**i. Black-Ottawquechee and West Watersheds Report – Jon McCann** reported on the five-year project to update the flood maps with community input and involvement from the outset. The project looks at how floods affect local roads. Branch Brook empties into the Black River. New, more accurate mapping shows a larger floodplain, especially where VT Route 103 crosses Branch Brook. This project will provide helpful information to towns regarding roads and floodplains.

#### **6. New Business**

**a. Bowlsville Road South/Class 4 Road Request – Mr. Turco** stated

the Select Board had received a letter from Melissa & Buddy Batchelder about the town taking over the Class 4 section of their road. Mr. Turco explained that the road would have to be brought up to town standards and he gave Mr. Batchelder a copy of Mount Holly's road and bridge standards. Discussion ensued about the work necessary to do this. Once the work is done, Mr. Turco said the town would look at the road and make a determination.

**b. Town of Mount Holly Transfer Station Recertification – Approve – Ms. Matthews** explained that the transfer station needs to be recertified every few years. The recertification application is 44 pages long plus attachments. She thanked the Rutland County Solid Waste District for their diligence in putting the application together, an application which includes the option for onsite composting at the transfer station. Mr. Turco made a motion to approve and sign the Mount Holly transfer station recertification application and endorsement letter, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

**c. Delta Dental Insurance Plan Renewal – Ms. Matthews** noted the upcoming renewal for dental insurance with a 3.25% decrease in the rates for two years. Mr. Chase made a motion to continue the dental insurance with Delta Dental, seconded by Ms. Matthews, unanimously approved.

**d. Belmont Store Liquor License Renewal Application – Approve – Mr. Chase** made a motion to approve the Belmont Store's liquor license, seconded by Mr. Turco, unanimously approved.

**e. American Rescue Plan Funds – Ms. Matthews** briefly described the ARPA funding: \$195 billion going to the States, of which the State of Vermont is to receive \$1 billion; \$65 billion to the Counties - the funds received by Rutland County to be divided up among the county's 28 municipalities with the amount received based on each town's population; and, \$19.5 billion going to local governments, of which Mount Holly is to receive \$123,037. These funds can be used to

support public health expenditures, to address negative economic impacts caused by the pandemic, to replace lost public sector revenue, to provide premium pay for essential workers, and/or to invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Ms. Matthews reiterated the Governor in saying this is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in our town for the betterment of the community. Once more details are available about the amounts and permitted uses of the funds, the Select Board will call a special meeting to discuss possible projects.

**f. Other –** There was no additional New Business this evening.

#### **7. Ongoing & Old Business**

**a. Sharon Lane Old Recycling Shed Rental Request – Mr. Turco** reached out to the interested individual. Discussion ensued about rental rates, the size and

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condition of the building, its contents. Mr. Turco will follow up with the interested party, and the item will be on a future agenda, if need be.

## TREE WARDEN NEEDED

The Tree Warden is Responsible for the Care & Maintenance of Shade Trees in Town Right-of-Ways.

### These Responsibilities include:

- Make Determinations about Shade Tree Removals
- Post Notices for the Planned Cutting of Shade Trees
- Determine the Penalties for Willfully and Critically Injuring or Cutting Shade Trees
- Enforce All Laws Relating to Shade Trees
- May Develop a Community Tree Planting and Care Program
- Work with the Mount Holly Conservation Commission and the VT Urban & Community Forestry Program to Develop a Shade Tree Preservation Plan for the Community\*

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\*for additional information on tree warden responsibilities see:

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([vtcommunityforestry.org](http://vtcommunityforestry.org))

**b. Junk Ordinance Enforcement** – Ms. Matthews explained that certified letters had been mailed out to the property owners who are in violation of the ordinance, the tickets ordered, and Paul Faenza, our enforcement officer, contacted about the possible need to issue tickets. The property owners have until June 6th to take steps to clean up their property. At the June 8th meeting, the Select Board will decide on ticket issuance. Ms. Matthews also noted that two complaints have now been received about one property on Station Road; a warning letter will be mailed to them. She asked about compensation for Mr. Faenza's time and expenses in his role as enforcement officer. Amy Turco questioned the reason for paying Mr. Faenza more given his pay as Constable. Mr. Turco said there were no funds in the budget to compensate the enforcement officer. Discussion ensued about the Constable duties, compensation, fines and fees, the budget, the health officer, legal expenses. Mr. Chase asked all to clean up their yards, follow the ordinance, and to ask for help if they need it in cleaning up their yard. Mr. Turco said there was value in scrap and to use the list of resources Mr. Chase pulled together; there are organizations and individuals who will take junk vehicles and scrap at no charge. He pleaded with residents to keep their yard clean.

**c. Select Board Admin. Assistant Position** – Ms.

Matthews is talking with Adecco, as the Leddy Group's rates were quite high. Mr. Turco commented on how difficult it is to find employees at present.

