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# Mount Holly Chit Chat

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November 2023

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**November**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mt. Holly PTSA Meeting, MH School	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	6:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>All Souls' Day</i>	7:00 pm
		<i>Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947</i>	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Will Rogers Day Okla</i>	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Turkey Season Ends ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867</i>	7:00 pm
	Mount Holly Conservation Commission		7:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	<i>Berlin Wall Opens 1989</i>	7:00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Early Black Bear Season Ends ~ US Marine Corps Est 1775</i>	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Veterans' Day 1947 ~ Signing of WWI Armistice 1918</i>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	<i>Robert Louis Stevenson 1850</i>	7:00 pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Gettysburg Address 1863 ~ Discovery of Puerto Rico 1493</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	<i>John F. Kennedy 1917-1963</i>	7:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>		<i>Happy Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Day 1863</i>	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Deer Season Ends</i>	
27 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Full Beaver Moon</i>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		<i>Giving Tuesday <a href="http://www.PVA.org/SupportVeterans">www.PVA.org/SupportVeterans</a></i>	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm



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MH Rescue Squad Non-Emergency	802-259-6001	or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-793-2776 802-773-9101
MH Constable	<b>NONE</b>			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610 802-342-1366
MH Animal Control	Cell text only 802-		H 802-	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101

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**In Memory Of Napoleon Lallier** By Linda Lallier



**November Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Amanda Smith Frank \* Linda Fitzgibbon 4<sup>th</sup>-David Davis \* Keith Hawkins 5<sup>th</sup>-Bruce Turco \* Victoria Turco \* Richard Darling 7<sup>th</sup>-Bridger Lillard 8<sup>th</sup>-James Proctor \* Dave Venter 14<sup>th</sup>-Daniel Fitzgibbon 17<sup>th</sup>-Matthew Alberty \* Catherine Carrara \* Candence Taylor 18<sup>th</sup>-Sally Bussino (1956) \* Jason Bussino (2012) 19<sup>th</sup>-Chad Devereux \* Brayden McEnany 20<sup>th</sup>-Melinda Dawley-Pearson 23<sup>rd</sup>-Donna Lee 24<sup>th</sup>-Lizzie Emmons \* Josh Bussino (1992) 28<sup>th</sup>-Jessica Lee 29<sup>th</sup>-Joe Turco \* Jeremiah Johnson \* Maryanne Bolalek \* Ronald Blanchard (1966) \* Jeffrey Bussino Jr (1989)



**November Anniversaries:** 15<sup>th</sup>-Wayne & Lori Wheelock

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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Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
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<b>East Wallingford</b> 802-259-2829		
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<b>Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury</b> 802-492-3585		
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## Jennifer Matthews

Jennifer Matthews, 69, of Mt. Holly, Vermont, passed away on Tuesday September 19th at her home in Mount Holly, VT, due to complications of CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) and ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). Jennifer was born in Charleston, SC to Marjorie and James Menor and grew up in Denver, CO, Bethesda, MD, and Hinsdale, IL. She held a BA in English from Northwestern University and moved to Vermont in 1979. She dedicated the majority of her life to fighting for what she believed in and had no fear of standing up to those in power when speaking out on inequity. She was particularly devoted to women's issues and the on-going pursuit for women's equality. She worked extensively in the non-profit and public sectors, notably the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Burlington Women's Council, the Project Against Violent Encounters and Woman Centered. She also served as a Lister and Select Board Member for the Town of Mount Holly and volunteered for numerous civic organizations such as the Governor's Commission on Women, the Vermont National Organization for Women (VT NOW), and the Project Against Violent Encounters. Additionally, she was a loving wife and mother as well as an avid photographer, hiker, reader, writer, collector, art and Airedale-lover. She found much beauty and delight in flowers, wild mushrooms, fine china and antiques, literature, and chocolate cake, among other things. Most of all, she will be remembered for her big heart, integrity, selfless nature and desire to make the world a better place - which she did through her mere presence here. She is predeceased by her father James Menor, brother J. Bradford Menor, stepfather Bruce Matthews, stepbrothers Bruce Matthews, Jr. and Thomas Matthews, and her beloved Airedales, Bella and Zelda. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Hovey and daughter, Alexandra Harper as well as her mother, Marjorie Platou; sister Michelle Matthews; brother, Christopher Matthews and stepbrother, David Matthews. No memorial service will be held, but contributions, if desired, can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, New England Airedale Rescue, or a women's organization of the donor's choice. The world is a lesser place without her, and she is sorely missed by those who knew and loved her.

### Jennifer Matthews died on September 19 this year.

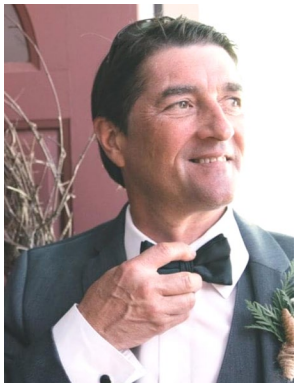
Jennifer seared herself into my memory by her determination to improve the workings of Local Government in her beloved Town of Mount Holly. She asked for my thoughts on running for the position of Selectperson. I thought someone with Jennifer's intelligence, devotion to doing what is right, knowledge of the State and State institutions and organizations, administrative experience, and willingness to work hard - very hard - were characteristics that would serve the Town well. And I was right.

Jennifer worked like a demon to tidy up after previous lackadaisical administrations that had not dealt with the growing complexity of local government. The Town had not participated in state programs and had missed opportunities to obtain state and federal funds. Fueled by Jennifer's passion for work - good work backed up by facts, information and research - the Selectboard meetings became long events full of meaty items to be discussed and decided. She also pushed - at every opportunity - for the Town's government to recognize the devastation that Mount Holly could suffer by uncontrolled development.

But the work was hard. As Machiavelli wrote centuries ago: "There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things. For the innovator has enemies in all those who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new order."

