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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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August 2023

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission <i>Francis Scott Key b 1779 ~ Herman Melville b 1819</i>	7:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station <i>Christopher Columbus Set Sail, 1492</i>	7:00 pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ US Coast Guard Est 1790</i>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima 1945 ~ Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Purple Heart Medal Est 1782 ~ US Satellite Transmits 1<sup>st</sup> pictures of Earth from Space 1959</i>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom	6:30 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Berlin Wall Built 1961 ~ Annie Oakley b 1860 ~ Alfred Hitchcock b 1899</i>	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building <i>Social Security Act Est 1935 ~ 1945 V-J Day</i>	7:00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Panama Canal Opened 1914 ~ Woodstock Began 1969 ~ Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte b 1769</i>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont <i>Battle of Bennington, VT 1777</i>	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom	7:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer 1871</i>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Telegram Sent Around The World in 16.5 minutes 1911</i>	
21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Hawaii Becomes 50<sup>th</sup> State 1959</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Women’s Suffrage 1920</i>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Mother Teresa, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu b 1910</i>	
29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Oliver Wendell Holmes 1809</i>	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations <i>Princess Diana d 1997</i>	7:00 pm

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MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
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Mount Holly Constable <b>NONE</b>			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control	text C 802-353-4492	H 802-259-3976	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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If you would like to add or remove yours or a family member's 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.

### Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings  
9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall  
For Weights and more information  
Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 2023  
May 2, 6 pm                      June 6, 8 am  
July 5, 6 pm Wed due to holiday  
Aug 1, 8 am                      Sept 5, 6 pm  
Oct 3, 8 am

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Wallingford Post Master Denise Young		802-446-2140

## Letter from Mount Holly Emergency Director

Sadly, our community awoke on July 10th to many of our roads washed. As the storm progressed through the day the situation got worse and some of you had flooding on your property. It was a busy day for many. We opened our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Town Office and kept track of damage and reports to Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), and VTrans, opened a temporary shelter for those seeking refuge from flooding, and fielded phone calls from residents. The road crew ran around town trying their best to keep as many roads open as possible. The fire department fielded many emergency calls, responding to incidents all around town, and kept their shelter open through the night. By the end of the day the sun peeked out from the clouds and we were able to assess all the damage. Tuesday morning it was time to put it all back together, and we have been working on public roads and infrastructure since.

We have met with VTrans, VEM, FEMA, and ANR a few times in the past two weeks. The last meeting was with our FEMA coordinator on Friday, July 22nd. FEMA classifies damage into two categories: Public Assistance (assistance to the Town) and Individual Assistance (assistance to residents).

If you are a resident and need assistance you have **until September 12, 2023** to apply. Information is below on how to apply for FEMA assistance. The state is also offering assistance through Vermont211.org or by calling 211 (or 802-652-4636). FEMA and the state are encouraging residents to apply

to FEMA and 211, as they are separate assistance programs. You can also apply in person at the FEMA Disaster Resource Center (DRC) on Friday, July 22 in the ASA Bloomer Building, 88 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT 05701.

There are many resources available. Even if you are unsure your damage is enough to qualify, it is still worth applying. It is important to realize the next storm may only hit Mount Holly (like our past December 22nd, 2022 rain storm) and it will not qualify for disaster assistance if it is localized. So it may be best to take advantage of assistance available for this storm damage now if you incurred damage such as having to repair a driveway, fix a well, replace a flooded water heater, washer machine, etc.

Other resources for flood recovery include Vermont Department of Health Emergency Water Test Kits, available by calling 802-338-4724. If your well head was in a flooded area, we encourage you to get this kit. Another nearby resource is the Okemo Valley Business Recovery Center located at 126 Main St (Engel & Volkers Okemo Building) Ludlow, VT 05149, with the help of US Small Business Administration (SBA) and FEMA. They are offering help with business disaster loans, homeowner's or renter disaster loan. Walk ins are welcome.

If you need help navigating resources, let us know by leaving a message at town office 802-259-2391 or emailing [jeff@chasevermont.com](mailto:jeff@chasevermont.com). We also have access to some state and local resources/volunteers through Mount Holly Community Association if needed. We are posting information as we receive it to the NewsFlash (sign up by emailing [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com)) and at <https://www.facebook.com/mounthollyvt> ).

Jeff Chase, Mount Holly EMD 07/22/23

### Report your home and business damage




by going to

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# Community Guild Scholarship

The Mount Holly Community Guild is pleased to announce that Dominic Valente has been awarded our scholarship for the 2023-24 school year. Dominic plans to attend Paul Smith College, where he will study to become a Game Warden. Congratulations, Dominic. We are proud to award this scholarship to you.



## 16th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour

The 16th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, August 5th, 2023 from 9:30am to 4pm, with a rain date of Sunday, August 6th.

This is a self-guided tour of diverse high-altitude gardens that display truly creative landscaping ideas. The gardens are designed around Vermont's natural features, such as huge rock formations, ledges, hills, and valleys. All touch the senses with colorful plants, wonderful scents, and the sounds of birds, bees, and rushing water.

Some gardens feature architectural elements such as pergolas, gazebos, and stonework. Antique garden fixtures reflect the passion for collecting of the owners of one garden, while quilts will be displayed among the gardens of another.

Tickets include entry into our garden themed Gift Raffle, featuring floral pillows, landscaping plants, and locally created products. Tickets can be purchased the day of the tour at the Mount Holly Library/Community Center on The Green in the Belmont section of Mount Holly. The price is \$15 per person (children 12 and under are free). All proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration of the Mount Holly Library and Community Center. Come enjoy a summer day full of garden inspiration and community spirit in the lovely town of Mount Holly!

## START YOUR RECOVERY PROCESS

- 1 Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.
- 2 Make a list of damaged or lost items.
- 3 Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company. If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.
- 4 3 Ways To Apply
  - Online [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)
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## Vermont Home Gardener August Garden Abundance!

After the excessive rains of July, gardens are in full maturity and producing an abundance of veggies, herbs, flowers, (and weeds) and soon-to-be harvested potatoes, onions, carrots, beets, and more. It's the reward that a hard-working gardener deserves and should enjoy this time of year. Proper harvesting is key to successful production, and the more you pick the more you get! Leaving blossoms or fruits on plants to get over-ripe or go to seed tells the plant its job is done and to stop production. Keep "deadheading" your geraniums, marigolds, calendula, snapdragons, & zinnias so they will provide more blossoms instead of seeds. Of course, abundance can become a burden too, unless we have some good ways to deal with it. Let's look at what to plant in August, what to do with too many zucchinis, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., and which pests are out there now.

**What to plant in August?** As plants come out of the garden there might be some open space where we can plant late crops to get another harvest. Carrots and beets can still be planted for a nice fall crop. Also, continue planting your favorite salad greens (leaf lettuce, mesclun mix, spinach, arugula, etc.). If you add a little extra compost or organic fertilizer, mulch, and keep them watered they will grow well and won't bolt as the days get shorter.

**Weeds** (definition: the right plant in the wrong place) are enjoying the growing season too. While most garden plants are big enough to compete with weeds, there is one extremely important reason to control weeds: Seeds! Even if you decide to let some weeds have their way in your garden, do not allow them to flower and go to seed. Those seeds will be next year's weeds and you can eliminate them now. In fact, most weed seeds can stay dormant in the soil for several years and accumulate for future seasons. Deadheading and discarding weed tops is a great investment in your future garden!

