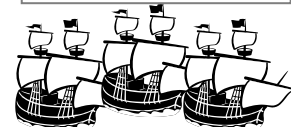




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Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm [www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org](http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org) 802-259-2460 [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net)

Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) Check Out [www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com)

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 802-259-3707

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391

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: 802-259-3179

Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 802-786-3408 or 802-259-2211

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

## October 2022

1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>American Control of the Panama Canal handed over to Panama 1979</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>California Redwood National Park Est. 1968</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Pres. Abraham Lincoln Designates the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day 1863</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Yom Kippur Begins</i> 7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Yom Kippur Ends</i>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>World Cerebral Palsy Day</i> 7:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Roast Pork Dinner</b> , Benefit Colfax Lodge, Odd Fellows Hall	<i>Great Chicago Fire 1871</i> 5:00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Full Hunter's Moon ~ Leif Erikson Day 1964</i>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Indigenous Peoples Day</i> 7:00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	4:30 pm
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	<i>Columbus Day 1892</i> 6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Mt. Holly Fire Station	<i>US Navy Est. 1775</i> 7:00 pm
	<i>The Cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington 1792</i>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Cuban Missile Crisis Begins 1962 ~ Capt Chuck Yeager Shatters Sound Barrier in Bell X-1 Rocket Plane 1947</i>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Oscar Wild 1854 ~ National Bosses Day</i>	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Revolutionary War Ended 1781</i> 6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dizzy Gillespie 1917</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Cancelled - Baked Ham Supper</b> , Benefit Gill Home – <i>No Cook</i>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Beirut Barracks Bombing 1983</i>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>United Nations Day 1945</i> 7:00 pm
	<i>Anna Edson Taylor 1<sup>st</sup> Person to Survive going over Niagara Falls in a Barrel 1901</i>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Com. Guild Meet, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>Pablo Picasso 1881~Operation Urgent Fury 1983</i> 9:00 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	ODD Fellows Meet, IOOF Hall,	<i>Gunfight at OK Corral 1881 ~ Erie Canal Open 1825</i> 7:00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations	<i>Navy Day</i> 7:00 pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886</i>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>"Black Tuesday" Starts Great Depression 1929</i>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Magician Harry Houdini Dies 1926 ~ John Keats 1795 ~ National UNICEF Day ~ Halloween</i>	

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## Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept.	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
MH Rescue Squad	Non-Emergency 802-259-6001	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control For	C text only 802-353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101



Send **ARTICLES** to: **Diana Garrow**, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to [chitchat@vermontel.net](mailto:chitchat@vermontel.net)

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**October Birthdays:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Darica Cole Hains \* Maxine Freeman 4<sup>th</sup>-Matt Lillard 8<sup>th</sup>-Lindsay Durgin \* Janice A. Zlotnick \* Callie Lewis 9<sup>th</sup>-Brian Buffum \* David Hendee 11<sup>th</sup>-Jodi LaPenna-Seward \* Barbara Hazelton 12<sup>th</sup>-Ryan Smith 13<sup>th</sup>-Shari Lewis 17<sup>th</sup>-Bill Devereux 21<sup>st</sup>-Heather Pond 22<sup>nd</sup>-Danielle Lillard 23<sup>rd</sup>-Jessica McMahon 24<sup>th</sup>-Dennis Bussino (1966) \* Cecelia Pearson 25<sup>th</sup>-Andrew Taylor 26<sup>th</sup>-Nathan Turco 27<sup>th</sup>-Joe Parker \* Jessica Anthony \* Connie Niles \* Alicia Hendee 28<sup>th</sup>- Steve Lewis 29<sup>th</sup>-Susan Marshall



**October Anniversaries:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Jim & Millicent Johnson (1977) 8<sup>th</sup>-Fay & Maxine Freeman (2016) 9<sup>th</sup> -Ron & Karen Blodgett \* Ron & Kelly Tarbell 10<sup>th</sup>-Tom & Kristin Veysey \* Gary & Lori Norton 18<sup>th</sup>-John & Amy Taylor 25<sup>th</sup>-Roger & Diana Garrow (1974) 31<sup>st</sup>-Jodi & John Seward \* Brigid & Paul Faenza (1992)

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.



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## Shirley Jane Sabey

Shirley Jane Sabey, 85, of Maples, FL, passed away on Aug. 19, 2022 with her loving family by her side. June was born on June 29, 1937 in Asheville, N.C. She was a daughter of the late Richard and Kathleen (Terrell) Bryson.

Elegant. Feisty. Warm. People always gravitated to Miss June. Her native intelligence and deep kindness were quick to elicit many confessions. The Savannah and Vermont porches, where she reigned, were the place for great conversations and laughter. She was a world class mom to her two sons and a soulmate to her husband Jack. "I loved her more than any person on the planet."

June and Jack met in Vermont and spent close to 30 years in Proctorsville, Mount Holly, and most recently in Ludlow. They never missed a Tuesday night at DJ's Restaurant.

June is survived by her beloved husband, John "Jack" Sabey; sons, Bradley Boyle and Sean Boyle; step-daughters, Sharon (Lawrence) Bossidy and Jill (Keith) Waters; grandchildren, Tim, Kendall, John and Erika; and great grandson, Rory. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Kathleen Bryson, and sister, Sandra Parks.

A memorial Mass was held at Church of the Annunciation, of Ludlow, VT on Saturday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.



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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>
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	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		
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wallingford Post Master Denise Young – 802-446-2140		

## Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2022  
Oct 4, 8 am

## Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information  
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## Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



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Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Roast Pork

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Gill Home, IOOF – Baked Ham **Cancelled No Cook**

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More Info Call 802-259-2460



## Celebration of Life For Jerome Brown

Saturday October 22, 2022

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mount Holly Community Center  
Under the Library  
Belmont, VT



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

The use of the Hall in Belmont is scheduled by contacting Carol at 802-259-2791, or at [tcg2791@yahoo.com](mailto:tcg2791@yahoo.com). You may also leave a message with Dennis at 802-259-2460, or at [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

acceptance by the Board of Selectmen and following unanimous support from attendees at a public meeting. In addition to reviewing the need for speed limit changes in Belmont Village, the committee also reviewed the traffic needs of literally every street in Mount Holly. Suggestions were put forward by the committee and a number of changes were made in our community. Many of the changes made were minor such as moving a stop sign to a more strategic location. All traffic changes were made, of course, with the intention of increasing traffic safety throughout Mount Holly. The specific need for a change in the speed limit in Belmont Village was considered extremely important and has long been noted. Most residents have observed cars, trucks, and motorcycles recklessly speeding down all 4 roads entering and leaving Belmont Village. Such speeding has been perilous for everyone and is inconsistent with the peacefulness and safety of a Historic Village. Remember, we have no sidewalks and walking in the road is a necessity for everyone. We are hopeful that all residents will embrace and respect the new regulations and contribute to a safer and more tranquil Village environment. Ad Hoc Traffic Committee, Denis Devereux, Robert Herbst, Alice Perry, John Wincze

### Vermont Home Gardener

#### Plant Health & Seed Saving

Recent rains have been welcome but have promoted plant diseases, weeds, and some pests. As harvesting of onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and other vegetables continues it's important to apply sanitation practices to limit damage to our hard-earned harvests. Also, while harvesting veggies, herbs, and flowers is the best part of gardening, don't overlook another valuable crop you have and might want to harvest... seeds for next year. The easiest seeds to save include peas, beans, heirloom tomatoes, kale, or lettuce to assure you will have good seeds to plant

next year. There are many

advantages to saving your own seeds and it's very satisfying to see your plants from generation to generation. Sort of like your own botanical grandchildren. Finally, it's time to harvest some herbs like basil (pesto!) and dill seeds, plant some more salad greens (but not bulbs or garlic yet) and learn about an easy way to identify wildflowers and weeds. **Read the full article (and past articles) at** <https://vermonthomegardener.com/>

### Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad

Mount Holly Rescue is looking for new members to join our squad. If you are interested please reach out to us at [mhvrs@mhvrs.org](mailto:mhvrs@mhvrs.org) or 802-369-6001. We have funds available to cover the class for prospective members.

### That Time of Year Again!!!!

The MT Holly Snow Flyers will continue the New Year's Eve tradition by providing fireworks for the community celebration. We are excited to announce this will be our 25<sup>th</sup> year!

We are looking for donations:

**What's needed:** Baskets filled with theme items such as:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins, or Patriot things)
- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids' basket, cleaning basket, car wash basket, race car theme (you get the idea)

You don't necessarily need to use a basket. You could use a bucket, a cat litter box, anything you can put items in.

**These Baskets's will be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in Belmont.** (Similar to a Chinese auction) **Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> noon to 4:00 PM.** Drawings for the baskets will be on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

**All proceeds will be donated to New Year's Eve fireworks display.**

Please call **Mary Alberty, 802-259-2900 (home), 802-557-1498 (cell)** or email [Malbertyvt@gmail.com](mailto:Malbertyvt@gmail.com). Mary will be happy to pick up your basket. You can also donate items or gift certificates and Mary will make the basket or use the item for door prizes. Baskets can also be dropped off the Saturday morning before 10AM at the Snow Flyers booth.

**The Mount Holly Snow Flyers appreciates your patronage. We feel confident that our community will pull together to support this fine event. A special thanks to all those that donated in 2021! Visit our website at [MountHollySnowFlyers.org](http://MountHollySnowFlyers.org)**

**Thanks Everyone, Your Help Is Appreciated!!!!**

### New Traffic Regulations

As everyone in our community should now be aware, there are new speed limit signs posted in Belmont Village that reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph.