**d. Other** – Ms. Matthews asked about the ash tree inventory. Mr. Chase will pull together a group to finish the inventory. Mr. Turco emphasized the need for a Tree Warden to help with this work. He said several people had looked at the tree warden position, but they did not want to take on the responsibilities involved. Ms. Matthews made a plea to residents to please get involved, especially younger community members as the future of Mount Holly is in their hands, and the town needs you.

**8. Citizen Comments** – Craig Hutt Vater wanted to follow up on revisions to the hiking and biking trail. Only Mr. Turco had seen the revised map, having been given a copy by Mr. Woolley. Once all Select Board members have had a chance to see and review the map, we'll address this at a future Select Board meeting.

**9. Announcements/Other Business** – a. **Appointments to be made @ June 8th Meeting for July first to June 30, 2022 terms:**

- Rutland Regional Planning Commission Representative & Alternate
- Rutland Region Transportation Council Representative & Alternate

Ms. Matthews noted that our RRTC Alternate was Don Richardson, who passed away over the weekend. She wanted Rhonda Rivers to know our thoughts and prayers are with her, and she expressed the Select Board's appreciation for all the work and time Don had given our community over the years. Mr. Turco said that our hearts and blessings go out to the family. The Alternate position(s) will be posted.

**b. Reminder: Homestead Declarations due May 17th**

**c. Reminder: Town Office Closed, Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st**

**d. Other** – Ms. Matthews thanked all those who participated in Green-Up Day for picking up the litter along the roadsides. Mr. Turco reminded community members to not throw trash out on to the roads and to please keep Mount Holly pristine.

**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) – personnel (if needed)** – Not needed this evening.

**12. Adjourn** – Mr. Turco adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer Matthews



### Mount Holly Planning Commission – Regular Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Brigid Sullivan, Lisa Terreri (Secretary)

Absent: Stephen Michel

Also Present: Renee Sarmiento (Clerk)

June 2021 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

## Spring is in the Air!

Time for yard clean-up &  
time for any junk-in-the-yard clean-up.  
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Mount Holly looking fine!

1. Jon McCann called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm
2. No changes to agenda.
3. Approval of minutes
  - a. The minutes from March 17th and April 7th, were approved as distributed.
4. Reports & Announcements
  - a. Clerk report - Additional work done on town officer list.
  5. Correspondence
    - a. Subdivision proposals
    - b. Building Construction Registrations
  - Follow up on BCR from previous month: Additional information was received for the Garrow BCR, and was signed by Jon.
  - Michael and Maria Blais, 408 Old Turnpike Road, an addition (replacing old garage with new garage and mudroom and attaching to



doublewide), existing water/septic, 2.5-acre lot, dimensions of new structure: 28x30 and 9x12, new construction. It is not indicated on the map, but assumption it is at the address on the plan - accepted

- James Rasp, 175 Gates Rd. S, new construction (house and garage), new water source/well, new mound system - accepted
- c. Wastewater system and potable water supply permits
- James Rasp, 175 Gates Rd. S, new water source/well, new mound system
- Arshak Kasabian, Tilly lot 3 Healdville Rd, wastewater and water supply 6-acre parcel
- d. Email / Other - none
6. Unfinished business
  - a. Accept corrected Flood Hazard Area Regulations
  - Document with corrections dictated by two separate Select Board letters (dated 2008 and 2010) was distributed. Jim made motion to accept the corrected document as distributed, Brigid seconded motion, all voted in favor.
  - b. Response from State Geologist
  - Answers to our questions were received from the state geologist - Planning Commission will review email and attach to minutes.
  - Jim asked about the rock (Mount Holly Complex), what type of rock it is, and stated he would like to see a sample. We agreed to follow up and try to get help identifying the rock.
  - c. Update on cooperation with Museum (Stephen)
  - Stephen sent email - summary that museum folks are happy to help out.
  - A possible outing was discussed to Crown Point Road or Halfway encampment.
  - Agreed to postpone further consideration until next regular meeting.
7. New business
  - a. Information on River Corridors from RRPC
  - Barbara Noyes-Pulling sent out river corridor protection information, that if adopted (which the PC will not pursue at this time), the town gets reimbursed much more in the event of a flood (FEMA). This is something to consider in the future. Jon suggested sending information to the Select Board.
  - Brigid asked about requirement to designate every river to get FEMA reimbursement. Jon clarified it is not every river, but major rivers (ex. Branch Brook, Mill river North Branch, and Mill River South Branch) – and streams that have a drainage area greater than half a square mile. Map will be attached to minutes.
  - Question for Barbara: Is there a way to grandfather streams that are next to existing development?
  - Possibly invite Barbara sometime in the future to speak with the Planning Commission.
  - b. Listers review of Building Construction Registration Form/Ordinance
  - Jon met with the listers and came to an agreement regarding possible changes made to the Building Registration form and ordinance.
  - Review of changes on the BCR form (Attached)
  - Feedback: Jim suggested swapping property owner and description sections so that owner comes first. Brigid suggested increasing line spacing to 1.5" to provide room for handwriting.
  - Jon will review changes with the listers and bring it back to the next meeting.
  - Ordinance Review of changes made: Increase cost threshold required for a building registration was raised to \$2500
  - Brigid suggested adding the word "ordinance" to the title.
  - c. Okemo Fire Tower / National Historic Lookout Register
  - Information: The fire tower on top of Okemo Mountain is in Mount Holly, VT, and is historic. Jon had seen information that it had been added to the National Historic Lookout register, but it has not been added. This would be a step towards getting National Historic Place Registration. The president of the association will try to get it added very soon. Jon will try to get in touch with individual in charge of Vermont fire towers.