There is no doubt that Jennifer accomplished much for Mount Holly but she found the atmosphere in which she worked profoundly stressful - "toxic" - she called it. She stepped down after she was found to have the chronic illness that eventually ended her life.

Jennifer was a truly good person, driven to do good and to do it well. She was great company, a dear friend with a wonderful smile and sense of humor I shall never forget her and neither should all residents of Mount Holly who appreciate the hard slogging work that goes into making progress in advancing the quality of our Town's government. Thank you, Jennifer! By Annette Lynch, Former Mount Holly Planning Commissioner, Lister, and Conservation Commissioner



## Jeff Lienhard Jr.

Jeffrey W. Lienhard Jr. age 58 passed away suddenly on September 9, 2023. Jeff was born on February 28, 1965, in Oceanside, New York to Laurel and Jeffrey Lienhard Sr. He went to school in Mt. Holly Vermont and graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow, he spent two years of college at Castleton University.

He is survived by his mother Laurel and stepfather Richard Darling of Belmont, Vermont, his son Jeffrey Lienhard 3rd. of Charlotte, NC., daughter Gabrielle (Graham) and granddaughter Sophia of Massachusetts, sister Cheryl (Ted) of Belmont, niece Sara of Charlotte, NC, his brother Jon (Amy) and nephew Jack of Belmont, his former wife Laura Creaser of Ludlow and stepchildren Allison (Drew) of Neves, Texas and Jesse Gillette of Montpelier, Vt.

Jeff was predeceased by his father, Jeffrey William Lienhard Sr. of Belmont Vermont, his grandparents William and May Lienhard of Belmont Vermont, his grandmother Lena Seaman of Long Island, N.Y. and his uncle, William T. Lienhard of Belmont, VT.

Belmont VT and Freeport, N.Y his grandmother Lena Seaman of Long Island, N.Y. and his uncle, William T. Lienhard of Belmont, VT.

Jeff was a loving and caring son, father, brother and grandfather to his adored Sophia. He spent many hours in his garage, mending cars, trucks, boats and anything with a motor. He especially enjoyed fishing from his father's boat with his brother Jon. Also: his garage was a studio, making music with his band of lifelong friends. He will be sorely missed.

Jeff was an electrician by trade but loved being in his kitchen perfecting his chicken piccata and stuffed mushrooms among many other things!

A celebration of life was held at DJ's Restaurant on September 17, 2023. The family would like to thank all who came out to share with us the love that they had for Jeff. Special thanks to Pastor Michelle Fountain and The United Church of Ludlow and DJ's Restaurant and staff for the care they have shown to us. Burial will be at a later date.







## Dear Supporters and Friends of ESBR,

After three years of operating as a “Recognized School”, we are so happy to announce that on August 30th, ESBR was opened as an Approved Independent School by the State Board of Education. This was a long journey to get to this point, and there were times we didn’t think it would happen, as the State Board put a moratorium on new Independent Schools as of July 1st. We were approved just before that deadline, during the last week of June.

Although this was great news, we lost some students and our Head of School, Kendra Rickerby, because they were not assured we would be approved and open this fall. We are so thankful for Kendra’s leadership for three years, and

for the families that pioneered with the school. We wish her success in her new position at Compass School in Bellows Falls.

We expect to grow this year, and have already added 4 students since the beginning of the school year. We are projecting that our growth will continue next year, as surrounding communities get to know we are in operation and ready for students. Now that we are approved, we will be able to reach out to the local community elementary schools throughout the year to let them see what we have to offer.

This year we are excited to welcome new staff. We have added an English teacher, Spanish teacher, and Math teacher. We have returning instructors in Art, Theater, and Science. We are very fortunate to have the expertise of Judy Pullinen as our acting Head of School, with Gary Blodgett assisting at the school. Our focus this year is developing curriculum in all academic areas that meets state standards and also encompasses Expeditionary Learning. We are also creating structures and procedures that are required as a fully operational Independent School. We are hoping to soon advertise for a new Head of School.



The students have been doing our expeditions around the Ludlow community studying the recent flood. You can see some of our visits on videos that the students have made and edited at Okemo Valley TV. We have seen the effects of the flood at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, local housing areas, and businesses. We visited a local flood control dam and the North Springfield dam, to see how these help downstream and have been affected by the severe rain.

We will continue our local outreach this year with the study of Ludlow history, government, businesses and organizations. If you would like to be involved in this study with us, please let us know.

Thank you for your support over the past 3 years. We are excited about this new chapter for our school.

## Reinbow Riding Center

Whether it’s a birthday or Halloween, at Reinbow Riding Center we celebrate our riders, our horses and especially our volunteers who are an integral part of the program.

This year we’ve had a very long and productive season. Now as the leaves drop and the days get shorter, lessons are drawing to a close and it’s time to pack up the center, send the horses to their winter homes and settle in for the cold season when we spend our time planning for next year, writing funding grants and recruiting more volunteers.

And now, Horse Trivia 101. #1: Did you know that unlike dogs who can only see blue and yellow, horses can see blue, yellow and green and variations of those three colors. In tests researchers have found that blue has a very calming effect on horses.

Some horse owners will paint their horse stalls blue because of this. #2: A recent study of scents indicates that horses love the smell of lavender. So, horse owners grow lavender in your garden and put a few sprigs in you horses stall next summer.

At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please check out 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. For information about opportunities to volunteer with us contact [janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org).





**Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 October 2023, Trestleboard**

**Regular Meeting Tuesday 10/24 7:30PM**

**Next meeting Tuesday 11/21 7:30PM**

Brothers,

Our District 11 meeting was held on October 6, at King Solomon Lodge #45 in Bellows falls and was well attended. Congratulations to our new District Deputy, Robb Fox, for putting the program together.