**Tomatoes:** As you harvest tomatoes, continue to prune off any yellowing lower branches to get rid of older leaves that are no longer feeding the plant and are prone to infection. Keep your plants upright with supports. Prune away side shoots (suckers) to open plants up for ventilation and sunshine penetration (disease control). Apply weekly preventative sprays through August to inhibit diseases from getting started. Once infected, it isn't possible to cure the disease, only to remove it by pruning off infected parts. Weekly applications of [compost tea](#), [Serenade](#), fungicidal copper, or sulfur powder are all good organic practices to prevent diseases from getting started in the humid days of August. I prefer to alternate between spray applications using a different one each week. I also include foliar fish fertilizer (liquid emulsion) as a supplemental foliar fertilizer to keep plants extra healthy so

they can resist diseases. Compost tea has become a popular practice based on numerous university studies that have confirmed its effectiveness. Here's a short [DIY video](#) to help you get started making your own tea.

**Too many tomatoes?** After you've eaten, canned and given away much of your bounty what can you do with the rest? Freeze them whole! It's very simple and works well for your winter sauces. Simply put tomatoes, especially Roma/pasta types into freezer bags, no blanching is necessary. When you defrost them in a colander the juice drains out (drink it!) and the skins will slip off.

**Zucchini abundance** should not be a problem. Zucchini stuffed, fritters, raw in salads, relish, and zucchini breads are great. But there's more... Zucchini soup! We always make gallons of zucchini soup to freeze as an excellent vegetable base for all kinds of delicious winter soups. Try this favorite recipe, I know you will like it:

### Zucchini Soup

*You can decrease or increase all the amounts (depending on the ingredients you have) just keep the ratios similar. The basic soup is delicious as is but even better when you add any leftovers, shredded cheese, ham, prosciutto, chicken, vegies...pretty much anything cooked you have handy. Be adventurous! Makes one gallon.*

7 lbs (6-7 medium) zucchini trimmed, peeled and cut into chunks  
1/3 cup olive oil  
3 Tbsp butter  
2 lbs onions, chopped  
4 large garlic cloves, chopped  
4 Tbsp flour  
6 cups water or stock  
2 Tbsp kosher salt (omit if using salted stock)

1. In a large stockpot (8 qt) heat oil and butter over medium heat.
2. Add onions and cook until golden brown. Add garlic and cook just until softened (about 1 minute)
3. Add the flour to make a thick, chunky paste.
4. Add the liquid to the paste in increments stirring constantly to achieve a smooth sauce.
5. Add the zucchini and cover the pot.
6. Reduce heat to low and simmer for at least 1 hour or until zucchini is very tender.
7. Enjoy the soup as is or puree with a stick blender or food processor for a creamy, velvety texture.
8. Freeze in reusable juice bottles or milk jugs or



## Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations

Settings Start 5:00 pm  
At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont  
All You Can Eat - Served Home Style  
Adults - \$12 & Children Under 12 - \$6

August 26<sup>th</sup> Beth Chase and Family -  
Spaghetti  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Historical Museum - Baked Ham  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> MHV Rescue Squad - Roast Ham  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Colfax Lodge – Roast Pork

Eat In or Take Out  
Take Out meals starting at 4:45 pm  
More Info Call 802-259-2460

**Too many Cucumbers?** Cukes are less versatile than zucchini or summer squash but still have possibilities. [Natural pickling](#) with Kosher or sea salt is a great way to preserve them for months. A very simple way to keep them for a few weeks, ready to eat, follows this easy recipe:

### Refrigerator Cucumber Pickles

2 cups thinly sliced cucumbers (unpeeled or peeled)  
1 cup water  
1/3 cup white or apple cider vinegar  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon kosher salt (optional)

Dissolve the salt & sugar into the water-vinegar liquid. Add the sliced cukes and refrigerate. Eat immediately or let them develop more flavor overnight. Dress them with yogurt or sour cream for some extra appeal.  
Simple!

**Garlic Harvest & Storage.** Most garlic has been harvested by now but just in case...Dig, don't pull the whole plants out. Brush off soil from top and around the roots and set out in the sun for a couple days to thoroughly dry the skins and roots. Next set or hang them in a shaded, well-ventilated area to "cure" for several weeks, until the stems are *completely* dry. Then you can cut off the stems about 1-2 inches above the head and store in a basket away from light, heat and humidity. Most basements/cellars will do. If you have some heads that have begun to open and spread the cloves, eat those first, they won't store well. Set the very largest heads aside for planting in mid-late October so you grow bigger garlic next year.

### Pest Alerts.

**Japanese Beetles** continue to emerge from the lawns and are moving onto beans, raspberries, roses, and whatever is

available. As I've said before, handpicking works, commercial bag traps do not reduce their numbers. Every adult that you remove from the garden is one less to reproduce for next year. Mow your lawns tall (4-6 inches) to reduce their breeding for next year. For area control you can apply [Beneficial Nematodes](#) to the lawn to reduce the larval (grub) population. This is expensive but lasts for many years.

**Cabbage moths** (brown or white wings with a black spot) continue mating and laying eggs on cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, etc. They will hatch into "cabbage worms" that can spoil a great harvest. Snag the flying adults with a children's butterfly net (and crush them) and apply weekly treatments of Bt or Dipel (caterpillar killer) to the plants when rain is not forecast. Bt is a naturally occurring bacteria that will stop the caterpillars and are harmless to us.

**Raspberry cane borer** Adults are small dark slender beetles that insert their eggs into the tops of raspberry canes that will appear wilted. (see the photo below) Look a couple inches down the cane and if you see 2 dark rings around the stem, that is where the borer larvae are growing. Prune the affected part of the cane off, burn it or chop it up and remove from the area.

**Earwigs** are beneficial predators of pest insects but also like to chew leaves and flowers. If you find too many small holes or eaten leaves & blossoms (dahlias) apply some Diatomaceous Earth (DE) on plants showing damage after each rain. DE is made from fossilized diatoms (no chemicals) that is like microscopic broken glass to crawling pests such as slugs, snails, earwigs, and ants.

**Spotted Wing Drosophila** (SWD) is a serious new pest of soft fruits (strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc.) that probably hasn't appeared locally yet but it's a good idea to keep watching.

**Remember** to compost your food and yard waste for the best garden fertilizer and to make your compost tea. Concerned about bears? Here are some good tips from the [Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department](#).



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## Mount Holly School's PTSA—Now PTG!—UPDATE

We have changed our name from PTSA to PTG: Parent Teacher Group. Our new email is [MtHollyPTG@gmail.com](mailto:MtHollyPTG@gmail.com).

**SOUPER KIDS @ Cider Days/Taps to Taste Sub-committee Meeting:** Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm at the Mount Holly Community Center. We have an hour slotted to discuss plans, layouts and the possibility of creating a larger kid zone, as well as also attending the Tap to Table Event in Cuttingsville.

**NIGHT OUT/AUCTION Sub-committee Meeting:** Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30Pm at the Mount Holly Community Center. We have an hour slotted to discuss plan on how the PTG is going to raise the needed \$20,000 to keep its current programs running for the next two years.

**KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES:** We need participation from our community's kids and students for some upcoming PTG projects! 1. Have your kids create a "what does music mean to me." This can be in the form of art, essay, music video or composition. This will stem the future NEW MUSIC ROOM fundraising efforts. Please email their contributions to our new email and include the parent's name, student's name and age/grade. 2. Have the kids create items, crafts, art that can be sold at our upcoming events to help us Fundraise for PTG events! Please email to participate. Include the student's name/grade and the parent's name. 3. We have some Kid Crafting Time scheduled at MHCA; the items will be made available to fundraise at the above events. Email to pre-register by the day before.

**KID CRAFTING TIME:** July 25<sup>th</sup> : Resin Dipped Crayon Earrings \* August 15<sup>th</sup>: Dipped Taper Candles \* August 22<sup>nd</sup> : Birdhouses Assemble and Paint

### Mount Holly Town Library News, August 2023



Our thoughts are with our friends who suffered damage following the big rain event of July 9-11. Your library did not receive any damage. Remember that if you need photocopies or access to wifi, we are there to help. Wifi access is available 24/7.