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- The state has repaired the tower, and it is very sturdy.
- Jon suggested tower be put in the town plan.
- 8. Public comments: None
- 9. Upcoming meetings
  - a. Regular meeting - May 19th, 2021 (Brigid will be absent)
  - b. Special working meeting - May 5th, 2021 (7pm)
- 10. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm For the Commission, Renee Sarmento, Planning Commission Clerk

## Chit Chat Deadline for July Sunday June 20th by 6:00 pm



### ***Ludlow Plants a New Tree in Veterans Memorial Park***

In keeping with his promise when the historic old maple was removed last year, Ludlow Municipal Manager Scott Murphy witnessed the planting of a replacement maple tree in the park recently. The new plant planting was supervised by Ron Tarbell with the help of Bill Davis and Jarrett Sanderson. The tree was purchased from Woodbury Gardens of Springfield who assisted in the transplanting effort. As the tree planting was being finalized, Murphy observed that “in a few years this tree will begin to grow and show the wonderful foliage that we all remember from the historic tree in replaces”. Purchase of the tree was funded in large part by a grant from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program.



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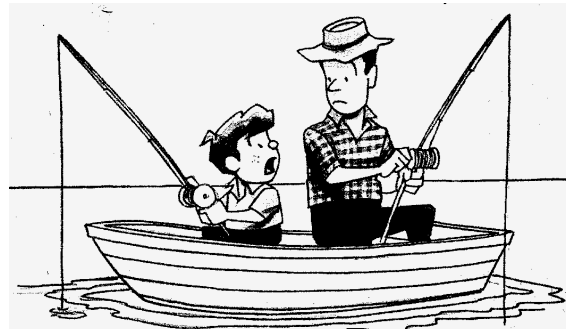
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### ***Spring Planting***

Sunny, warmer days make the garden real in mid-May. While there are many garden plants that can be seeded outdoors now, don't be tempted to start working your soil if it is still wet. If you insist on tilling your garden it is very important to wait until the soil has drained and dried enough to be crumbly, not gooey or sticky. I do not till my garden soil because it's a very damaging & unnecessary practice. If you have raised beds (see previous article) you can get started a little sooner because of better drainage, warmer soils & no tilling needed. Let's look at the specific plants that we can be planting both indoors and outdoors right now.

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## Upcoming June Classes at Fletcher Farm School

The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will

reopen for its Summer term on June 14. With the recent good news from the Centers for Disease Control, we're hoping many of you will feel comfortable joining us in celebrating a return to near-normal.

With that in mind, here is a list of our June classes. Complete information about the school and the classes below is available on our website, [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

June 19 – **Black Ash Berry Basket** with Penny Hewitt  
 June 25 – **Beginning Drawing** with Sandi Cirillo  
 June 26 – **Silk Sampler Day** with Sandi Cirillo  
 June 26-27 – **Creative Metalworking** with Piper Strong  
 June 26 – **Learn to Cane** with Meg Kupiec  
 June 26 – **Beginning Woodcarving: A Wizard** with Wayne Miller  
 June 26 – **Handmade Hat-Style Bandboxes** with Mary Avery  
 June 28 – July 2 – **Introduction to Silver Fabrication** with Harold Bosco  
 June 28-30 – **Tattooing** with Evelyn Gant  
 June 28-30 – **Bobbin Lace** with Jane Fletcher

*For Young Artists:*

June 26 – **Lucky Gnomes** with Nancy Conway  
 June 28-July 2 (Fri. am only) – **Create, Imagine, Explore with Ms. Karner** with Rachel Karner

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### *Springfield Hospital CEO Speaks to Ludlow Rotary*

At its recent on-line meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard remarks by Robert Adcock, new CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Adcock noted that the hospital was "facing tremendous challenges" following its recent bankruptcy problems combined with the impact of Covid-19. Noting that the hospital has "put some of its troubles behind us", he stressed that the organization's ability to come out of bankruptcy was a significant step. However, like most hospitals throughout the nation, it still was dealing with the declining patient count resulting from the impact of the Covid-19 situation.