The new speed limit regulations came about after considerable discussion and research from our ad hoc committee and following

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originally, transitioning from BRHS to ESBR, held tight to their goal and finished their studies over the summer, earning their certificates to kick off a heartfelt Year 3. Three of their fellow schoolmates even graced the audience with their beautiful rendition of "The Climb."

It was a wonderful start to what will be another exciting year. More is to follow in these next few weeks, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction which was on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> ([esblackriver.org/social-fundraisers](http://esblackriver.org/social-fundraisers) and [32auctions.com/2022ESBRSILENTAUCTION](http://32auctions.com/2022ESBRSILENTAUCTION)) and the Ludlow Elementary School Parent-Teacher Group's Ludlow Harvest Fair located on the front lawn of ESBR on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10am-4pm.

## ESBR Year 3 Already Off and Running

As schools begin their 2022-2023 school year, so too does the Expeditionary School at Black River, with an increased number of students this Fall. This year's community of students come from Ludlow, Mt Holly, Andover, Cavendish, Charlestown (NH), and even a foreign exchange student from Germany, whose mother was an exchange student at Black River High School in the late 90's.

It is an exciting and auspicious time, as this marks ESBR's 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Operations. Despite many surprises along the way, ESBR continues to forge ahead with their Mission of providing a space where every learning experience gains authenticity. Young adults graduate with strong work habits, the capacity to solve real-world problems, and financial literacy. Leading at the helm in ESBR is the returning Head of School, Kendra Rickerby, whose belief in the cause has been 100% from the first introduction, bringing with her many years of invaluable insight to carry out this vision. And last week, along with Board Chair Gary Blodgett, she awarded two of our original ESBR Trailblazers with their Diplomas at our Fall Graduation Ceremony. These two dedicated students who hail from Ludlow



If you would like to learn more about the school or get involved, please contact Gary Blodgett, Chair of the Board, at

[gblodgett@esblackriver.org](mailto:gblodgett@esblackriver.org) or Kendra Rickerby, Head of School at [krickerby@esblackriver.org](mailto:krickerby@esblackriver.org). Please visit our website [www.esblackriver.org](http://www.esblackriver.org). Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149.

## Vermont The Odd State

Mark your calendars for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Mount Holly Library. IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN. Joe Citro will be doing a presentation, Vermont, the Odd State We're In. It will include a sampling of the strangest things ever to happen here.

Joseph A. Citro, novelist and storyteller, is a well-known collector of offbeat Vermontiana. For more than twenty years he has chronicled the oddities of local history on public radio, in his popular lectures, and in a series of bestselling books including *The Vermont Ghost Guide*, *Weird New England*, and *The Vermont Ghost Experience*. He is the author of five acclaimed novels rooted in legitimate Vermont history and folklore: *Shadow Child*, *Guardian Angels*, *The Gore*, *Lake Monsters*, and *Deus-X: The Reality Conspiracy*.

This is Joe's busiest time of year when he makes rare public appearances, so it is a very special event. After the presentation there will be a Q&A session during which you can share your own stories about local strangeness. Also, Mr. Citro will be selling and signing a selection of his books.



## Mount Holly Republican Committee Meeting

Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Mount Holly Town Office

Order of Business is  
Reviewing Voter Check List  
Discussion of Treasury  
Discussion of Different Candidates  
Come Join Us

More Info Call 259-2386

**Cider Days**  
**We Need You!!!**

Volunteers are needed to help with the **Mount Holly Cider Days** celebration. Here's your chance to lend a hand and still enjoy the celebration. **Cider Days** is the weekend of Oct. 8th and 9th. Contact Carol DeVine at [cgsedevine@yahoo.com](mailto:cgsedevine@yahoo.com) or at (802) 259-2562 to find out how you can use a few hours of your time to help make **Cider Days 2022** a huge success!

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# CIDER DAYS



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## Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend

Saturday, October 8 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 9 • Noon - 4:00 pm

### ON THE BELMONT GREEN

Directions: Turn At The Blinking Light At Vermont 103  
Cross The Railroad Tracks Go Straight For 2 1/2 Miles To The Green  
USE OF GREEN COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## CIDER DAYS

THE BELMONT GREEN (MOUNT HOLLY)

OCTOBER 8th (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) AND 9th (Noon – 4:00 p.m.)

The Mount Holly Community Association invites you to come celebrate autumn at their annual Cider Days.

Of course the fun starts with apples: you can watch fresh cider being made on an antique apple press, and enjoy the fresh pressed cider (hot or cold) along with a cider donut, home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream. You can even pick up a gallon of fresh cider to take home. And there's plenty of non-apple fun to enjoy too: Cider Days features live music, food, beer and crafts vendors, a library book sale, and more to enjoy as you take in the fall colors in our historic village. You can also learn more about town at the Mount Holly Museum, right next to Green.

Highlights this year include Karma Sanctuary, providing a petting zoo for animal lovers, and the ever-popular cow plop contest starring Miss Liberty from Dairy Aire Farm. Visitors can also come and cast a ballot in our local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2024 calendar.

Belmont Cider Days has been ranked as one of the top fall events in the state of Vermont. Don't miss out on the fun! For further information, check out the Mount Holly Community Association website: [www.mhcavt.org](http://www.mhcavt.org) or Facebook page.

Belmont may be tucked away off the numbered roads, but it's easy to find. From route 103 turn left at the flashing light if coming from Ludlow, or right if coming from Rutland. If you're driving up 155, turn at the Belmont sign. Either way head up the hill, find a place to park and stroll through Belmont Village to the Belmont Baptist Church Green, just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed.

## Congratulations And Thank You

We would like to congratulate and Thank Mt. Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad members for a wonderful and very tasty job of putting on their fund raising Baked Ham Supper. We very much enjoyed the meal they presented. Thanks again, Kathy & Jim Heald

## Dear Mount Holly Community:

Brigid and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the kindness and support you have given us and our family over the past eighteen years. We have sold our home here and moved on to another chapter in our lives. We will miss all our friends, and acquaintances. When we moved here our children Alice & Mary were just entering Kindergarten at Mount Holly School and we soon became immersed in the school community. Brigid served on the School Board, volunteered in the school, started Girls on the Run, and became a Girl Scout Leader. Through my work at the Black River Area Community Coalition, I had the opportunity to interact with students through Vermont Kids Against Tobacco and the mentoring program. In the years that followed both Brigid, and I volunteered in the Fire Department and Rescue. Brigid even ran for State Representative. I served as Constable for fifteen years, while Brigid was Justice of the Peace. We managed to raise two wonderful daughters, run a successful bakery, and still volunteer whenever the opportunity arose. Not bad for two flatlanders!

This is a wonderful community, and there are countless folks who volunteer their time, but help is still needed, especially on our fire department and rescue. No one is saying you must run into a burning building, or administer first aid, although the training for both is excellent. You could help with administrative duties or just be another pair of hands when help is needed. When you call 911 to report a fire, a vehicle crash, or an injury these are the men and women coming to your aid. The bottom line is you do have time to volunteer, even if it is only an hour a week. You will feel better about yourself, and you will meet many new people.

So, stay well, and enjoy Mount Holly and all it has to offer. We'll pop in from time to time. We're staying in New England, although we haven't decided on the location just yet. The Faenza Family

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## News from MH Community Association

### Let the fall festivities begin!

We start off with photography in and of Mount Holly with the calendar photo contest preview **Sunday, October 2 at 4pm at the community center**. And, as with any fine gallery show, wine and light refreshments will be served. Come and feast your eyes on the beauty of our town through the lens of your friends and neighbors.

Next up we have **Cider Days October 8 (10-4pm) & 9 (noon-4pm)**, the best fall festival in town. Of course the fun starts with apples: you can watch fresh cider being made on an antique apple press, and enjoy the fresh pressed cider (hot or cold) along with a cider donut, home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream. You can even pick up a gallon of fresh cider to take home. There's plenty of non-apple fun to enjoy too: Cider Days features live music, food, beer and crafts vendors, a library book sale, Souper Kids and more to enjoy as you take in the fall colors in our historic village. You can also learn more about town at the Mount Holly Museum, right next to Green. Highlights this year include Karma Sanctuary, providing a petting zoo for animal lovers, and the ever-popular cow plop contest starring Miss Liberty from Dairy Aire Farm. Visitors can also come and cast a ballot in our local photo contest. The winning entries will be featured in the Mount Holly 2024 calendar.

Did someone mention COW PLOP?? Of course we did. Miss Liberty decided Cider Days is her stage for helping fundraise for the community association as the old building is in need of some TLC - have you noticed the recent repairs in progress? How can you help Miss Liberty? "Moo"sey on over to the Belmont General Store and place a friendly wager on where she might lay a load, aka plop. Cider Day vendors are contributing to the big ole prize basket for the person who calculates "the square" of real estate she makes her deposit. Join in the fun, buy a square, and come visit **Miss Liberty** (and farmers Johnson) **Saturday October 8th from noon-4pm**. She will be grazing away across from the fire trucks on Healdville Rd..

Fall also meant our first bi-annual perennial swap September 17th. We had 4 tables worth of flowers, roots, and bulbs for the swapping and raised \$55.00 in donations and purchased plants. We are looking forward to the spring swap and will let you know when the date is set.

Lastly we want to thank you for your membership support and let you know it's never too late to join the Mount Holly Community Association. Membership provides the main revenue and is essential for us to maintain the historic building that houses the library and community center as well as sponsor activities throughout the years for your enjoyment. Thank you for your support!!