The electrician is back working on the electrical up-grades to the Lodge. Fraternally, Dennis Start, WM, Buster Seward, Sec'y

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**MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS**

**November 2023**

It's November and we find ourselves getting ready for Thanksgiving and the Winter season. We wish to offer our



programs.

We had a great turn out for this year's Manhattan Short Film Festival. Mount Holly voting was very much in line with the votes cast on a worldwide basis. You voted for "Voice Activated" as best film and Aleks Mikic for best actor. The final tally was 1st: "The Stupid Boy", 2nd "Voice Activated", 3rd "Tuuliki". Best actor went to Aleks Mikic. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

**Some new books of note**

Will the Circle Be Unbroken: the Making of the Album, 50th Anniversary by John McEuen

The Armor of Light by Ken Follett

The Pole by J.M. Coetzee

Blueberries For Sal by Robert McCloskey

Traitors Gate by Jeffery Archer

Roman Stories by Jhumpa Lahiri

**HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING ALL**

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**SELECT BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
ABOUT EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

**October 26, 2023**

**6:30 pm**

**Mount Holly School**

*Ludlow Ambulance Service to Attend*

Residents are invited to a special select board meeting to discuss provision of emergency medical, first responder and ambulance transport services in Mount Holly, following the dissolution of Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Moderated by Andy Tanger.

In-person only; due to location, no Zoom or hybrid access is available.

thanks to the wonderful volunteers who give their time and energy to serve you, the reading public. We could not do it without you! Thank you to all who use the library and have attended or presented our



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## Mount Holly Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet again on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Holly Town Library at 1:00 P.M. I will bring some pumpkin bread to honor November. We will be continuing to work with memoir and a discussion of scene. Thank you, Joan  
[connor@ohio.edu](mailto:connor@ohio.edu)

## News from MHCA

Happy stick season to you all!

The Board is in recovery mode from its largest fundraiser, Cider Days. Despite rain and tent damaging winds our little village of Belmont in our beloved town of Mount Holly was rocking October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Did you hear the bells ringing? This year the ole "Belmont bell", high in the bell tower of the library, rang in Cider Days on Saturday and Sunday. The

green was filled with vendors and loads of people with children and four legged friends to enjoy local artists' wares, all things maple and apples as well. The cider press, managed by a spectacular crew of volunteers and YIT's (youngins' in training), pressed 225 gallons of cider from Brown's Orchard apples! The Belmont General Store made concerted efforts to show up for the festivities serving up hot dogs and hamburgers as well as the famous Vermont maple creemee. We had music for two days from 5 individuals and 2 groups; thank you Jeb Porter for organizing this. And we had the best volunteers who managed food, merchandise, and balloting for next year's calendar contest; thank you Carol Devine for recruiting everyone!!! **We want to express our sincerest appreciation for the many volunteers who make this event possible.** Seriously - without the folks who agree to give their time, energy and enthusiasm to help manage MHCA stations, Cider Days simply would not happen. It's one of those "OMG I love this town" feelings when we celebrate Cider Days. It truly takes a village to make this event possible. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**

Even Miss Liberty, the jersey heifer who tolerates our poo exploitations, charmed her way into the hearts of passersby as she munched uninterrupted for 3 hrs and 50 minutes before she eliminated all doubts that she had mastered the 4 hour cow plop contest. Team Johnson, from Dairy Aire Farm, stood pen side providing words of encouragement, good vibrations, and answered all kinds of questions about their beautiful honey colored gal to the curious folks who wanted to know why this single cow was surrounded by cow flags in someone's yard. Thanks to Donna DiAngelis for providing support to Team Johnson during the cold and blustery day as well as ensuring the perfect pasture for Miss Liberty. We were however rather surprised that none of our avid chit chat readers approached our favorite dairy farmers answering the previously posted question, in October's publication, "who were the originators of the Mount Holly cow plop contest" - what's up with that?? Is this not a learned fact in the history of our Mount Holly town...ya'll better cozy up to some old timers for that little nugget of town history for next year if you want to win your free choice of dessert with all the fixins' from the MHCA food booth. But you won't have to wait until next year to learn who the winners of this year's contest were...(drum roll please)...Miss Liberty chose to shat on the 2x2 ft patch of gridded grass that, when transposed onto the cow plop board, was purchased for Sidney Devine. The two remaining raffle winners were some of our favorite local folks - The Kelley's and Wooley's. Congrats to you all! **Thank you** to everyone who joined in on our contest fundraiser. **Thank you** so much to the vendors who donate to our gift baskets and braved this year's challenging weather conditions!!!

The winners of the photo contest are being tabulated and once our coordinator, Craig Tomkinson's, new computer system is up and running the grand announcement will be made. **THANKS** to our photographers who submitted 64 entries and Craig for organizing the event. Best of luck and stay tuned for the calendar winners!

This year's event was on the bitter sweet side for many of us. Our long time cider press crew chief and original organizer (not to mention favorite retired school marm, gardening friend, and grooving dancer at music on the green and the Mud Fling), Penny Coldwell, was not with us. Penny was one of the original folks who brought MHCA to life; she believed in community, being a good neighbor and friend, and was a favorite amongst the students she taught at the Mount Holly School. Penny was an expressive human being in all forms - an avid reader, intense conversationalist, and lived and breathed creativity in dress, cooking, painting, holiday costumes, school plays, MHCA Christmas plays, yard art and countless creative donations she made to community fundraisers. Her latest contribution being the painted lending library station at Star Lake. Her memory will live on in the many people she touched along her journey on earth. No doubt she is giving them a run for their money in angel training school - not that she needs much training from the human perspective. Penny was much loved and sorely missed.