He added that, as new leader of the hospital, it was his intent to "earn back the confidence of the community". Adcock indicated that his main focus was "to build back to case-load of the hospital to pre-Covid levels".

With respect to the current Covid status, he said that the hospital was averaging about one case of Covid a day. He also noted that Windsor County currently has about 60% of its population with

at least 1 vaccination compared to 48% of Chittenden County.

Adcock said the hospital expected to receive the new Pfizer vaccine for youngsters, 12 through 15, shortly and open clinics to administer them.

In terms of staffing, he noted that the hospital shortly will have a second general surgeon and that key staff members have stayed with the hospital. When queried about the possibility of reopening maternity care, he noted that it was not coming back in the near term. By Ralph Pace

### **Vermont Home Gardener When to Plant?**

We're finally getting to the time of year when we can plant some things in the ground. Some things can go in early, other things need to wait for warmer days. How do we know what to plant when? Most soil is still too wet to dig or till unless you have raised beds. This week let's look at several ways to help determine when it's best to plant seeds or put out transplants.

**Do you know our Frost Free Date?** Most plants can't take a frost (happens when the air is still) or a freeze (happens when there is a breeze) so they need to go in after danger has passed. That is tricky since we can't be sure what the weather might bring but we do know the average dates based on years of historical records. At higher elevations like Mount Holly that date is about May 30 and at lower elevations of Wallingford, Shrewsbury, or Ludlow that is about May 24. These are averages and best guesses, not absolute rules! Remember that unless you are a competitive gardener it's not important that your plants go in on the earliest dates anyway. If you would like recommendations for specific plants then you can use one of several online guides or printed tables for our area that are covered in this article. Read the full article and subscribe for Free at <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>



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We are introducing a new initiative, a CSM, and we hope you will consider participating. You might say....I never heard of a CSM. What is that?

It's Community Supported Music. You pay up front or at one of the first concerts in the Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series, and enjoy up to 10 concerts in our season. Think about an amount you might give for a concert, and then multiply it by how many times you might attend. Our goal is to have contributions early in our series to ensure that each and every musician who comes to play for us goes home with ample pay, from May 29 - October 9. If you love live music, let's be sure the musicians are well supported from the first to the last concert. If you would like to "pay as you go", you know we welcome that as well, and are grateful for your attendance. We thank you ahead of time for your generosity!

Have questions, or know someone who would like to join our concert news email group? Contact Vicky Arthur at [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com) or call Paul Sgalia at 492-3649

Want to get started with your CSM? Make a payment by check sent to the address below, or through Venmo by searching for Victoria Arthur @sky ranch

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## *Susanna Gellert Describes Coming Weston Playhouse Season*

During her recent appearance on "Spotlight", Susanna Gellert, Artistic Director of the Weston Playhouse Theatre, discussed how the playhouse will reopen this season following a year's absence due to the Covid-19 crisis.

In response to a question as to how the new season will deal with Covid and the regulations associated with it, she indicated the following basic changes would be made for the current season:

- ☐ All productions will be held outside under a large tent enclosure in the Walker Farm area
- ☐ Social distancing will be observed in both seating and staging
- ☐ Audience seating will not be reserved

Gellert indicated that the four major productions will include:

"An Iliad", July 14 through August 7: A revised version of Homer's "The Iliad" which will be a one-man show addressing the same topics as the original but set in a modern setting. "It will be as if Homer was a next door neighbor describing the war and the people in it," she noted;

"Seussical", July 22 through August 7: Follow Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and more of your favorite characters into the colorful, zany world of Dr. Seuss! An afternoon of storybook fun and "all the things you can think" for your whole family. The production will also tour through the state.

"Ring of Fire", August 11 through September 5: It's a ride on the rails, a trip on the wide-open highway, and a journey into the backwoods of Tennessee. RING OF FIRE brings the music of Johnny Cash to life with an exhilarating story of struggle and success, recklessness and redemption, love and family. With more than two dozen classic Cash hits, including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," and "A Thing Called Love," a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians creates a unique portrait about an American legend in this rollicking and heartfelt stage production.

"The Mountaintop", September 29 through October 24: A playful and moving exploration of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., set during the final night of his life.

There will also be a Celebration Series throughout the Summer. More information on this and the major productions may be seen at [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

Ticket information is available at 802-824-5288 or [tickets@westonplayhouse.org](mailto:tickets@westonplayhouse.org) beginning June 1.

The entire program may be seen on [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv) or on Comcast channel 1076.