**August 18th at 7:00 PM, "The Trouble With Harry":** This film by Alfred Hitchcock is a comedy-mystery. What makes this movie even more special is the fact that it is filmed entirely here in Vermont! It is also the screen debut of Academy Award-winning actress Shirley MacLaine, at age 20. When she told Hitchcock that she had never acted in a movie before, Hitchcock told the actress "I shall have fewer knots to untie. You are hired." Join us. It should be fun.

Remember that the annual MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL is just around the corner. Dates/times are Sept 30th @ 7pm, Oct 4th @ 7 pm, Oct 5th @ 7 pm.

We are accepting donations of books in good condition for our annual Cider Days Book Sale. Please no paperbacks, magazines/newspapers, encyclopedias, text books.

### News from MHCA

And...its August! Hopefully readers have survived the flash flooding and are recovered/ing. But before we go on to MHCA news we want to say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our town road crew and the teams from near and far who helped get roads repaired and back in order! The town's emergency management team (EMT) was quick to organize and assess issues for our community. MHCA, in consultation with our EMT, sent out a call for volunteers and received a quick response from folks willing to help out. If you still need help in cleaning up from the flash flooding please reach out to us at [mhcavt@gmail.com](mailto:mhcavt@gmail.com); we have volunteers on standby.

On the August event schedule we have **Music on the Green**, every Thursday at 6:30pm. This month's lineup includes:



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Aug. 3 Bunty Station  
 Aug. 10 Jamie Ward - Mr. Piano Man  
 Aug. 17 Tim Ciara  
 Aug. 24 Scott Forest  
 Aug. 31 Mount Holly Folk Club

We also have the **Garden Tour** slated for **Saturday August 5th from 9am - 4pm.** Tickets, are \$15.00 and will be on sale at the community center the morning of the tour. Your ticket also includes an automatic entry into a raffle for some sweet prizes. This is one of our annual fundraisers that showcases Mount Holly gardeners in all their colorful glory. It happens rain or shine and we certainly appreciate your support!

Next on the event list is our **Annual Meeting August 8th, 6:30 pm** at the community center. Not only do we wine and dine you with sweets, water and wine, you get to hear what we've been up to and meet your very dedicated and enthusiastic Board of Directors. It might not be for everyone, but you'll see friends and neighbors and have good eats! Think about it....

Continuing our "Meet Your Board of Director" series, this month we are highlighting our horse lovin', late-to-life runner and world traveler board member Alex Yuster. Alex joined the board in 2021. When asked why she chose to join the Board, "I was impressed with the work the community association did and thought it would be an opportunity to give back." Alex has stepped up to handle press releases, helped with website development, and sends out MHCA welcome letters to new homeowners in-between helping with our events.



# MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**FREE CONCERT EVERY THURSDAY 6:30 PM BELMONT, VT**  
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- JULY 13 - LIZ REEDY
- JULY 20 - PLUMB BOBS
- JULY 27 - JEB & FRIENDS
- AUG 3 - BUNTY STATION - OHIO BAND
- AUG 10 - JAMIE WARD - MR. PIANOMAN
- AUG 17 - TIM CAIRA
- AUG 24 - SCOTT FORREST
- AUG 31 - MOUNT HOLLY FOLK CLUB

Concerts are held on the Green in Belmont, VT. In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village Baptist Church for use of the Green.

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Alex and her partner Faith came to Vermont in 2001 and loved it so much they decided this was the place where they wanted to settle down. By the end of 2001 they had found a place, right here in Mount Holly, and made it their "home base." "Home base," hmmm? Well not everyone has a career that takes them all over the world, but if it's in International Development and Public Health ya just might live in some faraway places and want a home base. Pull out your world atlas folks, Alex, while working for UNICEF, has lived in India, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique. Eventually, on the verge of retirement and some years after 2001, Stonewall Farm moved from home base for Alex and Faith to just home. In 2021, Stonewall Farm also became the permanent home for

the therapeutic horseback riding program: Rainbow Riding. An interesting and unexpected fun fact about Alex is that for a brief period in the early 80's she was in a punk rock band. You heard it—punk rock band—playing her electric violin! Although they did have some original tunes, they also punked out TV theme songs from Mary Tyler Moore and Green Acres, all whilst making performance art in the process; quite the visual if you think about it. What was the band's name you ask? Well....you ask Alex... and then don't take it personal when she responds.

Finishing up the news from MHCA and thinking ahead, you might want to mark your calendar for three of our favorite fall events: Cabaret!(Sept. 3rd, 8pm), Photo Contest Preview (Oct. 1st, 2-4pm ) and Cider Days (Oct 7 & 8th). Enjoy the last month of summer, come out and support your musicians on the green Thursday nights, and pray for more balanced weather.

## Conservation Commission News

**ASH BORER Mitigation Update:** The good news is that the treatments have started. We have done 185 injections for those of us who were willing to do it themselves. Which brings us to the not so good news. We have at least 850 more injections requested by about 30 landowners and Tim Bickford, our injector-in-chief, has been delayed and not able to do injections as soon as planned. We expect Tim will be able to catch up by early August. In the meantime, we will work with Tim to develop an alternative, if needed, and we will help those who may now want to do it themselves. We will keep the interested landowners informed of the progress. In the meantime, anyone who missed our initial signup and is interested, can still participate. Let us know at: [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com) by providing your name, address, number & diameter of your ash trees.

**Mount Holly Biodiversity Project:** As of July 2023, over 216 people have submitted 3,895 personal observations to identify 1,093 wild species of plants, animals, & fungi in Mount Holly. Why is this so important? Many of the observations (165) are introduced species, some of which are invasive. We have also confirmed the presence of 33 threatened species in Mount Holly. We now know where and when these species occur in town. This is critical information for conservation of our natural environment. This community project depends on willing volunteers to continue to submit observations of common or unusual sightings. The record is impressive, but we still need much more and ask all readers, residents, and visitors to contribute their observations, whether common or rare species. When you have the chance to get a photo of a plant, bug, bird, or mammal, etc. please remember to follow a few simple rules to make your observations count:

- Always include a photo or sound recording (birds).
- Always provide a name for the species by using the “What did you see?” feature to get a list of suggestions for species. “Unknown” submissions do not contribute anything to our records.
- Submit only wild species, not cultivated plants or domestic animals.



You can help the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project by contributing your observations to our website at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity>. The project uses the free iNaturalist app (download from Google Play Store or Apple App Store) that helps you identify any wild species you find. It automatically submits your observations to our project. Why not get out with your smart phone and explore our town and contribute as a citizen scientist? The Mount Holly Biodiversity project is co-sponsored by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust (<https://mounthollyconservationtrust.org/>) and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission (<http://www.mounthollyvt.org/conservation-commission/>).

**ENTRY FORMS! YAY!**  
The entry forms for the 2023 Mount Holly calendar competition are here!

They're at:  
Mount Holly Town Offices  
and on line at the MHCA website  
**[mhcavt.org](http://mhcavt.org)**

Anyone, resident or non-resident can enter up to three photos of Mount Holly into the annual Photo & Calendar Competition. See entry forms for all details. The competition is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales go to support the activities of the MHCA. For more information: [mthollyphotos@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyphotos@gmail.com)

**Yes it's here!**  
Janet Warren Commemorative Issue

**The 2024 Mount Holly Calendar** at the  
Mount Holly Town Offices  
and on line at the MHCA website  
**[mhcavt.org](http://mhcavt.org)**

All proceeds help support the Mount Holly Community Assoc. Questions? Call: 802- 259-3947 or email to: [mthollyphotos@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyphotos@gmail.com)





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Offers cannot be combined with any other discount or promotional offer except Irving Rewards and are subject to change or termination without notice.  
\*Visit [irvingenergy.com/newoffer](http://irvingenergy.com/newoffer) to learn more.

## Mount Holly Oil & Gas Group

I have been in contact with Irving Energy on behalf of the buying group and they are offering the same deal as last year.