## Mount Holly Snow Flyers

It's that time of year when we all start thinking about the upcoming winter - the leaves are starting to change, there is a chill in the air and there is anticipation in the air for what is to come. After last year's dismal season everyone's fingers are crossed for the return of a real Vermont winter. We are in the planning stages of getting things in order for our trails & equipment. Some trail work has already been completed by our core group of volunteers, but there still is lots to do. We have trail work dates scheduled for September 24th & October 8th -meeting at the pull off on Rt. 103 at 8am for coffee & donuts before we head out to our assigned trails. You can visit our website to see what the **perks** are for volunteering for the club. October 8th is also Cider Days - up on the Green in Belmont - we are in the process of collecting donated baskets of goodies & other items to be raffled off - with 100% of the

profits raised going towards the Annual New Year's Eve Firework display we put on over Star Lake. Anyone who saw last year's display can tell you how good they were - it's a community event that gets larger every year. Contact Steve Forrest or Mary Alberty for additional information or to make a donation.

Lastly we'd like to THANK all the Land Owners for the privilege of having a trail on their property - without the Land Owners permission the Snow Flyers and VAST would not have the snowmobile system that exists today - so THANK YOU. We look forward to the upcoming season and are preparing to have our trails in the best possible shape for everyone to enjoy!! Dale Sutherland





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## ***All We Want Are the Facts, Ma'am***

***If Sgt. Joe Friday taught us anything, it is that the most important thing*** in communicating with people is singular: ***truth***. So here goes...

- 50 million reported abortions have taken place in the U.S. (3,600 per day) since 1973. Every 24 seconds an abortion takes place in the U.S.
- Worldwide every 2 seconds a baby is aborted. A baby dies with each heartbeat.
- One out of four woman will have an abortion by age 45, and of the women who've had abortions 50% have had at least one previous birth.
- Of the abortions that happen each year 1% are a result of rape or incest.
- 7 out of 10 women getting abortions claim to be Christian.
- 51 % are under age 25 and 20% are teens.
- 40% of minors who have abortions do not tell their parents.
- 31% of all abortions are paid for with your tax dollars. In fact, 1/3rd of 2008 Planned Parenthood funding came from gov't grants, your tax dollars (\$363 million annually).
- The ratio of abortions to adoptions was 62 to 1 in 2009. (332,278 abortions, 977 adoption referrals) Currently it is 340:1.
- 1 out of 5 pregnancies worldwide are ending in abortion.
- In 2011 the Wall St Journal reported that 163 *million* babies have been aborted simply because they were girls. They called this *gendercide*, "*the war against girls*".
- 79% of abortion-offering Planned Parenthood facilities are within walking distance of Black or Hispanic neighborhoods of which 62% are near Black neighborhoods.
- More members of the black community are killed by abortion each year in the U.S. than by all other causes combined.
- Since 1973, abortion has reduced the Black population in America by over 25%.



### **MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS OCTOBER 2021**



#### **HAPPY FALL! COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY:**

- October 26th, @7 pm: Vermont author Joe Citro will present an evening of "Vermont, The Odd State That We Are In". It will include a sampling of the strangest things to ever happen here. A perfect lead-up to Halloween!
- Cider Days Book Sale. October 8th 10 am to 4 pm and October 9th 11 am to 4 pm

#### **SOME OF THE NEW MATERIAL TO HIT OUR SHELVES**

Stephen King - "Fairy Tale"  
"1883 : a Yellowstone Origin Story" (DVD)  
Joyce Carol Oates - "Babysitter"  
Robert Galbraith - "Ink Black Heart"  
"The Pillars of the Earth, Seasons 1-3" (DVD)  
"Game of Thrones, Seasons 1-8" (DVD)  
Karen Robards - "The Girl From Guernica"

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- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "*The Negro cannot win as long as he is willing to sacrifice the lives of his children for comfort and safety...*".
- Regardless of race, 100% of abortions end a life whether black, white or Hispanic.
- In the U.S., over 90% of Down Syndrome babies are aborted.
- The abortion industry in America each year brings in approximately \$831 million through abortion services alone.
- The founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger, a devout racist dedicated to weeding out "inferior" people through segregation, sterilization and abortion, stated: "*Eugenic sterilization is an urgent need*"(pg. 102) and: "*In my view we should act without delay, not only is it our task to prevent the multiplication of bad stocks, it is also to preserve the well-endowed stocks and to increase the birth-rate of the sound average population.*" (pg.104).

Sources: *Alan Guttmacher Institute, CDC, Planned Parenthood, WHO, UCLA School of Medicine, 1921 Sanger Publication* -Glenn Davis

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The hikes will take place from the middle of October until early November. They are moderate walks along an early road. Learn about the history of the area and visit the site of a plaque that was placed in memory of the young pilot who did not come home.

The hikes are finalized a day or two ahead of time when more is known about the weather. Please call 802-259-2460 and leave a message if interested. There will be several opportunities to join these hour and a half outings.



## MT HOLLY PTSA UPDATE:

### TRUNK or TREAT -

OCTOBER 22nd 3pm to 5pm - @ Mt Holly School  
 Please see the attached flyer and sign up you TRUNK here:  
[TRUNK OR TREAT SIGN UP](#)

### SOUPER KIDS @ CIDER DAYS -

OCTOBER 8th/9th

Preliminary planning is happening NOW and we NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please reach out to Andrea - 802-342-1991 or  
[amkilroe47@yahoo.com](mailto:amkilroe47@yahoo.com)

Attached is the event flyer and here is the TWO SIGN UPS: [VOLUNTEERS 10/7 to 10/9](#) and [SOUP DONATION SIGN UP](#)

### HIKE INTO THE YALE FOREST

Hikes will be offered into the Yale Forest this fall. Mount Holly is home to 462 acres that are part of the Forestry program. The land was given to Yale University in 1922 by the family of Joseph Bowen. He was a graduate of their School of Forestry who was killed when shot down over France in World War 1.

Mount Holly Elementary School  
**SOUPER KIDS**  
 Warm soup in Works of Art!

Saturday, Oct. 9th 10am—4pm & Sunday Oct. 10th 12—4pm  
 BELMONT GREEN— By the Library and Bouncy house By the Petting Zoo

**Support the Mt Holly School and PTSA fundraising,  
 by stopping at their tent!!**

**There will be highly sought after kid painted bowls,  
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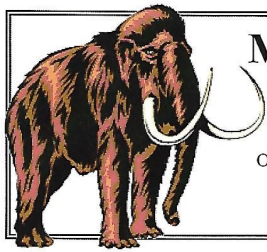
**a Bouncy house!!!**

**It sure to be a SOUPER day! Have kids come dressed  
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When you come to the Belmont Green on Cider Days Weekend, October 8-9 take a peek behind the cider crushers and you will see a door. That is the Mount Holly Historical Museum and it will be open for your visit while you are here. Stop in and get a quick view of all the special items

linked to our town history, from the ancient mammoth bone to old farm artifacts to pictures and postcards from decades and even centuries past. Then you can come back sometime in the future for a longer stay when there are not so many other temptations on the green. We'll be open Saturday, 9:00AM-4:00PM and Sunday, 12:00 PM to 4:00PM. Our regular open hours on non-event weekends are 2:00PM-4:00PM during July and August. For a private visit call or email Dennis Devereux at (H) 802-259-2460, (C) 802-770-2880; [DDevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:DDevereux@vermontel.net) or Steve Michel at (H) 802-259-2049, (C) 917-593-8970; [SteveM671@aol.com](mailto:SteveM671@aol.com).

Please note at the Museum both colorful short and long sleeve sport shirts and baseball hats featuring the Mount Holly Mammoth will be for sale as well as items for children, mammoth stuffed animals and a puzzle.

The Blacksmith Shop, an additional building of the museum will also be open during Cider Days.

**Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, Board of Directors:** Maggie Blane, Philip Blyskal, June Capron, Philippe Crane, Dennis Devereux, Luise Durr, Craig Fortier, Maria Fortier, Susie Hamilton, Mary Leonard, Stephen Michel, Judy Nevin, Paul Nevin, Doris Reiser, Carol Serravezza, Peter Smith, Robin Eatmon (Curator)

### Five Inducted into CU Athletic Hall of Fame College Sports

Five member of the Castleton University community were inducted into the Castleton Athletics Hall of Fame Saturday morning in a ceremony held in the 1787 Room of the Castleton Campus Center.

Women's soccer alumna Courtney Chadburn was the first of the group to be inducted, followed by men's lacrosse alumni Matthew Van Der Kar and James Van Der Kar. Women's lacrosse alumna Marie Van Der Kar was next, followed by Alumni Award for Contribution honoree Jack Healey.

Chadburn was one of less than 50 NCAA Division III women's soccer players all-time to amass more than 40 goals and 40 assists in a career finishing her time at Castleton with 86 goals and 41 assists for 213 total points – all of which are program records.

In total, she landed ECAC All-Region honors three times and was named the team's most valuable player in each of her four seasons. Following her stellar playing career, Chadburn stayed on as a graduate assistant coach for the Spartans, helping lead Castleton to another NAC title on the sideline. Chadburn resides in St. Albans and works as a middle school physical education teacher and coach.

### Conservation Commission News

The **Mount Holly Conservation Commission** is a voluntary town commission established by the Select Board to conserve the Town's natural, recreational and cultural resources. A principal purpose of the Commission is to maintain updated information about the natural resources in town so we all know what we have so it can be conserved or sustainably developed. One project that is co-sponsored by the Commission is the **Mount Holly Biodiversity Project** which has been identifying all the plants, animals, and fungi in Mount Holly through the observations of volunteers. To date 195 people have submitted a total of 3,325 observations to identify 1,014 species in Mount Holly. This project also maps where each observation was made so we know where common, threatened, and invasive species are found.