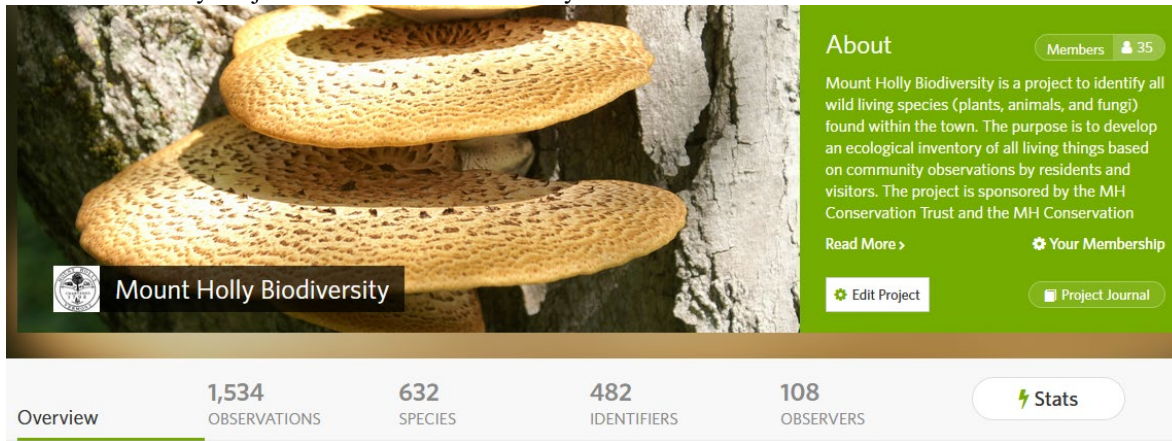
"Spotlight" is a public affairs program on Okemo Valley TV, hosted by Ralph Pace.



## Mount Holly Biodiversity Project Identifies Non-native Species in Town

As of late May the Biodiversity Project has made 1,534 total observations in town, 175 new since April. There are now 108 observers, including 35 project members who have identified 632 species (29 new species since April!) in Mount Holly. That breaks down into 307 plants, 141 insects, 74 birds, 54 fungi, 17 mammals, 8 amphibians, 5 reptiles, and several smaller groups. Among these, observers have identified at least 28 species of *non-native* plants and 14 species of *introduced* insects. Some of these are now common but a few are an important ecological and economic threat to our forests and agriculture. Invasive non-natives like Purple Loosestrife and Phragmites displace native plants and provide little benefit (food, cover, etc.) to native wildlife. Invasive aquatic plants and algae can devastate the ecosystem of wetlands and lakes. In order to deal with these invasives we need to continue to identify and monitor them so effective controls can be applied in their management. If we know what they are and where they are we can take measures to protect our native ecosystems. The flip side of invasive species are the threatened species and project participants have identified 18 threatened species in town. These are birds and plants that need extra protection to prevent their continued decline and loss. These are some of the key roles of the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project and we hope you will consider joining in this exciting and important effort.

Spring has brought out all kinds of wildflowers, birds, insects (including black flies!) everywhere and there's much more to come. Migratory birds like warblers, grosbeaks, hummingbirds, thrushes, flycatchers, are moving in and passing through. We need photographs and reports of the fish and aquatic plants in Lake Ninevah or Star Lake too. If you enjoy any of these you can join the Biodiversity Project and become a Community Scientist!



### Species Update.

You don't have to be a scientist to be a Community Scientist! If you live in or visit Mount Holly then you can help us learn about the natural biodiversity in our town. As spring weather brings out the plants and animals around us we invite you to join our local project by reporting what you

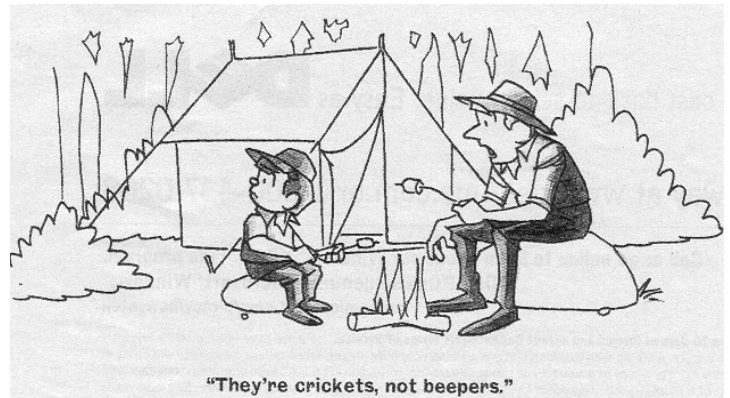
see around town. From backyards to meadows and forests every species that you see will add to our project in Mount Holly. While it's always exciting to find something new in nature, we also need to know where and when the common species are seen too. As a volunteer, your observations submitted online will make a real contribution and it's a great way to learn the names of the plants and animals that you find.

**Your observations will help!** Using iNaturalist on your smart phone or computer, every time you see a bird, a plant, or a wild animal in Mount Holly iNaturalist will help you identify it and then submit it to our community project. All you do is take a photo on your smart phone or digital camera, submit it to iNaturalist, and the program gives you the probable identification and gives you credit for the observation! Can you guess the most common species found in Mount Holly?