- **\$.20 cents** off per gallon of heating oil on the going price of the day you call in.
- **\$.45 cents** off per gallon of propane on the going price of the day you call in.

Remember to give our **group code number 6216** to be enrolled under our group. The cutoff date is December 31, 2023. **Call Irving Energy at 1-888-310-1924** to get signed up. Please have your Irving account number handy when you do and if you do not have an Irving account call the above phone number to get an account and then join the group.

New customers to the group please contact me first so I can get you on the list at 802-259-2314 or [handyman@vermontel.net](mailto:handyman@vermontel.net) Diana Garrow, Manager, Mt. Holly Oil & Gas Group.

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## Attend the 2023 Vermont Community Leadership Summit

The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) is inviting all Vermonters thinking about their community and the future of our state to attend the 2023 Vermont Community Leadership Summit on Tuesday, August 15 at Vermont State University Randolph Campus hosted by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). Designed in partnership with a diverse planning committee of experts throughout Vermont, the 2023 Vermont Community Leadership Summit agenda is structured to strengthen skills, capacity, and opportunities for the future for dedicated community builders from across the State, along with people from non-profit, business, and government sectors. Learn more at <https://www.vtrural.org/summit/>.



## Weston Theater Company Presents *What the Constitution Means to Me*

Weston Theater Company takes audiences on an inspiring journey through our country's founding document in *What the Constitution Means to Me*.

In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human play, author Heidi Schreck resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. Fifteen-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions held across the United States. This powerful play is a love letter to our constitution, giving it new life and imagining how it will shape the next generation of Americans. *What the Constitution Means to Me* plays through July 30 at Walker Farm.

Discounts are available for Vermont residents. Tickets are available online and by calling the Weston Box Office at 802-824-5288. Learn more at westontheater.org.

## Ludlow Rotary Announces Scholarship Winners

In keeping with its long-standing tradition, the Ludlow Rotary Club announced the winners of its 2023 scholarships, totaling \$9,000. Mary Crowley, scholarship committee chairperson, indicated that the Ludlow Rotary's scholarship program has offered over \$284,000 to graduating seniors from the club's area of service which includes Ludlow, Plymouth, Mt Holly, and Cavendish. Funding for the scholarship program is derived primarily from proceeds of the Ludlow Rotary Club's annual Penny Sale in the Spring.

### Recipients of the scholarships in 2023 are:

Daniel Kessman Scholarship  
\$2,000 to Chloe Ayer, Ludlow resident, attended Green Mountain High School

Robert Kirkbride Scholarship  
\$2,000 to Mia Valerie, Ludlow, attended Green Mountain High School

Ralph Hogancamp Technical Scholarship  
\$2,000 to Jack Hinkley, Cavendish, attended Green Mountain High School

Traditional Scholarship  
\$1,000 to Dominic Valente, Ludlow Resident, attended Mt. Saint Joseph Academy in Rutland

Traditional Scholarship  
\$1,000 to Liam O'Brien, Cavendish, attended Green Mountain High School

Traditional Scholarship  
\$1,000 to Olivia Rebetz, Ludlow, attended Bellows Falls Union High School.

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## ESBR Now Approved Independent School



The Board of Trustees for the Expeditionary School at Black River is pleased to report that after a long arduous process, ESBR is now an Approved Independent School by the Department of Education of Vermont! This means that students who come from a choice or sending town can have their tuition paid for by the State education taxes. This will allow us to expand our teaching staff and student enrollment.

This approval was completed on June 29, one day ahead of the July 1 moratorium on further independent school approvals. Although grateful we passed, the late timing delayed decisions for previous staff and students for the upcoming year. It also delayed our reaching out to prospective students, until we had the approval and funding to know we could increase our staff. Therefore, we are hustling to acquire new staff and are excited about the future of ESBR. With that being said, we are announcing that we are opening our

enrollment to interested 7th through 12th grade students for the 2023-2024 school year.

If students live in a choice or sending community, such as Ludlow and Mt. Holly, then their tuition will be covered by the State's educational tax dollars. If a student is not from a sending community, they can still apply.

The doors will open August 30th. As you are aware, ESBR is a small, independent school that provides a hands-on, project-based education utilizing many local and state resources, with many outdoor activities. It is an important local option for middle and high school students in the area and is important for the health of our community, especially now as the area rebuilds from the sudden flash flooding destruction on July 10th. People have come together near and far to help neighbors clean up as well as restore local business establishments. An innovative and flexible school option offers much stability for the families of this community. Questions or comments can be directed to [gblodgett@esblackriver.org](mailto:gblodgett@esblackriver.org) or 802-558-3147 and you can also visit our website: [esblackriver.org](http://esblackriver.org).

## Flood-Related Solid Waste and Clean-Up Guidance

To protect solid waste workers and the environment, it is critical that residents, businesses, contractors, and clean-up crews remember to:

- 1) Separate hazardous items from trash (see the list below).
- 2) Contact your Solid Waste District or town at [www.802recycles.com](http://www.802recycles.com) to learn about [household hazardous waste services](#). Flood damaged appliances, electronics, batteries, and tires can be brought to most [local transfer stations](#) for safe disposal and recycling.
- 3) Avoid dumping, spilling, or mixing hazardous materials on the ground or into the water.
- 4) Safely store hazardous items until they can be disposed of properly.

### Keep these items separate from trash:

- 1) Dangerous wastes such as toxics, pesticides, explosives, gasoline, oil, pool chemicals, acids, drain cleaner, fireworks, flares, ammo, unprotected "sharps"
- 2) Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, washers, dryers, scrap metal
- 3) Mercury products such as fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, thermometers
- 4) Hazardous Waste
- 5) Oil, brake cleaner, other toxic car products
- 6) Paint, stain, varnish, paint thinner/stripper
- 7) Propane cylinders, other gas cylinders
- 8) Batteries and electronics
- 9) Tires

The Agency of Natural Resources has an extensive [flood information page](#). If you have any questions, you can reach the Solid Waste Program at 802 828 1138.



## Community Guild Bazaar

August 5, 2023 is the date of the Community Guild Bazaar. We are selling hand crafted items to raise money for community service organizations and scholarships for graduating high school seniors to further their education. Please join us between 9:00 and 2:00 and help us support the community.

## Old Timer's Night

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is pleased to present an Old Timer's Night on Wednesday, August 2nd. The panel discussion will be held at 6:30 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Come hear them share memories about growing up in or visiting our town. Contact Dennis at 802-259-2460 or [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

## 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.

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

# Thank You Emergency Workers and Volunteers!

The Town of Mount Holly thanks the generous individuals and organizations who provided immediate aid, food and expertise in the aftermath of the recent flooding.

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Tim Poczobut  
Austin Turco  
Chad Farrar  
Wayne Taylor

**For meals delivered to workers:**

Lori and Tiffany Norton  
Amy Turco  
Carol Garrow-Woolley

**For traffic control and safety:**

Mount Holly Fire Department  
Billy Austin  
Cash Woods  
Shane Pearson  
Neil Jones  
Jim Seward  
Steve Howlett  
Bob Beardmore

**For meal donations:**

Little Caesars Rutland  
Dunkin Donuts Ludlow Gamebird  
Troy Caruso  
Calcutta's  
Off The Rails



## Belmont Village Tour on August 19th

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is offering a walking tour of Belmont Village at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 19th. Please meet at the Perkins House Museum near the Village Green for a tour to learn about the history of the houses and families that lived in them. Call Dennis at 802-259-2460 for more information.



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## Are You Familiar With Community Health?

In the month of August, we celebrate Community Health Centers (FQHCs). Community Health, based in Rutland, is the largest of the 11 FQHCs in the state of Vermont. Community Health is a primary care network that provides accessible and affordable adult and pediatric medical, dental, behavioral health and walk-in Express Care in a culture of community and quality in Rutland and southern Addison counties.