Breathe deeply, enjoy the transition to stick season, and thank you for all your support! Love, your MHCA Board of Directors

**PTG UPDATE:**

- COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ENDS 11/3** — Available to the community! email [mthollyptg@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyptg@gmail.com). Local, non GMO, frozen cookie dough from COOKIE LOVE, Vergennes VT.
- ISO**— 2x4's 2' to 6' in length for Kid Bench project. Email [mthollyptg@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyptg@gmail.com) for pick up/drop off arrangements
- ISO**— Craft vendors with items to sell up to \$10 for kids Holiday Shopping event.
- WINTERSPORTS VOLUNTEERS MTG 11/1**— 6pm School Gym
- PLASTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM** - Available to the community! Drop off locations are at the school and town office. The goal is to collect 1000lbs of soft, tear-able, clean plastics, by June, to win a NexTrek bench. Reach out to [mthollyptg@gmail.com](mailto:mthollyptg@gmail.com) with questions.



## Mount Holly Biodiversity Project

by Jim Corven

Since its beginning in January 2021 over 220 people have submitted more than 4,300 observations of 1,187 species of plants, animals, and fungi seen in Mount Holly! The **Mount Holly Biodiversity Project** is a local initiative to identify the natural world around us so that we know better what lives here and help us develop ideas to conserve our environment.

The impressive numbers that volunteers have reported show that we have 162

introduced or non-native species along with at least 39 threatened or endangered species living in Mount Holly. Unsurprisingly, there is often a strong connection between the invasion of non-native species and threats to native species. Recent scientific studies have reported that over the past 50 years wildlife populations have declined by 69% on average. Much of this loss is the result of invasive species along with habitat loss, pollution, and climate change.

Invasive species (and uncontrolled development) change the forests, meadows, and wetlands needed by native wildlife (birds, mammals, fish, amphibians, etc.). While most (not all) of our invasive species are *plants*, most of our threatened species are *animals*. Invasive plants like Phragmites, Purple Loosestrife, Knotweed, and Asian Milfoil squeeze out native plant species and degrade the ecological benefits to wildlife provided by native species. Control of invasives is essential to conserve our native species!

You can help 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 wild plant, animal, or fungi you find and simultaneously it automatically submits your observations to our project. Why not get out and explore our town and contribute as a citizen scientist?

## Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

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# Community Lunch

**Thursday, October 19**  
Serving at Noon  
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A welcoming homestyle meal of  
meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes,  
vegetables, & apple crisp.

Meal provided by:  
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All are Welcome, free of charge.

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/>).



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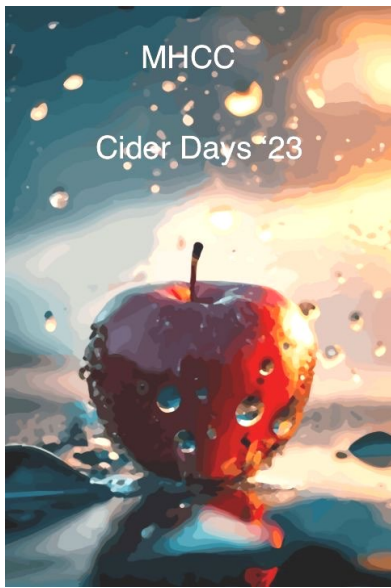
## THANK YOU!

This Year between Tap to Table and Cider Days the PTG students and parents Raised \$4000 of the \$14,000 needed to keep its programs running!! We want to thank all those that helped support the event, bought their collectable bowl and braved the wind and Rain! We are so thankful to all of you for your continued support!



## Chit Chat Deadline For December Issue Will Be Sunday November 19th By 6:00 pm





## Mount Holly Conservation Commission

Neither rain, nor wind, nor more rain and a lot more wind, kept the MHCC from standing its ground at Cider Days. Our tent blew down, over, and almost up, up and away, but still we managed to provide the hardy souls who visited with information about efforts to improve Star Lake water quality, working within the constraints of State wetlands regulations. As ever, only the commitment, time and energy of local citizens will achieve real progress. [mounthollycc@gmail.com](mailto:mounthollycc@gmail.com)

Information was available on Ash Borer mitigation, currently in hibernation, but ready to ramp up in the spring. There was also a joint exhibit with The Rutland County Solid Waste District about Recycling & Composting to help residents learn how to improve waste disposal and save some money while they are at it. It was a memorable Cider Days all-around and a timely reminder of how dependent even the most thoughtfully organized outdoor events are at the whims of Nature. And how important it is here in Mount Holly, as well as elsewhere, to catalogue, conserve, and try to understand the natural world around us on which we all depend.

And on that note, be on the alert for Beech Leaf Disease an Invasive Nematode that Affects Native and Ornamental Beech Trees. The disease is caused by an invasive nematode and currently has no cure. Symptoms include:

Striping - bands of thickened, dark green tissue between the leaf veins.

Distorted, puckered or curled leaves.

Leaf symptoms that are visible from leaf out until fall, best seen by looking up into the canopy.

Some branches may be affected while others are not.

Reduced leaf and bud production and premature leaf loss as disease progresses.

There is additional information on beech leaf disease at the Vermont Invasives website

at: [Beech Leaf Disease | Vermont Invasives \(vtinvasives.org\)](http://Beech Leaf Disease | Vermont Invasives (vtinvasives.org))



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## Holly Community Guild

And the winner is....Lois Perry. The Mount Holly Community Guild is pleased to announce the winners of our fall raffle. Lois Perry won the quilt. Phil Blyskal won the handmade basket. Rosemary Serbia won the basket filled with holiday things. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and are helping us provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors.



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The Mount Holly  
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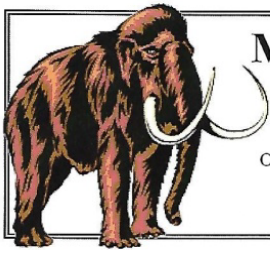
Sunday, December 3rd  
Live Auction 5-7pm  
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**The Mount Holly Historical Museum Announces:  
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Sunday, December 3, 2023  
5:00-7:00 PM**

### THE LIVE AUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

Last year the Mount Holly Community came out in full force to celebrate together for the first time in three years a night of community support for our Historical Museum. Tasty food and good drinks accompanied a lively auction of various gifts supplied by generous merchants from Rutland, Windsor and Bennington counties along with talented local artists and crafts people.