Of special interest is Star Lake and the surrounding wetlands that have been undergoing serious changes in recent years. Some of these changes may be a natural "eutrophication" process while some might be driven by human activity. The

Biodiversity Project has begun to help determine what native species exist there as well as the non-native and invasive species that threaten to degrade Star Lake. As remediation projects by the Conservation Commission have begun at Star Lake, including bottom barriers and weed removals, it is essential to monitor the biodiversity to know what is happening and how the ecology of the lake is affected so that our efforts are as effective as possible.

You can help the Commission by helping out during our Clean-up Days at Star Lake (next one is October 1, 12-2 pm) and the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project by contributing your observations to our community website at

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity> The project uses the free iNaturalist program (download from Google Play Store or Apple Apps) that helps you identify any plant, animal, or fungi you find in nature and simultaneously it automatically submits your observations to our project. Autumn is a great time to get out and explore our town while contributing to our community's conservation.



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Servers & Helpers: RSVP Volunteers

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right to self-regulate how, when, and with whom to have children. Does that mean that a person can—and has a right to—reproduce on their own? Nonsense! This is not reality. It takes two to reproduce a human being; it cannot be done solo.

The only “personal reproductive autonomy” that I can conceive of is the choice to engage in the act of sex—the only natural method of human reproduction. That one choice is the end of any individual autonomy in the matter. If it is supposed to mean, a woman’s right to choose to have an abortion—what is reproductive about that? Abortion by definition ends reproduction. And where is the man’s equal protection under the law; does he have any sort of “reproductive rights”? Justice requires that if the *act* is consummated by two then the *consequences* are borne by both. If not, where is the legal basis for alimony and child support?

Can “individual reproductive autonomy” open the door for the choice of a pedophile to practice their pedophilia? How about prostitution? Or the right of a rapist to practice their “reproductive autonomy”? What about transgenderism? The process of changing the gender of a person has absolutely nothing to do with reproduction—it negates reproduction. Will this Amendment put our children at risk for sexual manipulation by adults for their own purposes? What does this Amendment accomplish besides causing confusion through its wording? Will the definition of this Amendment end up in the courts to decide what it does and doesn’t mean? Are we not capable as a free people of governing ourselves and stating our rights clearly as our forefathers did? What “autonomy” do we have left if the ambiguity requires that another person or persons must clarify what that “autonomy” means? There is no way for me to support this Amendment as it is presented. It raises too many questions and will likely cause more problems than it intends to solve. This Pandora’s Box needs to remain shut. By Millicent & Jeremiah Johnson

## Choices Have Consequences:

### An Appeal To Common Sense

(An Open Letter to the Voters of Mount Holly and Vermont on Article 22 – a constitutional amendment)

Recognizing this immutable principle—that choices and actions have consequences—prudence demands that we consider all circumstances, consequences, and hazards *before we act*. Having thought long and hard about the proposed Vermont constitutional amendment that we, as Vermonters, will be voting on, we cannot understand how anyone could support this Amendment as it is written. The language is so ambiguous that it can mean nothing or a lot—it is pregnant with possibilities and pitfalls.

We’ve all seen signs scattered about town saying either “Vote Yes to Reproductive Liberty” or “Vote No to Late Term Abortion”. Are we talking about the same thing? Both sides are being manipulative. Both sides are misleading. Where does the text of the proposed article say anything implicitly or explicitly about “late-term abortion”? It does, however, use the phrase “individual right to personal reproductive autonomy”. What does that mean? Based on how those words are defined, it means that each person has a

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For the November 8, 2022 Election, you will be receiving an absentee ballot. The Secretary of State's Office will be mailing out the ballots the end of September, to all current registered voters. **This ballot will also contain on the reverse the local Justice of the Peace ballot.** This is the ballot you must use to vote, if you do not receive one you can fill out an affidavit stating that and another can be issued by the Town Clerk.

**Diana Garrow** is a native of Mt. Holly the daughter of Dan & Shirley (Martin) Turco. Presently I serve on the Selectboard also as Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer from 1996-2022 for the Town of Mt. Holly and have been a Justice of the Peace since 1992. In all those years I have counted ballots in Ludlow for Union #39 school district and for all elections in our own Town. I have sat in on many Tax appeals with the Board of Civil Authority and a number of Board of Abatement Appeals. I was active with the Mt. Holly School PTA and volunteered to serve hot lunch at the school in the 1980's. I am a member of the Mt. Holly Sno\*Drifters and now Snow Flyers since 1973. I was also the first female firefighter for the Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department from 1989-2006. Also have served Treasurer of the Mount Holly Chit Chat since 1998 and took over being Editor as well as Treasurer in 2004. I look forward to continue to serve the folks of Mt. Holly in the future if I am re-elected.

**David Johnson** - I was asked to write something for the Chit Chat for Justice of the Peace candidates for this election. Although the political parties nominate candidates, the position is not (nor should it be) a political office. I think we have been fortunate in Mt. Holly that the justices have not gone about their duties with politics in mind and I certainly hope the voters continue to elect justices whose primary interest is to see that the job gets done, fairly.

I'm honored to have been a justice since 1992 and have never missed an election to count votes. On three different occasions, it was handy that I was at the Town Office to marry three couples. They had thought that the Town Clerk could marry them, but Clerk's only issue the license. I will look forward to serving again, if re-elected, in a non-partisan manner. Thank you, David H. Johnson

**Millicent Johnson** – I am a life-time member of the community, wife of James Johnson and daughter of Miles and Mamie Richards. I have served as JP for the past several years. I have worked in Health Care for over twenty years as a Medical Laboratory Technician and Supervisor. Currently I co-owns/operates Mt. Holly Dairy Aire Farm supplying fresh eggs and milk in the community. I consider serving as a Justice of the Peace a way I can contribute to the governance in our community.



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## Letter to Neighbors in October, 2022 Mt. Holly Chit Chat

Dear Neighbors:

My name is Marc Miller and I'm running for justice of the peace in the November general election. I'm writing today to ask for your support on November 8.

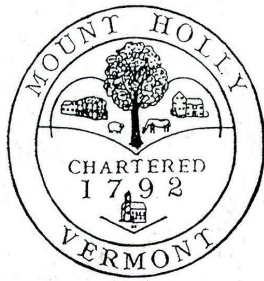
Why am I running? Too few people give back to the Town they live in. We're fortunate to have several people who serve the residents of Mt. Holly with pride and honor. I want to be one of them.... giving back to the Town I call home.

I've lived in Vermont for 22 years; Mt. Holly for the past 10. I've served as justice of the peace and town meeting moderator in the Town of Stratton. I have the experience of sitting on the Board of Civil Authority ensuring that tax assessments are fair and elections are run perfectly.

I look forward, with your vote, to serving the residents of Mt. Holly. Best, Marc







## 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.

### Select Board Meeting @ Town Office September 13, 2022 – MEETING MINUTES

#### Present:

**Select Board:** Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Mark Turco (Chair)

**Town Officials:** Caitlin Boyle, Dennis Devereux, Fra Devine (Via Zoom), Chad Farrar, Carol Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson, Jon McCann (via Zoom), Christine Pratt, James Seward, Mary Surething, Laura Swarz-Hoc, Clinton Woolley

**Members of the Public:** In Person: Paul Barton, Zena Gates, Kevin Hollebeck, Via Zoom: Carol Devine, Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton.

**To Contact Mt. Holly Town Road Crew,  
call the Town Garage at 802-259-3179**

**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.**

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark Turco

noted a request to add an item regarding the reappointment of the Animal Control Officer, under New Business.

4. Approval of August 10 and August 31, 2022 minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Chase, unanimously approved.

#### 5. Reports

a. Highways & Transfer Station Update – Clinton Woolley

i. Reclamation has begun on Hortonville Road. It is 4/10ths of a mile complete to date.

ii. The Highway Department is working on a grant for maintenance of Freeman's Brook Road.

iii. Transfer Station will host a hazardous waste pickup (rescheduled from prior date) in the coming weeks; exact date to be announced.

iv. The Transfer Station fall/winter schedule will begin Saturday, October 8; final Wednesday hours will be October 5.

v. Diana Garrow noted that there is some erosion alongside Belmont Road above Blodgett's property up to Frost Hill Road. Mr. Woolley noted that this is on their list.

vi. Tires and metal have been removed from Transfer Station; compost has been picked up.

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**Tuesday November 1, 2022**

After November 1, 2022 an 8% Penalty and  
1% per month Interest will be added.

Partial Payments are allowed.

Payments must be received at the Town Office or  
be postmarked Nov. 1, 2022 (or earlier) to be  
considered timely paid.

b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report – David Johnson

i. A total of 86.2% of town property taxes have been paid to date.

ii. Property tax discounts are similar to last year.

iii. The town received a settlement payment from the National Opioids Settlement Administrator.

iv. There were \$2,500 in asset sales due to sale of mower.

v. Solid waste label sales are at about \$100 more than this time last year.

vi. Additional transfer station costs included the cost of tire removal.

c. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update – Jon McCann

i. The MHPC created an application form for the Flood Hazard Development Plan, done in collaboration with the state floodplain coordinator and the regional planning commission.

ii. Work on the Town Plan continues, with this month's focus on mapping and identifying recreational opportunities in the town. Land use will be the focus of next month in terms of Town Plan drafting.

d. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update – Fra Devine

i. Shade Tree Plan: Phil Crane and his sub-committee continue work on an inventory of trees on Maple Hill Road. He is also in touch with

Vermont Urban and Community Forestry about grant funding opportunities.

ii. The bottom barrier will be removed this month from Star Lake, as required by the town's Aquatic Nuisance Control Permit. While there is still significant vegetation on the lake, the bottom barrier offered some mitigation in the swimming area.

iii. MHCC is seeking input from the public on any recreational opportunities citizens would like to see included in a guide to be published for the town.