In Vermont, FQHCs provide care to approximately one in four Vermonters. Every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) highlights the commitment and passion of community health center staff, board members and supporters who make it possible to provide quality, affordable, comprehensive healthcare services to millions of Americans. Learn more about Community Health on our website [www.chcrr.org](http://www.chcrr.org).

## Ludlow Rotary Annual Duck Race Cancelled Due to Flood in Ludlow

Although it is getting close to that time of year—when we all root for our favorite duck, the recent flooding in Ludlow has upended the plans. The 24th annual duck race sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) will not be racing down the Black River this year because the flood of July 10 has made it unsafe and unhealthy to be in the river. The LRC formally announced that the traditional Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race will be cancelled this year. It will return in August of 2024. Thanks to all of those who have supported us in years past. We look forward to next year for the fun event's return.



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## Mount St Joseph Academy Seeks Host Family for 2023-24 School Year

Mount St Joseph Academy is currently searching for a host family for the 2023-24 school year, for our international and/or non-Vermont resident students. If your family or a family you may know may be willing to host, please read the information below and contact the school.

Being an MSJ Host Family will allow you to build lasting relationships and open doors to opportunity; provide your children a unique advantage and experience to refer to on applications for employment, colleges and universities; enrich and enlarge your community; and allow your family members to experience new cultures and customs first-hand.

MSJ International and Non-Vermont Resident Program Students are 15-19 years old; want to share their culture; speak English; have full insurance; and come with a stipend to support room and boarding costs (\$600 per month or tuition remission). If you would like more information about becoming a host family, contact Bill Bruso, [wbruso@msjvermont.org](mailto:wbruso@msjvermont.org) or 802.775.0151 ext 2013.



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# Mount Holly Town News



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

**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.**

## Select Board Meeting, Town Office, July 11, 2022, 6:30 pm MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order** at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Consideration of Any Changes to the Agenda.** Mark Turco noted that the town will significantly amend the agenda in light of the emergency flooding of the last two days. Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle noted two additions: consideration of Select Board approval for a private fireworks display, and Select Board signature of the payment estimate from G&N Excavation re: Summit Road.
- 4) **Approval of June 13th Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
- 5) **Reports**
  - a) **Highways & Transfer Station Update:** Mr. Turco noted that Mr. Chase and the Town road crew have been especially busy in the last two days to make roads passable. Mr. Turco offered kudos to the Town crew, Poultney road crew, Yankee Management, Casella, Gary Norton, Tim Poczobut, Wayne Taylor, and others, for their support in repairing roads after the floods. He offered special thanks to Carol Garrow-Woolley and Amy Turco for delivering food to crews as well. Mr. Chase noted that Markowski Excavating will be coming to support repair of Freeman Book Road. Mr. Turco also noted that Les Deyette has given official notice of his retirement from the road crew, effective August 1. He noted that the Town thanks Les for his many years of service and wishes him a good retirement. The Transfer Station update will be tabled for the regular August meeting.
  - b) **Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report:** Treasurer Liz Karle noted that the Town’s CD rolled over at a new interest rate of 4.44% and the FY22 audit took place on site at the end of June. Ms. Karle noted that the Town should continue to document all road and property damage in order to qualify for federal disaster reimbursement.
  - c) **Listers’ Report:** Lister Mr. Johnson noted that property valuation grievance hearings will be held July 21. The Town will send tax bills when the Grand List is finalized and the tax rate set; the Grand List can be finalized after grievance hearings have taken place. Mr. Johnson recommended that the Select Board convene a special meeting in the last week of July to set the tax rate and finalize the Grand List. Mr. Turco agreed.
  - d) **Mount Holly Planning Commission Update:** Commission Chair McCann noted that the Town Plan is slated for Select Board review in September. He said several Commission members attended a training last month that included notable information regarding how towns are handling short-term rental issues. Highway Crossings Grant Opportunity: Mr. McCann noted that they would not pursue this grant this year.
  - e) **Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:** Mr. Crane reported via email that ash borer mitigation efforts were in progress; their recycling workshop went well.

## TOWN SEEKS TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

The Town of Mount seeks a transfer station attendant to serve as an occasional back-up employee when the Town's regular attendants are unavailable.

Candidates should be able to lift up to 50 pounds; provide friendly support to guests; and to be available on short notice during Transfer Station hours.

Send letters of interest to the Select Board at [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com); via mail at PO Box 247, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or by delivering a hard copy to the Town Office.



6) **New Business**

- a) Establish FY'24 Tax Rate: The tax rate will be set at a special meeting on July 25. Provisionally, Mr. Johnson reported that the Grand List grew by just over \$4 million dollars this year, 37% of which is attributable to the GMP and Vermont Transco increase.
- b) Decision Re: Route 155 VTrans Fund & “Old Cook Fund”: Mr. Johnson noted that there are two funds in need of Select Board attention. The “Old Cook Fund” is a fund of approximately \$1,458 donated by the Cook Family; these funds can be reassigned to another fund by the Select Board. Mr. Turco made a motion to put the funds into the Packer Cemetery Fund, in recognition of the Cook Family’s interests; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously agreed. Mr. Chase made a motion to create a town Paving Fund and to move the approximately \$10,000 in funds from the Route 155 VTrans Grant to this new fund; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously agreed.
- c) Annual Internal Controls Document: Jeff Chase made a motion to make two minor edits re: training and to accept the document as amended; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously agreed.
- d) Junk Ordinance Complaint: Tabled for August regular meeting.
- e) Traffic Ordinance Complaint: Tabled for August regular meeting.
- f) Culvert Complaint: Tabled for August regular meeting.
- g) Consideration of Countrywide Bid re: PACIF Grant: Ms. Karle noted that the Town’s insurer will reimburse the Town for up to \$2,500 of the cost of a Town Office alarm system for heat loss and fire detection. The Town has received a bid for \$2,529 from Countryside to install the system. Mr. Chase made a motion to seek the grant and install the system; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
- h) Consideration of Vermont Community EV Chargers Grant: Tabled for August regular meeting.
- i) Private Fireworks Request: The Select Board approved a fireworks display planned on private property on Okemo View Drive for July 22. Approval is conditional on permission from the Fire Chief on the day of the display, pending weather conditions.
- j) G&N Partial Payment Estimate #2: Mr. Chase made a motion to sign the G&N Excavation Partial Payment Estimate for the culvert replacement at Summit Road, as submitted.; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

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7) **Ongoing & Old Business**

- a) Sign Community Bank Financing Letter re: Loader Purchase; Mr. Turco made a motion to approve and sign the letter; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
- b) Sign Adopted Junk Ordinance: Mark Turco voted to sign the adopted junk ordinance; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
- c) ACO Search Update: Laura Swarcz-Hoc has submitted her resignation from the position. A search is underway for a new ACO. Diana Garrow expressed her gratitude to Laura for her service.
- d) Dog License Registration Update: Tabled for August regular meeting.

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8) **Citizen Comments:** Faith Tempest noted that much of the town has experienced internet outages after the storm. Mr. Steve Michel thanked the Select Board for their quick action to repair roads after the storm; Mr. Turco noted that much of the credit goes to Jeff Chase.

9) **Announcements**

10) **Review & Sign Orders**

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

12) **Adjourned** at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk

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**Planning Commission Special Work Meeting,  
Town Office, Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 7:00 pm MINUTES**

**Commission Members Present:** Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Seward, Brigid Sullivan.

**Also Present:** Faith Tempest (Clerk), David Johnson, Stephen Michel

1. **Chair called the meeting to order** at 7:05pm.
2. **Changes to agenda:** None
3. **Unfinished business:**

a. **Town Plan:** Chair presented early drafts of three of the maps agreed at the last meeting. The Transportation map has been agreed with Regional Transportation Planner Ethan Pepin. It represents four classes of roads, trails and public bus stops. Chair suggested adding parking lots, e.g., at Harry's, parking areas at trailheads and VAST trails. Commissioner Andrew Seward suggested also having parking on the recreation maps. Commissioner Sullivan asked for better distinction between the different categories of roads /trails to make the map clearer and suggested that National and State Forest highways could be presented using the same legend. Chair agreed to adjust the colors and will check how State maps represent these different highways.