Those donating last year were Alex McCallum, Aubuchon Hardware, Benson Chevrolet, Carol Devine, Carol Serravezza, Cindy Hinchcliff, Community Guild, Cookster, Crowley Cheese, D. Lasser, Dottie Stanley, Fox Run Properties consisting of Mr. Darcy's, Sam's Steakhouse, Off the Rails, Calcuttas, Alta, and Fox Run Golf Club, Green Mountain Sugar House, Harry's Cafe, Home Style Hotel, JK Adams, Judy Nevin, June Capron, Kelley Real Estate, LaValley Building Supply, Lynn Anderson, Madeline Fey, Maggie Blane, Maria Fortier, Master Plumbing & Heating, Mr. Twitter's, Okemo Mountain Resort, Pat LaBella, Penny Coldwell, Robin Eatmon, Plew Farm, Water Wheel Quilt Shop, Restoration Barbecue, Riverside Veterinary Clinic, Singleton's, Stemwinder, Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Stouffer Design, Sue Covalla, Susie Hamilton, Thrive Center, Trish Venter, VT Sport & Fitness, Wine & Cheese Depot, Yankee Paint.

Some of the treasured items auctioned last year were donated by people in the Mount Holly Community. We would like to invite the Community to contribute this year as well. However, we would ask that careful consideration be given to your contribution. If you have an item in workable condition or a treasure without chips or dents, something you would comfortably display in your home, we would be grateful to receive your item and happy to include it in our auction fundraiser.

Arrangements will be made to pick up your item at your convenience up until Wednesday, November 22nd. by calling Carol Serravezza at 802-259-2785 or June Capron at 802-259-3473.

This year we will offer another lively community gathering with an evening of wonderful surprises and creative items. Start your

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### HIKES INTO THE YALE FOREST




Hikes to be offered into the Yale Forest this fall. Mount Holly is home to 462 acres that are part of Yale's Forestry program.

The land was given to them in 1922 by the family of Joseph Bowen. He was a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry who was killed when shot down over France in World War I.

The hikes will be held 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 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 leave a message at 802-259-2460 or [ddevereux@vermontel.net](mailto:ddevereux@vermontel.net) if interested. There will be several opportunities to join the hour and a half trek. The picture was taken Oct 2020 on a Yale hike.

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## Conflict in the Middle East

*We were horrified recently by the display of evil as Hamas terrorists breached the border of Israel from Gaza killing citizens and capturing hostages. The barbarities in many cases were posted on Facebook and Instagram often by the perpetrators.*

The Palestinian/Israeli conflict is an old story with Hamas (among others) wanting to eradicate Israel. This attack on women and especially children has changed the narrative for many who have seen Israel as “the bad actor” in the past. The sadistic evil of civilians being slaughtered face to face has sincerely shocked our post-World War culture. The targets were not military or strategic. The mentality was “wipe out as

many Jews as possible.” The only justification for that would be a radical, Islamist worldview or a populist critical theory worldview, especially in Western academia, which would say, “Israel is entirely responsible for all unfolding violence.” This proves how easy it is to be confused about the nature of reality and to call good evil and evil good. A healthy worldview, like a pair of prescription glasses, can help us to bring the world into focus. A messed-up worldview, like a set of blinders, will keep you from seeing the truth. In the West we’ve come to assume that everyone should follow the “rules of engagement” and certainly not target women and children. That is *not* historically self-evident. That idea arises out of the teachings of the Jewish carpenter of Nazareth who said, “let the little children come unto me” and who lifted the status of women to a whole new level.

To hear that this was “the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust” was unnerving, but to then see pockets of people justifying it or celebrating was absolutely stunning. It was refreshing to see NYC mayor, Eric Adams, deliver probably his best speech ever, insisting that “we are *not* alright when we see young girls and grandmothers dragged from their homes and dragged through the streets or children shot in front of their families... We are *not* alright when we have hostages that have not come home to their families... Israel has the right to defend itself... right here in NY we have the largest Jewish population outside of Israel... We will not be alright until every person responsible for this is held accountable... Religious leaders throughout this city... clearly stated that they denounce the hatred and antisemitism... Hamas must be disbanded and destroyed immediately.”

One cannot reduce this complex conflict to a dispute over land or ethnic identity. It is about fundamental assumptions about life, morality and human history. If you believe that “this is the land that will be the site of the Kingdom (Caliphate) of Islam on earth and *you* (Jews) are keeping that from happening”, that is *very* different from “you took my house, my land.” That means you don’t *pro*-pose, you *im*-pose. We simply cannot allow the fringe elements of this conflict to drag us into the rhetoric and cause us to forget who we are as compassionate human beings created in the image of God. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *Pastor Glenn*

## Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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Stickers can be purchased in advance at the Town Office Monday– Thursday, 8:30 am–4:00 pm or by mail. Cost \$3.00 per sticker.