## SELECT BOARD SEEKS LISTER

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a new Lister to serve on the Board of Listers beginning in August 2022.

The primary responsibility of the Board of Listers is to determine the fair market value of town properties. Listers must understand appraisal methods and property assessment administration. Listers are paid, and the commitment is roughly six hours per week.

Candidates must be registered voters in Mount Holly, and will also have good computer and internet skills.

Please send Letter of Interest to the Mount Holly Select Board with your qualifications.

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previously registered but did not register again on April 1. She's had about 20 residents return calls or update their records. She will continue to make progress on the list.

#### 6. New Business

a. Cider Days Road Closures: Kevin Hollebeek, on behalf of the Mount Holly Community Association, asked the Selectboard to approve several road closures near the Belmont Green for the weekend of Mount Holly Cider Days. He noted that one additional closure was requested for the area in front of the Belmont Store, above and beyond the historic closures.

i. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the Mount Holly Community Association's request to close the road it has historically closed for Mount Holly Cider Days, but to keep the road in front of the store open for traffic; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

ii. Mr. Woolley noted that in future years, the MHCA might consider hosting Cider Days on Lake Street, utilizing the area of Star Lake Beach, which would require fewer road closures. Mr. Hollebeek agreed that could be considered for future years.

b. *Vermont Journal* as Paper of Record: *Vermont Journal* is no longer being delivered to Belmont addresses, and may no longer be the most suitable "paper of record" for future public notices, given that it is not accessible to all residents of the town. The Selectboard Clerk will reach out to the *Vermont Journal* to determine how it might support reestablishment of the Belmont delivery area.

c. Listers' Errors and Omissions Report: The Board of Listers are filing an Errors and Omissions report to correct an error made on a property at the time of the last assessment. The Errors and Omissions report must be approved by the Selectboard and filed with the Town Clerk. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the report as submitted; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

iv. Reappointment and Openings: Three MHCC members' terms are expiring; Fred Garrow will resign at the end of his term; Phil Leonard and Fra Devine are interested in being re-appointed for a new four-year term after their current terms end. This puts the commission at seven members, which means there are two open slots for MHCC members.

v. Jeff Chase made a motion to reappoint Phil Leonard and Fra Devine for a new term of four years. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

vi. The MHCC will send the Selectboard Clerk a brief description of the remaining openings, and she will draw up a posting and post to the Post Offices and Town Office.

#### e. Town Health Officer Update – Chad Farrar

i. Mr. Farrar reported that he has filed his report regarding the dog bite incident that took place on Straight Road in May 2022. No further action from the THO is needed at this time.

ii. Mr. Farrar also filed an inspection of a property on Route 103, after receiving reports of a possible rental housing violation at the address. He conducted an inspection and found several rental housing violations, and notified the tenants, the property owner, and the required county officials, including county Fire Marshall. The inspection report is filed with the Town Clerk, as required.

iii. Mr. Farrar noted that he is also seeking a time to meet the property owner of the former Blue Spruce House at 897 Route 155 for possible rental housing violations.

iv. Diana Garrow noted that she was informed that there is standing water underneath the mobile home located at 1559 Route 103. Ms. Garrow asked Mr. Farrar to investigate that situation; it was previously investigated by the former Town Health Officer.

#### f. Animal Control Officer Update – Laura Swarz=Hoc

i. Ms Swarz-Hoc has made 46 calls to dog owners whose dogs were

## SELECT BOARD SEEKS TREASURER

The Mount Holly Select Board encourages candidates to run for the office of Town Treasurer.

The Town Treasurer is an elected position, voted into office at the annual Town Meeting elections in March 2023.

Roles include the responsibility to keep the town's financial accounts, investing town money, keeping a record of the taxes voted, paying the bills when orders to do so are properly submitted, and interacting with other town officials to insure that the town finances run smoothly.

Competitive candidates will have prior accounting, bookkeeping or treasurer experience.

Please visit the Town Office to inquire about requirements for running for the office.

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# Guidelines for Swap Shed Donations

1

**We accept clean, usable household items that are in good, working condition. For example:**

- dishes and kitchen items (please clean first)
- garden tools or pots (please clean first)
- books, puzzles, games or art supplies
- small household items

2

**We do not accept:**

- computers, electronics or devices
- clothing or shoes
- medical devices
- broken, dirty or dysfunctional items

3

**Broken or unusable metal items and unpainted wood items may be disposed of in the metal pile or wood pile. Please ask an attendant if you're not sure.**

Jeff Chase made a motion to re-appoint Laura Swarz (retroactively) for Animal Control Officer for FY23, in a term that will last one year, ending at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2023). Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Set Meeting for Fuel/Heating Bid Review:** The meeting has been set for Wednesday, September 21st at 2 pm at the Town Office.

**b. Public Access Computer Update:** Carol Garrow-Woolley is working with Jon McCann to get the public records computer finalized for access by the public. The computer set-up is complete, and Ms. Garrow-Woolley will be placing it in an accessible spot at the Town Office in the coming week.

**c. Speed Limit Enforcement Update:** Mr. Woolley noted that he is short 18 signs for speed limit enforcement, and asked whether ARPA funding could be allocated to purchase these additional signs. The Selectboard and Treasurer noted that this is a qualified ARPA expense. Mark Turco made a motion to utilize ARPA funds to purchase infrastructure road signs, not to exceed \$3,000. Jeff Chase seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

i. Jeff Chase noted that the town received the first invoice from the Sheriff's office; Deputy Gregory Ricketts has been enforcing in town.

ii. Dennis Devereux noted that 4-wheelers go down Route 155 to get between two dirt roads, often going as much as 35 mph.

iii. Jeff Chase noted that a post-mounted speed sign could be installed to help with enforcement.

**d. Junk Ordinance Enforcement:** A complaint was received from the Residents and Taxpayers of Station Road regarding a property on Station Road that may be in violation of the town's Junk Ordinance. Mark Turco noted that complaints about possible Junk Ordinance violations should come in with specific information about the address of the property, and should be signed by name by the concerned resident and include contact information, so the Selectboard can follow up on the request.

**e. Openings: Board of Listers, Constable and Treasurer:** Openings have been posted in the Town Office, in the Chit Chat and on the Town Website for these listings.

**i. Town Treasurer Opening: Elected vs. Appointed Position:** The Selectboard voiced some concern regarding whether a qualified candidate will run for the elected position. Mr. Devereux  
October 2022 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc

i. On the subject of the Board of Listers, Town Treasurer David Johnson noted that the Listers met with the District Advisor, they went through the checklist provided by NEMRC re: what services they NEMRC provide as part of their proposal to conduct assessor services for the town. Mr. Johnson noted that most of the items on the checklist will be done by NEMRC in collaboration with the Board of Listers. The Town will need to adopt a new computer system and additional related software to facilitate the re-assessment.

ii. Mr. Johnson also noted that the District Advisor said that Vermont homes are selling, on average, at 60% higher than assessment values. Mark Turco noted that rising home values are concerning as they will price older folks out of Vermont.

**d. ARPA Funding Request for Oddfellows Hall Renovations:** The members of Colfax Lodge #21, represented by Dennis Devereux, requested the Selectboard's support for ARPA funding to complete the foundation project and other repairs at the Oddfellows Hall in Belmont Village. Mr. Devereux noted that this request is meant to initiate the dialogue with the Selectboard, and suggested that the agenda item be kept on the monthly meeting agenda as Ongoing Business for several months to provide a forum for Selectboard questions and concerns as they consider the request.

i. On the subject of ARPA funding, Mr. Johnson noted that the town receives \$10,400 from the state each year to go toward a town reappraisal. The reappraisal will likely cost an estimated \$24,000 beyond this state-provided amount.

**e. Reappointment of Animal Control Officer.** The Selectboard noted that it failed to appoint or reappoint an Animal Control Officer at the beginning of FY23, as planned. Current Animal Control Officer Laura Swarz-Hoc agreed to continue in the role.

## TRANSFER STATION FALL/WINTER HOURS

Starting

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**The last Wednesday will be October 5, 2022.**



noted that ideally a candidate will spend some months training with or shadowing the current Treasurer prior to taking office. The Selectboard Clerk noted that according to state guidelines, a Town Treasurer may be appointed by the Selectboard for a year until the next election, if no one is elected. Mr. Turco noted that interested candidates are encouraged to inquire about how to run for the office.

#### 8. Citizen Comments

a. Dennis Devereux noted that the guardrail posts on Maple Hill Road may need to be replaced, as there is a 20-foot drop from the side of the roadway. Mr. Woolley noted that in order to install new guardrail posts, the bank will need to be rebuilt (about 50 feet) with concrete to form a retaining wall of sorts, so that the posts can be installed. Mark Turco noted that this item can be added to future agendas for action.

b. Steve Hazelton asked about the status of the cell tower. Mr. Turco noted that he will inquire and provide an update when he has new information.

#### 9. Announcements/Other Business

a. The final Wednesday of the spring/summer Transfer Station schedule will be October 5. The first Saturday will be October 8.

#### 10. Review & Sign Orders

#### 11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed)

a. No executive session needed.

12. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle

#### 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.

## CLOSED

**Mount Holly Town Office  
October 10<sup>th</sup> In Observance  
Of Indigenes Peoples Day**

#### Mount Holly Listers Hours

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

Special Select Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2022

**Present: Selectboard Members:** Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase and Diana Garrow

**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Mark Turco called the meeting to order at 2:28 pm.

**2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.**

a. Diana Garrow asked to add an item re: Selectboard permissions for residents seeking military funerals.

