



Mount Holly Chit Chat

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

Mount Holly Community Association – Contact MHCavT@gmail.com www.MHCavT.org

Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org 802-259-2460 ddevereux@vermontel.net

Mt. Holly NewsFlash Town email sign up at newsflash@mounthollyvt.org Check Out www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

PC Administrator Office Hours: Tues 2 –3 pm or by Appointment 802-259-2391 administrative.orriger@mounthollyvt.org

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Mon 10-2 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, Call 802-259-3707 <http://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>

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

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 10:00 am –3:00 pm Wed 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

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

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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

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

1 st	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	National Day of Prayer	7:00 pm
		Loyalty Day ~ May Day ~ Empire State Building Opened 1931	
2 nd		Captain John Smith Landed at Jamestown 1607	
Sun 4 th		National Teacher Day	
5 th	Cinco de Mayo ~ National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women		
6 th	MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office	National Nurses Day	6:00 pm
	Mason's Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge, E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
7 th	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	Robert Browning 1812	6:00 pm
8 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	V-E Day WWII 1945 ~ World Red Cross Day ~ 33 rd Pres Harry S Truman 1884		
		Transcontinental Railroad Completed 1869	
Sat 10 th	Ethan Allen & Green Mountain Boys Captured at British-held Fortress of Fort Ticonderoga, NY 1775		
Sun 11 th		Mother's Day	
12 th		Florence Nightingale 1820 ~ Full Flower Moon	
13 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:00 pm
14 th	LMHUUS Meeting,	Lewis & Clark's Expedition 1804	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:30 pm
15 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	Peace Officers Memorial Day 1962	7:00 pm
Sat 17 th		New York Stock Exchange Est 1792	
Sun 18 th		Mount St Helen's Erupted 1980	
20 th		First Solo Transatlantic Flight by Charles Lindbergh 1927	
		First Solo Transatlantic Flight by a Woman Amelia Earhart 1932	
21 st	M H Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
	MH Com. Assoc. Meeting, Library	American Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton 1881	7:00 pm
	MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
22 nd	Fire Dept. Drill	United Spinal Asso Founded 1946 ~ National Maritime Day 1933	7:00 pm
Sun 25 th		Igor Sikorsky First Helicopter Invented b. 1889	
26 th		Memorial Day Observed ~ Voting Rights Bill of 1965	
27 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Wild Bill Hickok 1837	9:00 am
28 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
		Jim Thorpe Olympic Gold Medalist 1888 ~ Sierra Club Founded 1892	
29 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	35 th Pres John F Kennedy 1917	7:00 pm
	Future of Star Lake, Odd Fellows Hall		6:00 pm
30 th		Traditional Memorial Day 1868	

Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954	802-259-2700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
MH Animal Control For	Adam Karle	Cell 802-236-3656	Vermont State Police	802-773-9101



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

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May Birthdays: 2nd-Dawn Howlett * 3rd-Karl Parsells III 5th-Debby Bernagozzi * Olivia Beardmore-Turco 10th-Amy Taylor 16th-Heather Garrow * Chad Getchell 19th-Allison Bussino (2013) 20th-Patrick Chadburn 24th-Greg Herbst * Christopher Jacobs * Jordan Devereux 26th-Karen Blodgett * Brigid Sullivan * Austin Turco * Amy Turco 30th-Jeffery Columb II * Linda Roberts 31st-Tom Veysey * Beth Hart



May Anniversaries: 3rd-Donna & Rick Lee 16th-Jack & Kathleen Koponen 17th-Bill & Mary Ellen Jacobs 18th-Dennis & Fern Melvin * Jeff & Lucy Columb (40 Years) 23rd-Peter & Raye Lin Collins 28th-Steve & Maria Howard * Jim & Kathy Heald (59 Years) 30th-Douglas & Lynnette Devereux (55 Years) 31st-Sarah & Zak Delphia

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

Local Post Office Hours

New Phone Numbers

Mount Holly	802-219-1426
Window	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 10:00 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:45 pm Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Belmont	1-877-854-7062
Window	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 9:30 am & 2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat 7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford	802-245-6403
Window	Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 11:00 am Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury	802-230-1996
Window Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 10:30 am & 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat 7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow	802-228-7436
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Wallingford Post Master –	802-245-6281

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

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Mt. Holly NewsFlash: Mount Holly's Town email system. Primary attendant is Kevin Plew and backup attendant Stu Berry at stumberry1@gmail.com . Email items to newsflash@mounthollyvt.org www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was officially established as a national holiday on May 30, 1888, when Congress passed an act making it a holiday in the District of Columbia. While the tradition of decorating graves with flowers began earlier, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a Union veteran's organization, formally proposed May 30 as Decoration Day in 1868, which later evolved into Memorial Day.