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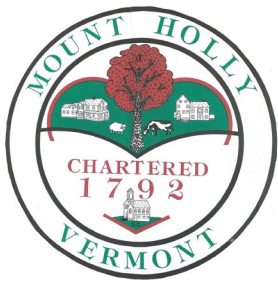
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## Mount Holly Town News

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

### Select Board Meeting Town Office - October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm - MINUTES

**Attendance:** Caitlin Boyle, Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, MariAnne McGee (via Zoom), Diane Deegan (via Zoom), Randall Dapron (via Zoom), Faith Tempest (via Zoom), Billy Austin, Tiffany Norton, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Lori Norton, James Seward, Christine Pratt, Dennis Devereux, Russ Garrow, Clinton Woolley, Elizabeth Karle, Zena Gates, David Johnson, Stephen Michel, Ted Crawford, Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton, Anna McGee Hanson, Mark Shea, Grant Thurston, Erik Hanson, Katherine Heald, Amy Turco, Mary Surething, Philippe Crane, Andrew Shulz, Jon McCann

**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.**

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1. **Call to Order at 6:35 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consideration of Any Changes to the Agenda.** None.
4. **Approval of September 12 Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to

approve the minutes as drafted; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

#### 5. Reports

**a. Highways & Transfer Station Update:** Road Foreman Clinton Woolley noted that the town needs new radios for the highway crew; he received a quote from CVC Paging for up to nine new radios, including radios for each truck and two base stations. The quote is \$3,132/year. Mr. Turco noted that the PACIF equipment grant, and/or ARPA funding may be able to cover the cost. Mr. Clinton further reported that paving is done with the exception of shoulders. Mr. Clinton also received a quote for new guardrails for Healdville Road/Branch Brook Road; VT Rec sent the lowest quote.

**i. Summit Road Culvert Update:** The project is complete. The remaining guardrail will be installed by G&N Excavating’s subcontractor, VT Rec.

**ii. Response to VT Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC):** Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle noted that the Town submitted its response to the state DEC, in reply to its inspection of the Transfer Station. The Town is now in compliance with

the state’s requirements. New signage has been installed at the swap shed, recycling compactor and shed, and a summary of disposal guidelines has been posted to the Post Offices, Town Office, Newsflash and Chit Chat. Awesome Graphics provided a quote for a new burn pile sign at \$146.50. Mark Turco made a motion to approve the signage expenses as quoted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**b. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report:** Town Treasurer Liz Karle noted that property taxes continue to come in. Transfer Station sticker purchases have also remained steady, even at the higher price point. Ms. Karle has continued to document and compile flood-related expenses for FEMA reimbursement and has met with the Town’s FEMA liaison; FEMA reimbursement will not be affected by a potential federal government shutdown.

**i. Banking Updates:** Ms. Karle reported that she has consolidated and moved funds within the Town’s existing bank to take advantage of the best interest rates. She estimated the Town will gain ~\$150,000 in interest as a result of the changes and current rates.

**ii. FY Audit Report:** The town’s auditing firm has completed audited financial statements for FY22, and the report has determined that the Town is in good financial health.

#### c. Lister’s Update

**i. Errors and Omissions:** There is one request from a single property owner for an error and omission. Diana Garrow made a motion to accept the Errors and Omissions certificate as presented; Mark Turco second; unanimously approved.

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2023 Real Estate Property Taxes are due  
**Thursday November 1, 2023**

After November 1, 2023 an 8% Penalty and  
1% per month Interest will be added.

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Payments must be received at the Town Office or  
be postmarked Nov. 1, 2023 (or earlier) to be  
considered timely paid.

materials from the Transfer Station, from Casella Waste and from Hubbard Brothers. Complete bid details are available for review at the Town Office. Mr. Turco noted that the Select Board will need to review the bids more carefully to make an apples-to-apples comparison of each vendor's quotes for collection and disposal of mixed solid waste, Zero-Sort recycling, compost, and scrap metal. A decision will be made at the next regular meeting. Apart from submitting their bid, Hubbard Brothers also asked whether the Town would be interested in selling the two empty 30-yard waste containers that have been unused at the transfer station for several years. They'd like to offer the Town \$2,400 to purchase them, if the Town agrees. Randy Dapron at Casella Waste noted that the containers may belong to Casella; he will review his records to check on ownership. Mark Turco made a motion to sell the containers to Hubbard Brothers for \$2,400, conditional on Town ownership; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. Mr. Woolley will also determine whether the Town owns the containers and will report back.

**b. FY24 Municipal Planning Grant - Housing Study:** Treasurer Liz Karle recommended that the Town apply to the FY24 MPG to perform a housing study that would survey the town's housing. Mr. Turco noted that the Select Board would meet Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm to discuss whether or not to pursue the grant.

**c. Social Services Policy:** Select Board Clerk Caitlin Boyle noted that the Town does not have a recorded policy to describe the Town's approval of social services requests for the annual town meeting. Mr. Turco noted that the Clerk can draft a policy using other town policies as a guide, for discussion and/or approval at the next regular meeting.

**d. .Gov Domain Registration.** Ms. Karle noted that the Town is entitled, as a municipality, to request a .gov website domain. Ms. Karle has prepared a draft request for the Select Board's review. Ms. Garrow made a motion to request that mthollyvt.gov be delegated to the Town; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

**e. Renewal of Town Employee Health Insurance and Health Reimbursement Accounts.** Renewals for town employee health insurance and health reimbursement accounts are due before the end of the year. Monthly costs for health insurance premiums for

all covered Town employees in November 2023 were \$5,778.34. Estimated costs for the same plan for 2024 are \$6,580.35—a ~13.9% increase (\$802.01), assuming the same needs for coverage, and the same plan. Mark Turco made a motion to renew the policies as estimated; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

### 7. Ongoing & Old Business

**a. Rutland County Solid Waste District Update.** Mark Shea reported on the RCSWD's outreach grant, which supported their survey of residents regarding recycling, composting and other solid waste diversion activities in Town.

**b. TH17 Bridge Project - Feedback to State.** VTrans has completed work on the conceptual plans for the reconstruction of the Bowlsville Bridge. The state will accept Town feedback on the plans through October 20, 2023. The next step in the process is to progress the plans and work on obtaining the necessary permits and ROW required for the project. Affected property owners have been contacted by the Select Board to solicit feedback and questions.

**c. VEM Hazard Mitigation Program Update.** Three property owners are considering the VEM Hazard Mitigation flood

**ii. Maintenance Agreement:** Lister David Johnson presented the Select Board with a new Maintenance Agreement from NEMRC. Mr. Turco made a motion to renew the assessor's service agreement for FY24. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**d. Mount Holly Planning Commission Update:** Jon McCann noted that the Planning Commission has completed its draft of the Town Plan and will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM on November 15, 2023, at the Mount Holly Town Office and via Zoom, to solicit public comment on the proposed plan.