#### 3. Opening Bids for FY23 Heating Oil and On-Road Diesel

a. Two sealed bids were received and opened in response to the Selectboard's request for proposals.

i. The bid for heating oil from Champlain Valley Fuels is either of a) \$3.80/gallon fixed price plus \$0.02 state tax, or b) the Valero Rutland rack price plus \$0.15.

ii. The bid for on-road diesel from Champlain Valley Fuels is the Valero Rutland rack price plus \$0.15.

iii. The bid for heating oil from Cota & Cota is a capped option +\$0.50 downside protection of \$4.49/gallon. iv. The bid for on-road diesel from Cota & Cota is market price.

b. The Select Board reviewed the details of each bid. Mark Turco made a motion to select Champlain Valley Fuels as the Town's provider of heating oil (at the \$3.80/gallon + tax fixed price option) and as its provider of on-road diesel, at the rack price plus \$0.15. Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 4. Discussion of Policy for Covid-Related Sick Pay for Town Employees

a. The Selectboard discussed the possibility of offering additional paid sick leave to Town employees who needed to take time off to recover from Covid-19, above and beyond the standard policies for sick leave. It decided to leave the current policy as is.

#### 5. Selectboard Permission Re: Military Funerals

a. The Selectboard received an inquiry re: whether the Selectboard needs to provide permission for a resident to receive a military funeral. The Selectboard noted that it did not need to provide permission to residents who are eligible for a military funeral.

#### 6. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Respectfully Submitted: Caitlin Boyle



## SELECT BOARD SEEKS CONSTABLE

The Mount Holly Select Board seeks a new Constable to serve the Town of Mount Holly beginning October 1, 2022.

The Town Constable is an elected position; a new Constable will be appointed to serve until Town Meeting elections in March 2023. Roles include the responsibility to:

- serve civil or criminal processes
- destroy animals / kill injured deer
- assist the health officer
- serve as a district court officer
- remove disorderly people from town meeting

Competitive candidates will have prior law enforcement experience and training.

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## 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

at the  
**MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION**  
**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**  
**8:00 am to 10:00 am only**

The following items are typical of the household chemicals collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program. These materials may be dropped off at the scheduled event in Mount Holly or delivered to the HHW Depot at the Rutland County Solid Waste District's Gleason Road Transfer Station. The Gleason Road HHW facility is now open by appointment only. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

### Kitchen/Bathroom

Aerosol Cans  
Bug Sprays  
Floor Care Products  
Metal Polish  
Furniture Polish  
Oven Cleaners  
Drain Cleaners  
Bathroom Cleaners  
Tile Cleaners  
Disinfectants  
Toilet Bowl Cleaners  
Nail Polish Remover  
Fluorescent Light Bulbs  
Degreasers  
Mercury Thermostats  
Cooking Oil

### Garage/Workshop

Waste Oil  
Antifreeze  
Gasoline  
Brake Fluid  
Roofing Tar  
Auto Body Repair Pro.  
Automatic Trans. Fluid  
Other Oils/Cleaners  
Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based)  
Paint Thinner  
Paint Stripper  
Varnish & Stains  
Driveway Sealer  
Glues/Adhesives  
Grout  
Caulk Tubes

### Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer  
Fungicides  
Herbicides  
Rat Poison  
Insecticides/Pesticides  
Artists' Paints, Mediums  
Dry Cleaning Solvents  
Fiberglass Epoxy  
Gun Cleaning Solvents  
Moth Balls  
Household Batteries  
Photographic Chemicals  
Pool Chemicals  
Rock Salt  
Muriatic Acids  
Propane Tanks (less than 20 lbs.)

## Ludlow Rotary Prepares for 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff with Call to Area Chefs

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds will benefit the Ludlow Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support.

According to cookoff chairman, Kevin Barnes, the LRC will welcome Chili entries from individuals, clubs, and businesses. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. Participants will be provided with a table, ladle, and sterno. Participants are responsible for dropping off their heated chili between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. the day of the cook-off. Each entry is requested to provide four to five gallons of their chili. The Ludlow Rotary will provide the servers if you can't attend, so even if you can't be there, your chili can still win cash and recognition!

Plaques and three cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category.

1st Place will receive \$ 200.00 ~ 2nd Place will receive \$ 100.00 ~ 3rd Place will receive \$ 50.00

Plaques will be awarded to the Chili with the most votes in the Judges Choice, Spiciest and Team Spirit categories. Unless arranged otherwise, participants should deliver their heated chili by 10:45 a.m., prepare for set up and ready to serve at 11 a.m.

If you can't make chili, you still can support our fundraising effort as a sponsor for \$75. Sponsors receive up to two free admissions or a free participation entry.

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with chili entry fee of \$10.00 to: Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802-558-0479 or [ludlowrotary@gmail.com](mailto:ludlowrotary@gmail.com).

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**OCTOBER - FW10 – October 1 (a.m. only) Birch Bark Ornaments with Sandi Cirillo – (\$75 + 10 materials fee)**

**Registration deadline 9/20/22**

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to create up to four holiday ornaments or simple 3-dimensional sculptures using birch bark provided by the instructor. You will learn various ways to cut and fold the birch bark to create unique pieces of art suitable for gift giving or to use in your own home for decoration. Participants are encouraged to bring in any dried flowers or other materials to this class to embellish their creations.

**FW11 – October 1 (p.m. only) Nuno Felted Scarf with Sandi Cirillo – (\$75 + \$8 materials fee) Registration deadline 9/20/22**

In this class, students will learn how to create a nuno felted scarf using bits and pieces of wool, soap and water, agitation and lovely silk scarves. Nuno felting requires some upper body strength but this class is for all ages, teens to adults. Nuno felted scarves are sold in many fine gift shops...here's your chance to make your own.



**FW8 – October 8-9 (1.5-day class) Creating a Barn Quilt with Janet Flinchbaugh – (\$225/215 + \$25 materials) Registration deadline 9/28/22**

Barn quilts are all the rage these days. Come and create your own wooden "quilt" to adorn your house or barn or cottage. In this 1.5-day class, you will choose a pattern and plot your design, then paint it to hang outdoors. No quilting experience necessary.

**FW3 – October 14 Feather Wool Trees with Jean Reed – (\$200/190 + \$95 materials)**

**Registration deadline 10/4/22**

These unique and whimsical trees are made from felted wool, wrapped over wire stems, and are enhanced with winter berries. You will be using 100% felted wool and have a choice of colors.

**FW9 – October 15-16 Quilting Open Studio with Susan Damone Balch – (\$50 per day)**

*For this workshop, participants will supply their own equipment and supplies and pay \$50 per day. If you will be registering for more than one day, please adjust the quantity in your cart to indicate the number of days you will be attending.* This is an opportunity to have 2-3 days of uninterrupted studio time in a spacious, creative, and supportive setting. This workshop is designed for you to work on your own project(s). Susan Damone Balch will be facilitating the

group and assisting as needed, but no specific instruction will be provided. Maybe you would like extra space to finish a project, or would appreciate the opportunity to work beside other quilters, or with a small group of quilting friends. Irons and ironing boards, cutting tables, and design boards will be provided. Bring all the other supplies you will need for your specific project(s).

**FW12 – October 15-16 Weaving a Necktie Chair Seat with Joyce Fuller – (\$250, materials fee varies)**

**Registration deadline 10/5/22**

Country classic meets contemporary chic in this class! Students will learn to weave a strong, colorful seat of up-cycled neckties onto a ladder-back style chair. All participants will leave class with at least one unique chair for their home, or to use as gift. A chair with a necktie seat makes a great

conversation piece!

You will be able to make a necktie seat for an adult size chair in this fun class.



Only basic sewing skills are needed! Find a sturdy, used ladder back chair, remove the old rush seat and paint it if you wish. Another option is to purchase a fully prepped chair from the instructor. You may bring neckties or purchase them in class at minimal cost. Please bring your own sewing machine. The instructor will be in touch with students prior to class regarding chairs. Supply list provided.

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*Stafford Technical Center Cosmetology students at work.*

## Offering Services to the Public Once Again

Stafford Technical Center's Cosmetology Program is hosting an Open House next Tuesday, September 27, from 10:00 AM to Noon. This is the first time the salon has been open to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic. At 10:30, students will talk about the services they offer at the salon. Mini-Services will also be available during the event plus complimentary consultations.

The Open House serves as a way for the public to learn more about the services

offered and as a way for the community to show its support for the students as they learn skills they can take forth with them after graduation. Food and beverages will be provided by the Stafford Technical Center Culinary Arts students.

## Letter to the Editor, Support for Ericka Redic for US Congress

I am writing this letter in support for Ericka Redic for US Congress, running on the Libertarian ticket. Ericka is a woman with integrity and speaks openly and honestly about her plans for the future. She has over 20 years of experience as an accountant and knows how important a balanced budget is to individuals and our country. Ericka believes that the US Congress should pass single issue bills, not ones that have a lot of 'pork' added to them as incentives for representatives to vote for the bill. This would mean a higher probability that a bill is actually read before it is voted on. We need someone in Congress that has real life experience that is tempered with common sense. Ericka Redic is such a person. I hope you will join me in voting her into the US Congress on November 8. Millicent Johnson



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## Rotary Races Ducks to Aid Equine Therapy Group By Glenn Heitsmith

The Rotary Club floated hundreds of rubber ducks down the Black River last month raising nearly \$2,000 for Rainbow Riding Center, the Belmont-based equestrian non-profit that employs the power of horses to make people feel good.

In accepting Rotary's donation, RRC Executive Director Liz Karle noted that a therapeutic equine experience – not unlike hugging your dog -- makes you feel good, and also benefits people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), autism, those suffering from domestic violence and a host of other special needs.