Chair also noted that there may be some discrepancies in the map based on more recent adjustments to Town highways, and whether some roads are passable in practice. Recreation map: this map shows public access land – Federal, State, Private (conserved) or Town land – and VAST trails and the Catamount trail and associated parking. Chair noted that District Forest Ranger has still not come back regarding improved parking on Greendale Road. Chair also mentioned that the Forest Service will work on new trails if there is a responsible party to deal with any questions or issues – it may be possible to develop some additional trails if such a party can be identified. Chair noted that no bicycle trails are marked. It is not clear where such trails run but he will contact John Seward and Jim Chester to ask them.

Steve Howlett (VAST) is interested in identifying the possibility of all-season trails in its network. There may not be time to identify all of these trails in time for the completion of the Town Plan.

VAST is also interested in funding the Station Road bridge which may be something that could be done in partnership. Landforms and elevation map: This shows prime soils, Town of Mount Holly Planning Commission Page 2 of 2 topography and contours. The higher elevations tend to coincide with already conserved land. Higher elevations (above 2500 feet) trigger Act 250. Areas of prime soils tend to be on Shunpike Road and Rte 155–these are mainly taken into consideration for avoiding solar siting there to conform with Act 49. Chair will work on the additional maps for the regular meeting.

4. **Public comments:** None
  5. **Upcoming meetings:** 19th July Regular PC meeting.
  6. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:00pm
- For the Commission, Faith Tempest (Clerk)

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## Cavendish Town-wide Tag Sale Is A Go

By popular demand, Cavendish will be holding its 13th Annual Town Wide Tag Sale on July 29 (Saturday) from 9-2. We can all use a break, find items we might have lost through the flood, enjoy some good food and have a sense of normalcy in what is a very abnormal time. Vendors are urged to set up on one of the town greens or along Main St. in order to keep people off the back roads.

The Cavendish Connects Booth, located at the Proctorsville Green Gazebo, will have information for those who have been impacted by the flood, including resource information from Efficiency Vermont. In the event that the Town deems it unsafe to hold this event, we will post information on the Cavendish VT Facebook page and reschedule [www.facebook.com/cavendishvt](http://www.facebook.com/cavendishvt). If you have questions, call 802-226-7807 or e-mail [cavendishconnects@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishconnects@gmail.com).




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### Stay Up-to-Date with the Covid-19 Vaccine

The [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) recommends Covid-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and Covid-19 boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older. What is the status of your Covid vaccine and vaccine boosters? In Rutland County about 86% of eligible people have received at least one dose but that number drops to 56% for fully completed vaccinations, according to the [Covid-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#) by the Vermont Department of Health. Talk to your [Community Health](#) provider if you have questions about the timing for the second dose in your primary series or about the boosters. Check our website [www.chcrr.org](http://www.chcrr.org) or call 888-989-8707 or 802 779-9169.

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### Mount Holly Snow Flyers Update

We hope everyone is safe from the recent flooding that our town and surrounding towns suffered on July 10, 2023. Water sure can be dangerous when the volume we received fell locally.

Our club President, Dale Sutherland, and grooming coordinator Mike Poulin have been out and about assessing the trail damage that our club received. Mother nature has not been kind to us at all. Very little snow this

past winter and now all this rain that caused flooding. Please be safe should you hike any of the VAST trails.

Our groomer returned home safely over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. After extensive repairs we are happy to report that the Tucker is ready to roll this winter. Our cash raffle tickets are selling quickly! This cash raffle is to help offset the big repair invoice for our Tucker. Only 400 tickets will be sold. First prize is \$2000 cash! Who wouldn't like this prize? Tickets are \$25 each. Visit our website for more information.

Our club will have a space at the Cider Days! Mark your calendars now for this must-attend event! Stop by to say hi and meet some of our club volunteers! We also have a variety of clothing for sale. You can view the merchandise online and purchase also directly online as well. Safe travels this summer to all our riders and neighbors. Before we know it, the fall days will be upon us. We will have a work bee day this fall. More info and details to follow. Follow us on Facebook or [mounthollysnowflyers.org](http://mounthollysnowflyers.org). Thank you again to our landowners and sign board sponsors who help support our club. ~Kim Lampert, Secretary, Mount Holly Snow Flyers

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*Pilgrim's Progress*—widely regarded as one of the most influential works of English literature—tells the story of a man's journey “from This World, to That Which Is to Come.” Pilgrim begins his journey from the City of Destruction in search of relief from his burden—that is, his shame and guilt—and to escape the coming war and doom of his city. Setting off alone, he is aided and directed towards the Wicket Gate, by which he may enter the King's Highway which leads to the Celestial City.

Since its beginning, Christianity was known as “The Way” and before they were ever called “Christians”, they called themselves “disciples” of “followers of the Way.” This imagery presents us with two roads that one may follow: The Way of Life or the Way of Death. The story of a Christian is just that: discovering that the road you're on leads to death, sickness, shame, and misery and seeking the road that leads to life, health, a clean conscience, and joy.

The Pilgrim in John Bunyan's allegory finds this road. What shocks me is that for the most part Christian (that is his name) walks alone. He only ever has one travelling companion: Faithful until Vanity Fair and then Hopeful thereafter. Nevertheless, it is primarily a story of one man's journey. He begins it alone and he finishes alone. Those who help, equip, arm, correct, and direct him from time to time do not accompany him.


But this is not how Christianity truly is. We do not walk alone—God forbid! When one becomes a traveler of the Way of Life, it is better to imagine something like the Fellowship of the Ring: nine strangers brought together by circumstance who commit to one another in a common purpose. As each member of the Fellowship adds something to the group—e.g., Legolas' Bow, Gimli's axe; Samwise's loyalty, etc.—so too each Christian is given spiritual gifts to aid the fellowship... “to profit withal” (1Cor 12:7), to build up (1Cor 14:26), and some to equip others (Eph 4:12).

What is perhaps lacking in *Pilgrim's Progress* that is better illustrated in *The Lord of the Rings* is the devotion that each has to one another. When Christ added the first 3,000 souls to His Church, they “devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.” (Acts 2:41-42). And the Apostles to them. There was commitment.

When I returned home after 20 years of service in the Marine Corps, I knew that I needed to find my “fellowship” for the next leg of my own pilgrimage. Perhaps things are not so simple as they once were... If I'd been in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago, I'd have joined myself to the Apostles. If in Rivendell, perhaps to their company. Or if circumstances put Pilgrim, or Faithful, or Hopeful in my path, I'd accompany them. Today we have a variety of choices for churches and all within easy travelling distance. Which to choose? ...But perhaps things are that simple—or can be. “Bloom where you're planted.” Christ told me to put my lamp on a lampstand (Matt 5:14-16) which is His church (Rev 1:20). Where will that light do the most good? Where my neighbors, friends, and family are... among those I grew up with and those I hope to grow old with.

If you are a Christian in this town, will you let your light shine among your own neighbors? Or take it elsewhere? Or worse yet, hide it under a bushel? Or—worst of all—let your oil run dry? If you're not a Christian, may we help to relieve or bear your burden. May we direct you to Life and walk together?



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On July 10th, 2023, the floodwaters overtook our small family business. My newborn son and I watched from our porch as the raging river crashed over the Cuttingsville Bridge, destroying our flower boxes, carrying our tool shed from the back of the store to the center of our parking lot, and filling our gift shop with four feet of water. We have completed remediation but are still looking for contractors to assist with the next steps. If you know of anyone who can help, please contact us at [hello@wallsvt.com](mailto:hello@wallsvt.com) or (516) 522-4174.