**Ready to give it a try?** Download the Free app to your smart phone from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Once downloaded, navigate to Help in the drop-down menu and follow the illustrated instructions for Getting Started or watch the video tutorial. Your smart phone is now your easiest tool to learn the names of the plants & animals that you find and to support our town project.

**How can I join?** Once you have the app on your smart phone you can join the **Mount Holly Biodiversity** project. When you open the app on your phone or go to our project webpage on your computer (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>) click on "Join Project" just above the green "About" square of text describing the project. Once you have joined the project your observations will automatically be submitted to our town's ecological inventory plus you will receive occasional news and updates about the project. The project webpage also shows you who has the most species, how many species have been found, lists the most frequently seen species (can you guess what it is?), and provides an interactive map of Mount Holly showing where all the observations have been recorded!

This is "citizen science" at its best, we hope you will enjoy using iNaturalist to learn the names of the plants and animals you find and join us in learning more about the amazing natural biodiversity of Mount Holly. As spring turns into summer there will be an explosion of wildflowers, birds, insects, amphibians and more for you to identify. This is a great outdoor family activity and a wonderful way to teach children about nature. The project is sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission. If you would like some assistance getting started or have questions, call Jim at 802-259-2311.





## WESTON PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS



Weston Playhouse Theatre Company has been approved for a \$15,000 Grants for Arts Projects award to support their 2021 New Works Program.

“As the country and the arts sector begin to imagine returning to a post-pandemic world, the National Endowment for the Arts is proud to announce funding that will help arts organizations such as Weston Playhouse Theatre Company reengage fully with partners and audiences,” said NEA Acting Chairman Ann Eilers. “Although the arts have sustained many during the pandemic, the chance to gather with one another and share arts experiences is its own necessity and pleasure.”

Over the past decade, Weston has developed a **nationally recognized New Works Program** grounded in the belief that the author's voice is central to shaping conversations locally and nationally. The 2021 New Works Program includes the **Weston-Ghostlight New Musical Award**, the **Fall Artist Retreat**, and ongoing commission projects.

“We are committed to deepening ties with theatrical writers and creators, supporting new play and musical development, and bringing a diverse range of artistic voices to our beautiful corner of Vermont,” says Weston’s **Executive Artistic**

### The Annual Mount Holly Photo Judging & Calendar Competition

Entry forms will be available  
this month at:

- the Belmont Store and
- the Mount Holly Town Office

Entries will probably be due by Monday,  
September 20, 2021\*

\*Ennh...should be but who knows? Probably will be this year.  
Stay tuned. Shoot those photos!



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**Director, Susanna Gellert.** “This award from the NEA is a huge support for our work, and an important recognition of the value of Weston’s New Works Program.”

Weston’s project is among the more than **1,100 projects across America totaling nearly \$27 million** that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2021 funding. For more information on the projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](http://arts.gov/news).

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company builds on and enhances the unique assets of its Vermont village campus to produce a diverse, entertaining, and challenging season of live professional theatre and high impact events; enrich the theatre-going experience with education and outreach programs for all ages; and make significant contributions to the American theatre through training programs, play development, and retreats. It is a non-profit organization supported in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts and an ever-growing family of individuals and organizations who believe in the impact the performing arts make on its community. Learn more at [westonplayhouse.org](http://westonplayhouse.org).



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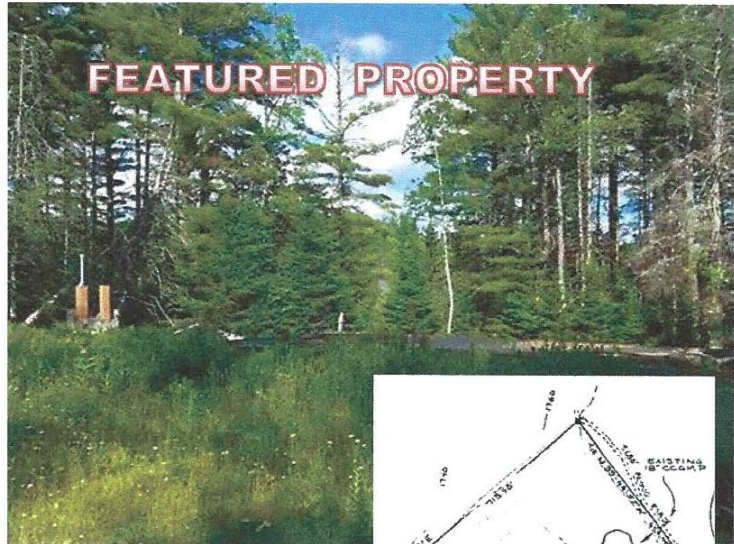
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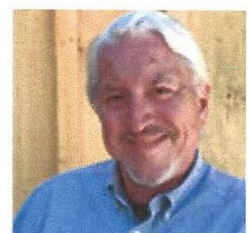


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### Forestry Notes - Looks like a big year for the gypsy moth

In addition to the prevailing impact of the emerald ash borer on ash trees, there are several other forestry factors that area towns and property owners need to be aware of. They include:

The gypsy moth - Gypsy moth outbreaks occur in cycles, and based on field observations, it looks like this is going to be a big year for gypsy moths. You can learn more about them on [Vtinvasives.org](http://Vtinvasives.org). If you see egg masses and emerging larvae (see photo), you can squish them, or knock them into a bucket of soapy water.