The calming warmth experienced in the presence of horses and ponies often opens the door to beneficial communication between students and their equine partners and in turn instructors and volunteers. "We're not teaching dressage," which involves training

horses to execute complex movements, Karle says, adding, "It could be as simple as just brushing the animal."

RRC, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was this year's Duck Race beneficiary. The 2022 race cash winners were: Kathy Burns (First Place), Patty Rumrill (2nd place), Megan Foley (3rd place), Madison Huntley (last little ducky) and Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties (Corporate winner). Most cash winners donated their proceeds back to RRC or to the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club serves the communities of Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly and Plymouth and meets for lunch weekly on Tuesdays at an area restaurant.

Rainbow Riding Center Executive Director Liz Karle, center, accepts 2022 Duck Race proceeds from Rotary Club President Jim Rumrill and Sharon Bixby, race chairperson and head duck

## Dear Friends and Neighbors,

### *Vote Yes on Article 22 on November 8th*

We are voting for the Reproductive Liberty Amendment, Article 22 on the ballot this November, because this constitutional protection will ensure that all Vermonters have the right to make personal decisions about their reproductive health care. Please join us by voting yes on Article 22.

Andrea Auld	Craig Fortier	Judy Nevin
Jess Alberty	Maria Fortier	Paul Nevin
Carol Ballou	Sebastian Frank	Carolyn Prescott
Susan Dana Bassett	Fred Garrow	Susan Presson
Peter Bezek	Gwen Gautsch	Dan Quaranto
Gabrielle Bickford	Susan Hamilton	Rhonda Rivers
Maggie Blane	Michael Huck	Morgan Skiathitis
Philip Blyskal	Gene Jennings	Yanu Skiathitis
Morgan Bowen	Jane Jones	Peter Smith
Emily Clifford	Chelsea Knoll	Stephanie Smith
Penny Coldwell	Leah Knoll	Stephanie Stouffer
Peter Coldwell	Mark Knoll	Dottie Stanley
Dan Connor	Spencer Knoll	Brigid Sullivan
Joan Connor	Abe Leber	Andy Tanger
Nancy Connor	Kathy Leber	Joanna Tanger
Jim Corven	David Martin	Marcy Tanger
Katy Crane	Steve Michel	Faith Tempest
Phil Crane	Mary Leonard	Craig Tomkinson
Carol DeVine	Patricia Marx	Ron Unterman
Francis DeVine	Roland Marx	Janet Warren
Sandra Diamond	Alec McCallum	Paul Warren
Ruth Dickey	Joan McCallum	Alex Yuster
Madeleine Fay	Nancy McKeegan	
Dottie Finnerty	Pam Myers	



## Vermont Home Gardener

**Extend the Season – Improve the Soil:** Autumn has officially begun and frost isn't far away. Gardens are already showing signs of leaf loss on squash, cukes, peppers, tomatoes, and basil. These are among the most susceptible plants. Good News, there are a few easy precautions we can take to protect our favorite plants and extend the gardening season to get a little more out of our summer efforts. It's also the best time to begin improving the soil for next year's garden so let's look at how a soil test and composting will be a big help.

Gardeners know well the tired appearance of plants after a growing season or a frost turns them into leaves drooping lifelessly on once vigorously growing plants. Heat loving plants are usually the first to go. Potatoes and onions know that cold is coming so have stopped growing and are pulling nutrients out of their leaves and putting them down into storage. Trees and woody shrubs have begun doing the same so we see the foliage color changes as chlorophyll is returned to the roots for next year's leaves. We'll harvest those nutrient rich crops soon. Others, in the Brassica & Mustard families, almost seem invigorated by the early chills and continue growing bigger and sweeter. This includes cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and kales. Root crops like beets, turnips, parsnips, and carrots are well protected underground and can continue to grow a bit more. We can't change the inevitable change of season but there are a few things we can do to extend our garden productivity and enjoyment.

Crops that have been frost damaged will not recover and should be harvested before more damage can happen. That means bringing in all frosted winter squashes (butternut, acorn, delicata, etc.) to fully "cure" (dry) before storage. Harvest squashes by cutting with an inch or two of the stem attached to reduce rot from entering the fruit. Lay them out in a well-

ventilated space of a garage or garden shed to thoroughly dry the skins so they can be stored for the winter months. Butternut especially needs time to cure and to sweeten the flesh so they will be in their prime for eating by Thanksgiving and afterwards. Longer storage can be improved by wiping the dried skins off with vinegar or a 10% solution of bleach to eliminate most surface fungi that can cause spoilage.

Tomatoes and peppers might still be able to ripen existing fruits (yes, they are fruits) once a cold spell has passed. I recommend harvesting all ripe tomatoes and full-sized peppers before the first frost, to let them finish ripening indoors, if necessary. Green tomatoes can also be ripened indoors. Put them in a brown paper bag with a ripe apple or banana and check them every day.

Cover plants with row cover (Agribon), bed sheets, or bath towels when frost is forecast. Blue tarps and black plastic might work but be sure to remove them before the sun shines to avoid overheating. Cover flowers that you want to save such as dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, impatiens, petunias or move them inside or under a roof. All of your greens, including kale, spinach, arugula, and most lettuces will be fine without any special protection.

Another simple practice to help plants survive a chill is to be sure they are well watered the day before a frost is forecast. This is especially important for exposed container plants. Moist soil holds the day's heat better and a well hydrated plant is less prone to frost injury.

Harvesting potatoes and onions isn't driven by the danger of frosts and can be done more casually. It is important for storage to "cure" them both for a couple weeks before putting them into storage. Do not wash them, just brush off loose soil and lay out in a shaded, well-ventilated area, and cover with a light blocking cloth (not plastic). I use old burlap bags. It is important that the outer skins are very dry to prevent soil borne fungi from causing rot in storage. A good online reference for crop storage is available from Vermont's own [Gardener's Supply Company](#).

**Planting in October** Some salad greens can still be planted, although they will germinate and grow very slowly. Be sure to keep them well watered if it doesn't rain. If you haven't grown **garlic** before, this can be the year you start. Local and online garden centers are selling "seed garlic" and a very good local source for seed garlic is Caravan Gardens on Rte. 103 in Cuttingsville. Supermarket garlic is often treated with bleach and a chemical to retard growth so isn't recommended for planting. Another reason to grow your own!

**Soil Fertility** Fall is the best time to begin soil improvements for next year.

**Step 1:** do a basic soil test to learn the nutritional status of your soil. Once you know about your soil pH, chemistry, etc. then you will know what additives will be most effective. Do not assume that adding some lime and fertilizer will work; it could be counter-productive and wasteful. I don't recommend using the inexpensive little soil test kits or electronic meters sold in stores. Soil testing is best done by a soil lab because their methods are more accurate, and they provide specific recommendations for the crops you want to grow.

The University of Vermont testing lab offers a basic garden/lawn soil analysis for just \$15 and includes pH, macronutrients, and other characteristics. You may use their kits available in many garden centers or simply download their order form and instructions [HERE](#). You will need to send them about ½ cup of air dried soil in a sealed plastic bag along with the completed order form. Results will come back by mail or by email within 1-2 weeks and provide recommendations for what and how much to apply. Please follow their instructions for How to Collect a Soil Sample, very important.

**Step 2:** Soils in New England tend to be acidic (we have acid rain!) and usually benefit from the application of agricultural limestone or wood ash. After you have the results of your soil test (step 1, above) you will know whether lime is called for, or not. Soil pH refers to

the acidity of the soil. A pH of 7.0 is neutral, above 7.0 is alkaline, and below 7.0 is acidic. This is important because if the pH is too low or too high the plant can't get the nutrients that are in the soil. Most plants do best in a slightly acidic soil, between 6.2 and 6.5. A common sign of acidic soil (low pH) is leaf "chlorosis" or yellowing, an indication that lime should be added.

Fall is the best time to apply limestone to gardens and lawns because the effect on soil pH will take several months. Lime applied now will be well incorporated into the soil and have raised the pH by spring planting time.

Do not assume lime will always help; there are two cases in which lime applications will have poor results: 1) the soil pH is already above 6.5 and raising it higher will reduce the availability of nutrients to your plants. 2) The plants that you are growing prefer an acidic soil with a pH below 5.5. This includes blueberries, raspberries, rhododendrons, azaleas, holly, and most potatoes.

**Step 3:** Apply fertilizer, as called for by your soil test results. As an organic gardener I strongly favor the regular application of compost to garden soil. We make our own compost but you can also buy compost at most garden centers. Compost provides rich organic matter, beneficial microbes, good amounts of phosphate and potassium. Nitrogen is usually low in compost but can be supplemented with animal manures (composted chicken or cow manure is best), green manures (legumes such as beans, peas, & clover), alfalfa meal, and organic granular fertilizers. Compost also acts as a great stabilizer of pH and will keep your soil acidity in the desirable range.

Compost applied in the fall will get naturally worked into the soil over winter and spring, making your soil rich and ready for the new season. If you are planting fall bulbs or garlic, I suggest putting a little (1 tsp) phosphate (bone meal or rock phosphate) in the bottom of each hole to support strong root growth. Fill the hole with soil and cover with an inch of compost.

**Pest Alerts:** Aphids flourish in the cool fall weather. Watch your fall broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and kale. Treat with [insecticidal soap](#). House plants destined to move inside should be sprayed with the garden hose to wash off adult aphids before treating at least twice, one week apart, with insecticidal soap to eliminate the young aphids. These tiny beasts have a remarkable ability to reproduce because the females are born pregnant!

**Weeds...** Don't stop weeding yet! Weeds are now producing their seeds for next year's generation, and several generations after that. Do not allow weeds to go to seed in your garden.