We hope to open again as soon as possible. In the meantime, we were able to save about 60% of our inventory and are selling it online, as well as at local festivals such as the Best of Vermont Festival in Ludlow August 26th & 27th, the Chester Festival on the Green September 16th & 17th, and Tap to Table in Cuttingsville October 1st. We have loved being a part of this community and look forward to offering unique gifts & fun monthly events very soon.





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For more information about the Shrewsbury Singers, please contact the Music Director, Licia Gambino ([hamgam@vermontel.net](mailto:hamgam@vermontel.net)) OR 802-492-3792).

## Update from Reinbow Riding Center

It's a family affair these days at Reinbow Riding Center as we begin a new program called Strengthening Families Through Horses.

The program pairs a child and parent (or caregiver)—each with their own horse—in a series of lessons that provides them with the tools to foster a healthy and mutually satisfying relationship they can carry forward.



Pictured: a patient Fonda waits as her young rider shows his instructor what he's feeling. In addition, our program for military families continues to grow and more summer riders sign up for horsemanship lessons. Please view our website: [reinbowridingcenter.org](http://reinbowridingcenter.org) and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org) or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons.

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## Private Drinking Water Guidance: Flooding Can Contaminate Your Water

If you get your residential drinking water from a private intake of lake or surface water source, do not use the water, and contact a Department of Environmental Conservation regional engineer for guidance.

If you pay a water bill, you are on public water. Please go to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Flood Recovery website for more information.

If you use a well or spring, assume your water is contaminated if floodwater has reached your well or spring, and do not use it for drinking until you know it is safe. Water may not be safe to use for drinking, cooking, or cleaning after a flood. During and after flooding, private wells and springs can become contaminated with bacteria, microorganisms and other pollutants from sewage, heating oil, agricultural or industrial waste, chemicals, and other substances that can cause serious illness.

The State is giving free drinking water test kits to people with private wells and springs that were impacted by flooding. Call the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory at 802-338-4724 to order free test kits. Drinking water test kits are also available at flood resource centers and local health offices.

Do not use the water from your well or spring until you have it tested and you know it's safe, especially if it was or is covered with floodwaters or located near flooding, or if it smells sweet or smells like fuel or chemicals or is near a suspected fuel or chemical spill.

## Mid-August at Sourdough Mountain Lookout

Down valley a smoke haze  
Three days heat, after five days rain  
Pitch glows on the fir-cones  
Across rocks and meadows  
Swarms of new flies.

I cannot remember things I once read  
A few friends, but they are in cities.  
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*Gary Snyder, "Mid-August at Sourdough Mountain Lookout" from Riprap and Cold Mountain Poems.*



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New Date TBD

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# PUBLIC MEETING BELMONT VILLAGE PLAN

The Mount Holly MPG (Municipal Planning Grant) Working Group will be hosting a **Public Meeting** to present and discuss the **Draft Belmont Village Plan**.

A copy of the draft plan will be made available online for review approximately one week before the meeting at:

[www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/municipal-planning-grant/](http://www.mounthollyvt.org/planning-commission/municipal-planning-grant/)

**Where: Belmont Community Center**

Mount Holly Town Library  
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**When: August 16th, 2023 @ 5:00pm**

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

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You may also leave a message with Dennis at 802-259-2460, or at [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net).

## Recreational Water After a Flood

While rivers and lakes can have hazards and contamination under normal conditions, severe storms and flooding can increase the risk of getting hurt, sick, or drowning at these bodies of water.

**Stay out of any body of water for at least 48 hours following heavy rains, and longer if it had flooded.**

### Rainstorms and Floods Create Hazards

- Swollen rivers and fast-moving currents can create dangerous conditions at swimming holes and rivers for days after a heavy rain event.
- Severe rains may bring bacteria or microorganisms that can make you sick into the water from overwhelmed wastewater systems and runoff.
- Sharp objects, like glass or metal fragments, and spilled fuel or chemicals can also be carried into swimming areas by stormwater runoff and flooding.

### Stay Out to Stay Safe

- **Stay out of rivers and streams until the water is clear and calm** – usually several days after a storm. Watch the currents and listen for the sound of unusually loud rushing water. Natural waters can have hidden dangers below the surface, like formations that create suction.
- **After heavy rains**, stay out of any body of water for at least 48 hours to avoid the risk of getting sick from contaminated water. In a public swim area, you can swim if the water has been tested and it's safe.
- **After a flooding event**, it may take several days before water is safe for swimming and recreation.

### What to Know Before You Swim

- Check with the park manager or town to see if the swim areas are open and whether they have tested the water quality.
- Look for and obey any posted signs at beaches and parks.
- Never swim alone. Water is stronger than you think, and accidents can take only an instant.
- [Watch for cyanobacteria](#) in the water, since extra nutrients from the floodwater may cause blooms. They can make the water appear dark green, and look like pea soup or spilled paint.
- Don't swallow beach water or swim with open wounds that can get infected.
- Shower after swimming, and wash your hands before eating.



BENEFIT  
*Basket Raffle*

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August 27, 2023  
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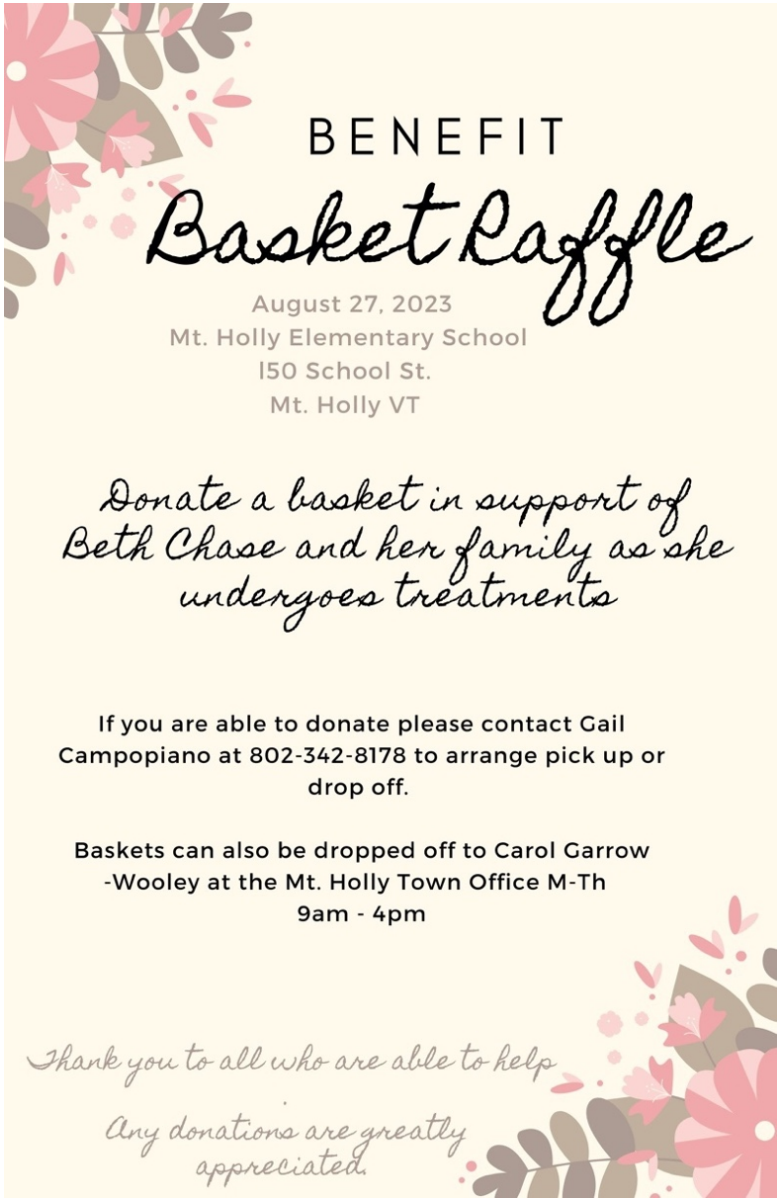
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The Town of Mount Holly seeks an experienced highway maintenance worker to join its road crew immediately.