Oak trees - Oak wilt is caused by a fungus that disrupts the transport of water throughout a tree. It can cause oaks to die within a few weeks to 6 months of infection. Oak wilt has not yet been confirmed in Vermont. The closest known outbreak is in Glenville, New York. Read this editorial from Michigan on how to best protect your oaks from this serious disease, [Forest Pest First Detector Bulletin-May - ralphpace@gmail.com](mailto:ForestPestFirstDetectorBulletin-May-ralphpace@gmail.com) - [Gmail \(google.com\)](http://Gmail.google.com).

EAB – EAB Awareness Week is May 15-22. To learn more about EAB, go to [Emerald Ash Borer in Vermont | Vermont Invasive \(vtinvasives.org\)](http://EmeraldAshBorerinVermont|VermontInvasive(vtinvasives.org)).

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Ralph Pace, Ludlow Tree Warden, at 802-228-7239 or [ralphpace@gmail.com](mailto:ralphpace@gmail.com).

### STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT USDA

Seeks Applications for Grants to Offset High Energy Costs in Rural Areas U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Justin Maxson today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to offset high energy costs in rural areas.

USDA is making the funding available through the High Energy Cost Grant program. This program helps state and local governments and nonprofit agencies acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities. Grants may also be used to install on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems and to make energy efficiency improvements.

Eligible projects must be in communities where the average residential home energy expenditure is at least 275 percent of the national average. USDA expects to award up to \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2021.

Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight no later than July 6, 2021. Electronic applications must be submitted to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) by midnight Eastern Standard Time on July 6, 2021.



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

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

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## Engel & Völkers Okemo Hires Real Estate Advisor Kristen Fehrenbach

*Fehrenbach is the Expanding Brokerage's Latest Addition*

Engel & Völkers Okemo is delighted to announce that Kristen Fehrenbach has joined its [growing team of real estate advisors](#).

Fehrenbach brings more than twenty years of leadership experience in art education and hospitality across New England. A resident of Bellows Falls, she is a founding director of Popolo, a beloved farm-to-table restaurant that opened in 2012. Before Popolo, she worked in the field of non-profit art and education at Brattleboro's River Gallery School, the Great River Arts Institute in Bellows Falls and the Provincetown Art Association and Museum, where she curated programming and events for Cape Cod's most popular exhibit space. Outside of work, Fehrenbach serves on boards for the Windham County Trails Alliance and Friends of the Rockingham Library and enjoys styling classic Vermont homes.

"Real estate connects my background in hospitality with my passion for visual expression," said Fehrenbach. "Engel and Völkers Okemo is known for tirelessly nurturing relationships that uplift the communities around their clients, and I am thrilled to contribute to their expansion."

Last year, Engel & Völkers Okemo did more than \$16.5 million in sales in the Okemo Valley region, under license partner Gail Beardmore. Beardmore founded the Ludlow-based brokerage together with a Woodstock agency, in 2008, after more than a decade selling properties in the area.

"Kristen has deep client relations experience and a strong creative eye that will enhance and expand our operations," said Beardmore. "We are inundated with motivated buyers whose criteria is shifting from seasonal homes to full time lifestyle properties. I have never seen the market quite like this, and Kristen's presence further south positions Engel & Völkers Okemo to meet increasing regional demand."

Active real estate listings in Ludlow and the Okemo Valley plummeted, from January 2019-2021, despite an ongoing surge in prospective buyers. Many are widening their searches and discovering energized sellers in neighboring Windham County, where prices and inventory are increasing more symbiotically. Engel & Völkers Okemo is dedicated to meeting clients where they are, and a larger territory is a natural extension of that effort. For more information, visit <https://okemo.evrealstate.com/>.



## Trimboli Receives Rotary Community Service Award

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) presented its Annual Community Service Award to Karen Trimboli at its recent meeting, held using Zoom.

In making the award, Kevin Barnes, LRC President, thanked Karen for her years of service to the community as the leader of the Ludlow Elementary School and Black River High School. He emphasized the important role she played during the Covid pandemic in providing meaningful educational opportunities to area students.