**e. Mount Holly Conservation Commission Update:** The MHCC had a successful recycling education booth at Cider Days. They are considering opportunities to apply for grants through the RCSWD and Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program.

### 6. New Business

**a. Open Transfer Station Bids:** The Town received two bids for collection and disposal of solid waste, recycling and other

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**Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office – October 17, 2023 6:30 pm - Special Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Diana Garrow, Mark Turco, Caitlin Boyle, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Clinton Woolley, Lori Norton, Gary Norton, Zena Gates, Billy Austin, Elizabeth Karle, Christine Pratt, Tiffany Norton, Russ Garrow, James Seward, Mary Surething, Dennis Devereux, Robert Beardmore, Jr., Cash Woods, Kelly Tarbell, James Heald, Andy Tanger, Barbara Hazelton, Steve Hazelton, Denise Young, Vicki Seward, Rhonda Rivers, Kathleen Leber, Abe Leber, Katherine Heald, Marcy Tanger

**13. Call to Order at 6:30 pm.**

**14. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.** Pursuant to V.S.A. § 312 (3) "Emergency meetings may be held only when necessary to respond to an unforeseen occurrence or condition requiring immediate attention by the public board," the Select Board is adding agenda item #5.

**15. Review FY 24 Municipal Planning Grant Opportunity.** Mark Turco made a motion to approve the Town's pursuit of an application for the FY24 Municipal Planning Grant, for the purposes of undertaking a housing study for the Town of Mount Holly. Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

**16. Review and/or Approve Social Services Policy.** The Board confirmed that it upholds the policy previously approved on December 8, 2020.

**17. Notification of Dissolution of Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. and Mount Holly Rescue**

**a.** Mr. Turco noted that this morning the president of Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. and Mount Holly Rescue informed the Mount Holly Select Board, via email, that both organizations would be dissolved effective October 31, 2023.

**b.** Mr. Turco noted that the Town has been in touch with Ludlow Ambulance Service (LAS) to inquire about contracting with that service to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Mount Holly after the dissolution of MHVRS and MHR. The draft contract that LAS has provided to the town is based on a \$72 per 911 address fee, which is estimated at a cost of \$88,400 to the town, assuming the number of addresses remains at 1,229.

**c.** The LAS currently operates as a full-time, paid department that responds to roughly 850 emergencies per year. According to its website, it is recognized as a HeartSafe Community by the state of Vermont and provides ongoing CPR and First Aid courses. The service currently has two ALS level Ambulances, with one truck being staffed 24/7/365 and one truck as a backup and staffed during peak times of the year. More information can be found at <https://www.ludlowambulancevt.org/about>.

Mr. Turco opened the conversation up to community comment. Kelly Tarbell said she would like to honor the work of the MHVRS over the years. Katherine Heald asked why the president of MHVRS was not present. Vice president Vicki Seward noted that Anna McGee Hanson was absent because of a sick child; she said she was able to answer any questions as the representative of MHVRS. Amy Turco expressed her thanks to the MHVRS for their service. Mr. Turco seconded these thanks, and said that the issues regarding finding adequate volunteer first responders in Mount Holly is an issue other communities across the state are facing. Cash Woods noted that training requirements used to be less onerous; this is one reason that there are fewer volunteers available. Steve Hazelton noted that community members could support the town in the form of a first response transfer service. Members of the MHVRS noted that even the VFER level of response requires a substantial time commitment for certification. Fire Chief Billy Austin noted that he was not able to commit the volunteer fire department to first response at this time. Zena Gates noted that when LAS has responded to her calls, they have arrived very quickly.

**d.** Mr. Turco noted that another special meeting will be held on October 26 at 6:30 pm to make a decision regarding the LAS contract and to hear further community comment. The Clerk will check with MHS to determine whether the school is available as a venue.

**18. Adjourned at 7:05 pm. Respectfully Submitted, Caitlin Boyle, Select Board Clerk**

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Fall is the best time to apply limestone to gardens and lawns because the change of soil pH will take several months. Limestone applied now, if needed, will be well incorporated into the soil and have raised the pH by spring planting time.

Do not assume limestone 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, elderberries, blackberries, rhododendrons, azaleas, holly, and most potatoes.

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**Fall Planting.** 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.

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## Ludlow Rotary Hears from National Park Service's Newton Rose

At their October 3rd meeting the Ludlow Rotary Club heard from Ludlow native son Newton Rose who was a Rotary Interact member and scholarship winner while at Black River High School. Now, Rose is the engagement media coordinator at St. Gaudens National Park in Cornish, New Hampshire. He noted that many Americans have a relationship with our National Parks.

Like the Rotarians whom Rose asked if they had ever visited a National Park, most people think of the big, spectacular parks. While there are less than 100 of those in the park system, there are 425 total national parks and monuments including sites of historic and cultural importance, said Rose. For example, the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Vermont was the home of George Perkins Marsh, who pushed for the establishment of a system of National Parks. In addition to those 425 parks and monuments, the National Park System (NPS) manages and protects National Recreation Trails such as the Appalachian Trail, Wild and Scenic Rivers, the National Register of Historic Places, and provides various grants to protect local and regional treasures.

Rose enjoys working at St. Gaudens National Park for the Arts, which is preserving the home and studio of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907). Rose told Rotarians a bit of the history behind the bronze sculptures while stressing the relationship of the beauty of art and nature in the park. The NPS showcases how St. Gaudens created a distinctly American culture in his work like the Shaw Memorial in Boston. Newton encouraged members to come see the recast sculptures at the park where they were made. The park is dedicated to the arts with the oldest Artist in Residency program in the country.