A detailed description of the position and employment application can be found at [www.mounthollyvt.org](http://www.mounthollyvt.org); navigate to Announcements→Job Openings and Employment. Paper copies of the job description and application can also be picked up in person at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street.

Interested candidates should email questions and letters of application to the Mount Holly Select Board at [mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com). Applicants can also hand-deliver applications to the Town Office or mail applications to Mount Holly Select Board at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758.



BENEFIT  
*Basket Raffle*

August 27, 2023  
Mt. Holly Elementary School  
150 School St.  
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**Horses On The Road**

**IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127  
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Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down. Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

**There are many things that frighten a horse:**


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

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

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### Community Health Tip: Tick-borne Diseases

In Vermont, reports of tickborne diseases are on the rise year-round.

**Lyme disease** symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, and a skin rash that looks like a bullseye. **Anaplasmosis** symptoms include fever, severe headache, muscle aches, chills and shaking and not a rash.

Illness occurs 5 to 21 days after exposure to an infected tick.

**Babesiosis** symptoms often don't occur but typically begin one to four weeks after a tick bite and can include fever, chills, sweats, headache, body aches, loss of appetite, nausea or fatigue.

See your Community Health provider if you feel any of these symptoms as early diagnosis and antibiotic treatment are important. Learn more at <http://www.chcrr.org/community-news/protect-yourself-learn-about-tickborne-diseases/> or call locally at 802-779-9169.

**Sign Up** for the **Mt. Holly NewsFlash** to get all that is happening locally in our town. Email [mthollynewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:mthollynewsflash@gmail.com) and request to be placed on the list. News item deadlines are 6 am & 6 pm. Check [www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com](http://www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com) to see all daily emails of the NewsFlash compiled in one place for all community news and events. Kevin Plew is the primary NewsFlash attendant and Stu Berry is backup attendant.

### Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

Solid waste stickers are required on all bags disposed of in the compactor.

Stickers can be purchased in advance at the Town Office Monday– Thursday, 8:30 am–4:00 pm or by mail. Cost \$2.00 per sticker.

#### Transfer Site Hours of Operation:

Spring/Summer – Saturday, 8:00 am – 2:00pm;  
Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Fall/Winter – Saturday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm;  
Sunday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Order Solid Waste Stickers by Mail:

Complete form, enclose your check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope or add 63 cents for return mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Stickers @ \$2.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Postage/handling \_\_\_\_\_ .63

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to **Town of Mount Holly**

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

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

**Check here if you DO NOT wish to receive the Chit Chat** \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Tax Deductible** *We have Federal tax exempt status.*

Name .....

Address .....

Phone ..... Email .....

### Forget to Register Your Dog?

It's not too late!  
(And it's required by state law.)

Visit the Town Office to register your dog with the Town Clerk. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

If your dog was previously registered and has passed away, kindly call the Town Clerk to update her records.

# ENGEL & VÖLKERS®

In the aftermath of last month's devastating flood, we find hope in the resilient spirit of Okemo Valley's people. Though the flood brought destruction and challenges, we are witnessing the remarkable strength and determination that define us as a community.

Please reach out to us if we can help in any way.

If you are able, please consider a tax-free donation to the Disaster Relief Fund which is raising money for local businesses throughout the region.

Use the QR Code below, or visit:

[www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/accepting-donations-for-flood-relief)



## #VERMONTSTRONG

Okemo Valley Region: Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, Weston



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# Who's Got It Locally?

## Artists & Architects

Alistair McCallum Landscape Photographs & Paintings 802-259-2318  
 Gerry Wilkins Art Studio Open Call Ahead 802-259-2046  
 Spectrum Photography – John Miller 802-259-3060  
 Stone Creek Workshops Pottery [www.stonecreekworkshops.com](http://www.stonecreekworkshops.com) 802-259-2254

## Building & Repairs – General Work

AW Carpentry-Remodeling\*Building\*Local Affordable Lumber 802-259-3699

## Burn Permits

Fire Warden – Jim Seward Pager 802-786-3408 Home 802-259-2211

## Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III [www.Harryscafe.com](http://www.Harryscafe.com) 802-259-2555  
 Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward [mojocafevt@yahoo.com](mailto:mojocafevt@yahoo.com) 802-228-6656  
 Squeels on Wheels BBQ [www.squeelsonwheels.com](http://www.squeelsonwheels.com) 802-558-9489

## Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 9 am  
 Rev Thomas Mosher [abvmludlow@comcast.net](mailto:abvmludlow@comcast.net) 802-228-3451  
 Belmont Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:30  
[vbch.weebly.com](http://vbch.weebly.com) Jeremiah Johnson 802-259-2386  
 E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am  
 Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831  
 First Baptist Church, Wallingford, SS 11am Prayer Meeting Wed 7 pm  
 Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020  
 Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11am & 3pm  
 Until May 11am & 6pm 802-779-0300  
 Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,  
 11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS  
 Pastor Jerry Scheumann [jfscheumann@gmail.com](mailto:jfscheumann@gmail.com) 603-439-0803  
 Rutland Jewish Center [office@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@rutlandjewishcenter.org)  
 Rabbi Shemtov [rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org](mailto:rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org) 802-773-3455  
 St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am  
 Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois [christthekingprsh@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingprsh@gmail.com) 802-446-2161  
 Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am  
 Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

## Cleaning Service/Housekeeper

Savannah - Cleaning Service call or text 802-417-0913

## Electrical Services

Wirenuts Electrical LLC [bbates@vermontel.net](mailto:bbates@vermontel.net) 802-353-4376 802-492-3406

## Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating [beardmoreexc@gmail.com](mailto:beardmoreexc@gmail.com) 802-342-3507  
 Flander's Excavating & Firewood 802-259-2147  
 Hawkins Excavation Driveways, Ditching, Septic, Ponds, Etc 802-558-3082

## Farm Fresh Products

Mt. Holly Dairy-Aire Farm Raw Milk, Fresh Eggs, Baked Goods 802-259-2386  
 Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) [www.plewfarm.com](http://www.plewfarm.com) 802-259-2250  
 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly  
 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)  
 Sugar Hill Berry Farm [www.sugarhillberryfarm.com](http://www.sugarhillberryfarm.com) 802-259-2155

## Fire Warden

Jim Seward Pager 802-786-3408 Home 802-259-2211

## Firewood

Flanders Firewood Cut Split Delivered 802-259-2147  
[Flanders.excavating@gmail.com](mailto:Flanders.excavating@gmail.com)

## Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 802-228-3663

## Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 802-773-3010

## Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 802-259-2364  
 Kevin Smith, Garden Service & Lawn Mowing 802-259-3964  
 Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 802-259-2146

## Garage Mechanical

Belmont Motor Works LLC Parts/Service MTC, ATV, Sm Engine 802-259-3178  
 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

## 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

Beardmore Painting [beardmorepainting802@gmail.com](mailto:beardmorepainting802@gmail.com) 802-353-9493  
 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

TPW Real Estate, John Napier [jmn@tpw.com](mailto:jmn@tpw.com) 802-228-9400 x 1309 802-559-9334  
 Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley [lisa@cummingsvt.com](mailto:lisa@cummingsvt.com) 802-345-6581  
 Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338  
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 Lorien Kelly Call or Text. 732-670-8001  
[www.KelleyRealEstate.com](http://www.KelleyRealEstate.com) [www.OkemoValley.com](http://www.OkemoValley.com)

## 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)

## Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 802-259-2282 Barn 802-236-2483

## 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 [cw@vermontel.net](mailto:cw@vermontel.net) 802-259-3232  
[www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com](http://www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com)