**Remember** to compost your food and yard wastes for the best garden fertilizer.

## Welcome to Farm and Wilderness Fall Open House!

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- Farm Education Activities.
- Guided hikes to explore the conserved land and trails around Woodward Reservoir and Lake Ninevah.
- Farm Chores from 4:00-5:00 Saturday and Sunday.

Pro tip: **Everyone who wishes to come should reserve a general admissions ticket for the day, then choose from our ticket list for specific tours and our hike if you are interested in those!**

**To help you prepare for the weekend:**

- All activities except lunch will be outdoors. Dress for the weather. Fall in Vermont can manifest as warm days, rain, or even a few snowflakes!
- Please stay home if you don't feel well.
- See this list of local lodging for where to stay in the area.

**Questions about ticket amounts or RSVP details?** Email [media@farmandwilderness.org](mailto:media@farmandwilderness.org) and we'll be happy to help!



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Recreation department, it draws many families in. The soccer field is a crowning glory, still hosting visiting soccer tournaments featuring many of the Town's own youths at times; and the tennis courts just received short-term maintenance so players can continue to enjoy the season. The Skatepark Sub-Committee is also plugging away to draft a comprehensive renewal plan. It is the aim of the Ludlow Rec Committee to refresh all of these features at Dorsey so the park as a whole is a cohesive and quality community rallying locale.

Lastly, progress is also still advancing for the Mountain Biking to be located on the Back 40 behind Ludlow Elementary School and the Expeditionary School. This too will offer a diverse outdoor recreation location. Existing features such as the ropes course had tree removal work done for safety, and the LES Forest Friday Program will remain. Plans are to work around these two and develop a beginner track and pump track for Phase I, and to develop 2-3 more advanced trails within the

## Ludlow Recreation Fall Update

The Ludlow Recreation Committee continues to organize its efforts around upgrading amenities such as Dorsey Park and West Hill Recreation Facility. Last spring, the Town voted \$25,000 to be budgeted into dredging and re-sanding the beach. Despite the summer coming to its end, this project is still a priority for the Committee to complete within this fiscal year as it is designated for. This individual project fits into a larger plan to rejuvenate West Hill, which would also see the parking lot and basketball courts repaved and repainted.

As for Dorsey Park, it too is in need of upgrades in certain areas. As one of the most regularly visited outdoor facilities in the Town's

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coming years. Mountain Biking has exploded in Vermont over the years, and it is a resource which will help expand the community. A VMBA (Vermont Mountain Biking Association) local chapter has already been formed, aptly christened LAST for Ludlow Area Sport Trails to honor a number of possible outdoor activities it will provide. As with West Hill and Dorsey Park, the Back 40 offers a multitude of activities that add to the experience of living in a beautiful environment.

With all of in this mind, it is clear there is a lot to do still. But with a devoted group and dedicated Rec Director, as well as an attentive community, the goal to rejuvenate these resources is attainable. The support from the Town is greatly appreciated; there will be separate fundraising required to contribute to costs as prices invariably fluctuate. Stay tuned for these details, signage with further information of plans and how to support will be available at these locales in the very near future. Ludlow Recreation Committee Ludlow, VT, c/o Marissa Selleck, Chair [may200027@gmail.com](mailto:may200027@gmail.com)

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## WESTON THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS WOODY SEZ: THE LIFE & MUSIC OF WOODY GUTHRIE

Weston Theater Company takes audiences on a journey through our land and history with the toe-tapping and virtuosic **WOODY SEZ: THE LIFE & MUSIC OF WOODY GUTHRIE**, playing September 28 – October 23 at Walker Farm theater.

Be transported by the joyous, inspirational, and sometimes heartbreaking story of Woody Guthrie, America's great troubadour. Four performers, playing more than 20 instruments, paint a portrait of a man whose songs brought inspiration and understanding to generations of Americans. Songs include "This Land Is Your Land," "Bound for Glory," and "So Long, It's Been Good to Know Yuh"

Executive Artistic Director, **Susanna Gellert** says, "Most all of us grew up singing along to Woody Guthrie's songs. 'This Land is Your Land', 'Cumberland Gap', 'House of the Rising Sun': these melodies are a part of the fabric of childhood (and adulthood) in America. **Woody Sez** captures the sweeping story of our country's history, using the songs of America's folk philosopher as the thread to tie it all together. It teaches us, not only about the biography of Woody Guthrie and his songwriting, but also about the resiliency that made this country what it is today. It is a very special play about the power of song to bind us together and carry us forward through good times and hard times."

**WOODY SEZ** was devised by **David M. Lutken** with **Nick Corley**, and **Darcie Deville**, **Helen Jean Russell**, and **Andy Teirstein**. Lutken and his company have toured Europe, the British Isles, China, the Middle East, and the United States. He won the Helen Hayes and Joseph Jefferson Awards for Best Actor for his portrayal of Woody Guthrie.

The Weston production is directed by original co-author and director, **Nick Corley**. Nick also co-wrote and directed *A Young Lady of Fashion* (Fulton Theatre); *Eliot Ness...in Cleveland* (Denver Center) and the upcoming *Normal Teenage Girl* and *The Life and Adventures of Davy Crockett*. NYC Directing credits include: *Flight* (Joe A. Callaway Award nomination), *About Face* (New York Musical Festival nomination for best direction), *Tall Grass*, *Tim and Scrooge*, *Mother Russia* (Carnegie Hall), and Associate Director on the Broadway revival of *Burn This*.

Music Direction and portrayal of Woody Guthrie is by **David M. Lutken** (Broadway: *Inherit the Wind*; *Ring of Fire*; *The Civil War*; *The Will Rogers Follies*, Off-Broadway: *Woody Sez: The Life & Music of Woody Guthrie* (Outer Critics' Circle, Off-Broadway Alliance & Drama League Best Musical nominations), *Southern Comfort*; *Stars in Your Eyes*; *Winter Man*; *The Portable Pioneer*, and *Prairie Show*). In addition to **Lutken**, at the Weston production, the show will star Weston newcomers **Spiff Wiegand**, **Mimi Bessette**, and **Nyssa Grant**.

**Spiff Wiegand**, a skilled multi-instrumentalist and accomplished songwriter and recording engineer, has been featured on TV with Jimmy Fallon and John Oliver. National Tours: *War Horse*; *Fame*, New York: *Red Roses*, *Green Gold* (Minetta Lane); *New York Animals* (Bedlam Theatre Company); *Much Ado About Nothing* (Studio Theatre); *Indecent* (Pittsburgh Public).

**Mimi Bessette** is an accomplished artist with credits including; Broadway/Off-Broadway: *Bonnie & Clyde*; *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*; *Little Shop of Horrors*; *Smoke on the Mountain*. National Tours: *Soul Doctor*; *Parade*; *Keep on the Sunny Side*; *Big River*. Film/TV: *Annie* (2014); *Difficult People*.

**Nyssa Grant** is a NYC-based artist making her *Woody Sez* debut with this production. Previously at Weston, Nyssa was in the band for 2019's *Oklahoma!* National Tours: *Once*. Nyssa is a professional violinist and graduated with a BFA in musical theatre from Webster Conservatory of Theatre Arts.

**WOODY SEZ: THE LIFE & MUSIC OF WOODY GUTHRIE** plays at **Walker Farm** (705 Main Street, Weston, VT). **Student tickets are \$25. Adult tickets range from \$50-74.** This is also a Student Matinee production. Teachers and schools can learn more about participating at ([westontheater.org/for-schools-teachers](http://westontheater.org/for-schools-teachers)) Discounts available for veterans and Vermont residents. Prices do not include sales tax.

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Welding/Metal Fabrication Dealer Parts Unlimited/Drag Specialties, V-Twin  
MFG & More

William H Johnson Automotive Services 802-259-2498  
2370 Healdville Rd. Belmont, VT

## General Contractors

Wright Construction Company [info@wrightconstruction.com](mailto:info@wrightconstruction.com) 802-259-2094  
Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

## Health & Community Health Care Providers

Calm Moments Message Studio – Irene Berry 802-228-7772  
Community Health – <https://www.chcrr.org> Medical, Dental, Pediatrics  
Behavioral Health – Patient Access Center 802-779-9159  
Express Care Rutland - 802-773-3386  
Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 802-446-2499  
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 802-446-2499  
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 802-446-2499  
Massage Therapy Belmont – Robin Nelson 802-353-4356

## Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 802-259-2364  
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard  
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 802-259-3064

## Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 802-228-7151  
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 802-259-2250  
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151  
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 [www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com](http://www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com)

## Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc., Don Reiser H 802-259-2722 802-362-0501  
[print@expresscopyinc.com](mailto:print@expresscopyinc.com)

## Masonry

Farrand Masonry –Angus Farrand [farrandmasonry@gmail.com](mailto:farrandmasonry@gmail.com) 802-417-1657

## Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal [www.waynejonesmetal.com](http://www.waynejonesmetal.com) 802-259-2521

## Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) 802-259-2250

## Painters

MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 802-259-3989

## 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, 802-228-5678  
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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  
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## Roofing

Buddy Systems Roofing Contact Buddy 802-259-3989  
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

## Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais [www.countrysidealarms.com](http://www.countrysidealarms.com) 802-259-2213

## Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design – Kevin Hollebeek C 802-733-2561 H 802-259-3898  
[kevin@belmontseptic.com](mailto:kevin@belmontseptic.com)

Aaron Haupt Septic Design [aaron.haupt@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.haupt@gmail.com) 802-492-3653  
(Formerly Krueger Engineering)

## Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 802-259-2282 Barn 802-492-2226

## Tree Services

G.M. Tree Tech & Landscaping, Greg McKirryher 802-259-8733

## Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 802-259-2344 W 802-259-2899

## Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking [ccw@vermontel.net](mailto:ccw@vermontel.net) 802-259-3232  
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