Rose has also worked at the Women's Rights National Park in Seneca Falls, NY, which he loved, and at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller, the oldest continuously professionally managed forest in the United States. He enjoys the opportunity to establish a relationship to places for park visitors as they are experiencing the places where history and nature converge.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman at (802) 228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.

Photo, Left to Right, President Tom Ray, Scholarship Chairperson Mary Crowley and Guest

speaker Newton Rose after Rose addressed the recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting. Photo credit: Glenn Heitsmith By Brigid Sullivan 802 558-1416

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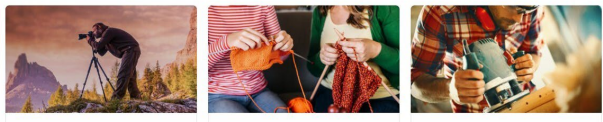
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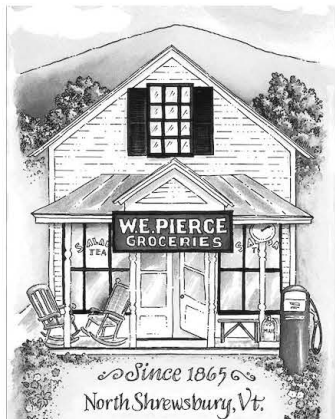
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From 5:00-6:00 p.m. tour The MINT to learn about [each shop](#) and opportunities for you at the



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*Light refreshments will be served.*

26 non-profit designed to help our neighbors (60+) from the towns of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford. In 2024, we will begin providing our members with a range of volunteer-led services and community events that will help them stay in their homes and communities as their needs change. Come learn about our exciting plans and how you can get involved – as a Member, Volunteer, Patron, and more!

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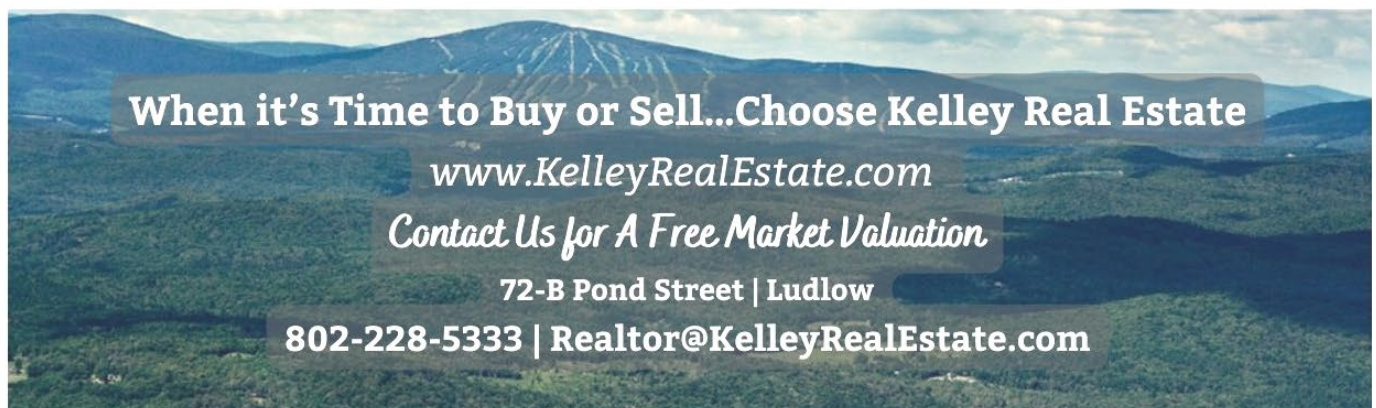
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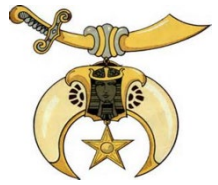
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It's that time of year to get your Flu vaccine. Community Health patients can schedule Flu vaccines online at [chcrr.org](http://chcrr.org). Vaccines provide protection against serious life-threatening infectious diseases from birth to adulthood. Immunizations will help stop the spread of disease, build community immunity, and protect people too sick, too young or too old to get vaccinated. Check with your primary care provider about all of the immunizations that you and your family should be receiving. You can contact your Community Health provider at 802-779-9169.

### For minor injury or illness - Community Health Express Care

You never know when a minor injury or illness will disrupt your plans or weekly routine. Community Health's Express Care Rutland and Express Care Castleton are open seven days a week from 8am until 8pm and no appointment is necessary. Check our website for more information <https://www.chcrr.org/express-care/> or <https://chcrr.org> or call 802-779-9169.

### Dental Care for Kids

Community Dental is accepting appointments for children ages 0-20. At Community Dental, we build a relationship with the whole family and create a dental home, that place where you feel comfortable to ask questions and be treated for preventative or emergency care, somewhere that you feel comfortable with the dentist, the hygienist and the entire dental team.

For more information about Community Dental <https://www.chcrr.org/service/dental-care-for-kids/> or call 802-774-5050.



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

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 Linden Eller Studio [www.Lindeneller.com](http://www.Lindeneller.com) 347-457-4648  
 Contemporary fine artist, illustrator, art educator  
 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 Lumber Available 802-259-3699  
 General Work Ken Saccardo call or text 603-401-8122

## 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  
 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 [christhekingprsh@gmail.com](mailto:christhekingprsh@gmail.com) 802-446-2161  
 Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:45 BS Tue 7 pm  
[jeremiah.c.johnson@icloud.com](mailto:jeremiah.c.johnson@icloud.com) Pastor Jeremiah Johnson 760-845-6617  
 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  
 Brazilian Cleaning Service- Tabita Souza 10+ years' Experience 802-855-3830  
 References Available Upon Request [tabitacleaning@gmail.com](mailto:tabitacleaning@gmail.com)

## 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 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. John Diekel 802-975-0369  
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 TPW Real Estate, John Napier [jmn@tpw.com](mailto:jmn@tpw.com) 802-228-9400 x 1309860-559-9334

## 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

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