Here's a more detailed timeline:

1865: An observance of the Civil War dead was held in Charleston, South Carolina, with former slaves decorating the graves of Union soldiers.

1866: Waterloo, New York, organized Memorial Day services, and the city closed all businesses for residents to decorate the graves of soldiers

with flowers and American flags, according to the Wounded Warrior Project.

<https://newsroom.woundedwarriorproject.org/What-is-Memorial-Day-Facts-Meaning-and-History>

1868: General John A. Logan, president of the GAR, formally proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day, a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the fallen.

1888: Congress passed an act making May 30 a holiday in the District of Columbia.

1968: Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, moving the official observance of Memorial Day to the last Monday in May



Catherine H. Wakefield

Catherine Hall Wakefield, known as "Kit" to family, friends, and colleagues, died at home in Mt. Holly, VT, on Thursday, April 4, 2025, of complications from coronary heart disease. She was born January 14, 1934, in Dedham, MA, the eldest of three children of the late Lothrop H. and Catherine H. Wakefield. Throughout her life, music was at the core of her existence, as both a performer and a highly respected and much-loved vocal and instrumental teacher in public schools. She graduated from Milton Academy in MA, where a strong choral program initially fueled her passion for music in general. Although she trained as a primary school teacher at Wheelock College and taught first and second-grade children for several years, she was also singing in leading choruses in New York City and at Tanglewood during this time. Eventually, she attained a graduate degree in Music Education at The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Subsequently, she became a music teacher to elementary age children at Essex Fells School in NJ, and at the Braeburn/Webster Schools in West Hartford, CT. At the time, West Hartford was a major center for the Kodaly approach to teaching

music. After taking summer courses in Hungary where this method originated, Kit applied her new skills masterfully. She conducted many school concerts, including Inter-El festivals at the Bushnell Auditorium in Hartford, which were so exceptional that she was named a finalist for Teacher of the Year, and her classes were featured in a Ford Foundation film, "Music Lessons." After she retired in 1991, she worked as a Colonial Education teacher for the Noah Webster House in West Hartford, where she founded the Webster Company Dancers, who performed to colonial-era music in CT and at George Washington's Mount Vernon home in VA. In 2001, she moved to Mount Holly, VT, where she shared a home with her long-time colleague and friend, Susan Engle. Together they founded an a Capella women's chorus, Mountain Capella, which performed at various venues in VT. Kit also sang in the Trinity Church Choir in Rutland, VT, for many years. In addition to her musical activities, Kit was a life-long dog lover and owned numerous dogs, especially Golden Retrievers that gave her much joy. Her much-loved last dog, Finny, will always remember his mommy, Kit. Kit found time to volunteer in other ways throughout her life. In NJ she helped people who suffered with muscular dystrophy. In VT she served as a mentor in the Mt. Holly School, worked in the Rutland Food Bank, taught the recorder to children in the Shrewsbury Chamber Music Society, and regularly volunteered for activities at her church. Kit will also be remembered for pursuing numerous outdoor activities throughout her life. She hiked, biked, camped, canoe-camped, cross-country skied, and rope-climbed, the latter in the Tetons. Most of all, Kit was an excellent sailor, which she perfected over many happy summers that were spent on Cape Cod, from her childhood in Chatham to later years in Cataumet. She skillfully skippered her 16-foot sailboat, Katalinka, in Buzzards Bay, MA, during the Cataumet years. Kit was passionate about traveling. As a young woman, she took a year's leave of absence from teaching to spend a year going around the world with her cousin, Sally Wakefield. She later made numerous trips in the US and many provinces of Canada. Truly, she lived her life well. Her brother Lothrop "Bo" Wakefield preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister, Anna Wakefield Milano, her long-time housemate and friend, Susan Engle, nephew Jon Schurger, niece Cathy Giugliano, as well as her Australian relatives – sister-in-law Katherine Wakefield, nephew Nathan Wakefield, niece Erin Carter, niece Kristen Elmore, niece Roseanna Wakefield, and many grandnephews, grandnieces and Hall-Doherty cousins. A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 4:00 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, Rutland, VT, in May. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Springfield Humane Society (401 Skitchewaugh Trail, Springfield, VT 05156), Trinity Episcopal Church (85 West Street, Rutland, VT 05701), or The Child Fund (PO Box 1911, Merrifield, VA 22116) To view Catherine's Online Tribute, send condolences to the family, or for more information, visit www.csnh.com.