In her response to the award, Karen noted that, during the Covid crisis, students, teachers, and parents were "very resilient" in adapting to the demands of remote learning. She had high praise for parents, especially, as they "stepped up to help the kids adapt to the technical demands of the process".

She indicated that a great deal of planning went into getting the students into a safe environment while maximizing the level of education provided through the remote learning process.

Karen noted that the major thing she missed during this process was the usual participation of local organizations like Black River Academy Museum, the American Legion, and other area groups who often assisted in helping the schools with the educational process.

During the business portion of the LRC meeting, it was decided to donate \$1,000 to the non-profit charity SEWA International to purchase 2 oxygen generators for India to help with the Covid-19 crisis in the nation.

## Ashley Bride Named Executive Director

The United Way of Rutland County (UWRC), the largest non-governmental fundraiser for local services in the community, announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Ashley Bride as Executive Director. She replaces Caprice Hover who retired from her position at the beginning of the month.

The Board of Directors, through an Executive Search Committee, began the search process starting in January and did a full review of the scope of responsibilities.

"Ashley is a wonderful and exciting choice for this position," said Cathy Petrini, President of the Board of Directors at UWRC. "She brings a lot of experience from her work as the former Executive Director of Fair Haven Concerned and has demonstrated her skills as a leader with a vast knowledge of the growing needs in our community."

Bride, a graduate of Castleton University has extensive experience working in the non-profit sector. She first became involved with UWRC in 2013 as a partner agency receiving funding and then in 2020 as a board member serving as a grantee partner. She has worked on several highly successful fundraisers, and continues working with community impact groups and the Vermont Community Foundation. Bride's work will continue as she transitions to UWRC and remains dedicated focusing on the needs within the community and donor cultivation.

"As former Executive Director for Fair Haven Concerned, I know how vital UWRC is to the community and the agencies funded," said Bride. "It is important that we continue to grow the resources available to the programs that address our community's most pressing needs."

"I am looking forward to getting to work with all of the partnering agencies in Rutland County," Bride added. "There are a lot of businesses and agencies who I already work closely with and I look forward to continuing to strengthen relationships with those already affiliated with UWRC."





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Pastor Glenn Davis [vbch.weebly.com](http://vbch.weebly.com) 259-2440  
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1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly  
Smith Maple Crest Farm, Grass-Fed Beef Cuts Fresh/Frozen 492-2151  
[www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com)  
Sugar Hill Berry Farm [www.sugarhillberryfarm.com](http://www.sugarhillberryfarm.com) 259-2155

## Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 228-3663

## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 773-3010

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 259-2364  
Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 259-3964  
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 259-2146

## General Contractors

Wright Construction Company [info@wrightconstruction.com](mailto:info@wrightconstruction.com) 259-2094  
Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 228-7327

## Health Care Providers

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

## Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 259-2364  
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard  
Country Home Management, Richardson/Rivers 259-3662 228-7086  
Jenkins Builders [brandon@jenkinsbuild.com](mailto:brandon@jenkinsbuild.com) 952-9722  
Seiple's Property Management 802- 236-8104  
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 259-3064

## Interior Design

Rose of Sharon Designs – Sharon Napier Design Consultant 860-214-3911

## Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 228-7151  
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 259-2250  
Smith Maple Crest Farm [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com) 492-2151

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 259-2722 362-0501  
[print@expresscopyinc.com](mailto:print@expresscopyinc.com)

## Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal [www.waynejonesmetal.com](http://www.waynejonesmetal.com) 259-2521

## Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) 259-2250

## Painters

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

## Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. 802-975-0369  
[masterplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:masterplumbingheating@gmail.com)  
Tailored Plumbing [tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com](mailto:tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com) 802-417-1647

## Real Estate Sales

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, 228-5678  
John Napier [jnapier@cblifestylesre.com](mailto:jnapier@cblifestylesre.com) 860-559-9334  
Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley [lisa@cummingsvt.com](mailto:lisa@cummingsvt.com) 802-345-6581  
Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338  
[Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com](mailto:Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com) (Mobile) 802-236-5431  
Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Owner/Broker 802-228-5333  
[realtor@KelleyRealEstate.com](mailto:realtor@KelleyRealEstate.com)  
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Nora Sylvia [nora@kelleyrealestate.com](mailto:nora@kelleyrealestate.com) 978-793-2033  
John Tolosky [john@kelleyrealestate.com](mailto:john@kelleyrealestate.com) 802-356-5556  
[www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)

## Roofing

Buddy Systems Roofing Contact Buddy 259-3989  
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

## Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais [www.countrysidealarms.com](http://www.countrysidealarms.com) 259-2213

## Septic System Design

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

## Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 259-2282 Barn 492-2226

## Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 259-8733

## Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 259-2344 W 259-2899

## Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking [ccw@vermontel.net](mailto:ccw@vermontel.net) 259-3232  
[www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com](http://www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com)



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Flag Day  
June 14