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443



Linda Jean (Gates) Sloan

Linda Jean (Gates) Sloan died Friday, March 14, 2025, at Rutland Regional Medical Center with her family and beloved dog, Daisy, by her side. She was born on August 11, 1959, in Springfield, VT, to Dorothy (O'Dell) Mazzella and Robert Gates.

Linda grew up in Mount Holly on her family's property on Gates Road. She met the love of her life, Gary Sloan, in 1976 and the two were married on November 12, 1977. On March 14, 1978, they welcomed their first son, Gary jr, and on July 11, 1980, they welcomed their second son, Dana.

Linda spent her life keeping busy. She enjoyed cleaning cabins on Okemo; working as a lunch server in her boys' school in Mount Holly; she was a longtime manager of Pick-a-Flick video store in West Rutland; she worked in the K-Café at Kmart; and she was a baker at Tastee Bakery and Jones Donuts, where several loyal patrons sang her praises for her incredible baking skills.

She loved her family deeply and especially loved being a grandma to her only grandchild, Haili. They shared an incredible bond and the two were inseparable, with Papa often playing the role of "third wheel".

Linda is survived by her husband, Gary, of Proctor; her son, Gary jr., also of Proctor; her son, Dana, his wife, April, and granddaughter, Haili, of Rutland; her sister, Carol Dionne and her husband, Ed, of Rutland; her sister Angie Trachte and her husband, Rick, of Moses Lake, Washington; her brother, Robert Bailey of Rutland; her sister, Tina Robinson, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and brother, Charles Robinson, of Hillsborough, NH.

She was predeceased by both of her parents.

Calling hours will be Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 4-6pm at Clifford Funeral Home.

The family would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks to the staff on the third floor of Rutland Regional Medical Center. Your care, compassion, and kindness to Linda during her five-month stay was well above and beyond expectations, and for that, we are eternally grateful.





Mount Holly School

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
8:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392

For children who will be 3 years old on or before August 31, 2025

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Complete online pre-registration form

You will be able to see our inside and outside classrooms.
Boots recommended!

Ms. Cristy, Ms. Devin and Ms. Siri will all be on hand to answer questions and provide important information about the program.

Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Thursday of each month 2025

May 1 st , 6 pm	June 5 th , 6 pm
July 3 rd , 6 pm	Aug 7 th , 6 pm
Sept 4 th , 6 pm	Oct 2 nd , 6 pm

Mount Holly School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
3:00—4:00 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392



For children who will be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2025

Please bring the following:

1. A birth certificate
2. All immunization records
3. Residency documentation
4. Complete online pre-registration form

Families are invited to meet with Mrs. Craver and hear all about what kindergarten has to offer.



Students currently enrolled in the MHS preschool program will not need to register again for Kindergarten.



Got Bees?



Warmer weather can cause honey bee colonies to Swarm and go looking for a new home. If you see a big new mass of honeybees (not wasps or hornets) hanging in the open from your house, a tree branch or shrub, or anyplace it might be a honeybee swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed! Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property in Mount Holly, no charge. Call or text Jim Corven of Fenn Farmstead & Gardens in Mount Holly at 781-307-0394.



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We are pleased to announce that we will continue to support our local area youth in providing scholarships for their college/technical school continued education. These are available to students living in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth. We ask that students complete their High Schools general scholarship application, list any family members that have served in the military, and submit to lstevens@vermontel.net (Scholarship Chairman), or mail to Ballard-Hobart Post 36 133 Main Street Ludlow, VT 05149 Attn: Scholarship Chairman. **May 10th Deadline**

TOWN CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to mow or trim in our town cemeteries. Most are small and no longer active, so nice and quiet. Towns are required to provide some maintenance, so they need to be trimmed about 3 times between June and October. The only town cemetery currently with lots available for sale is the Packer Cemetery. The large Mechanicsville Cemetery in Belmont is a private association. If interested, please contact me with a message at 802-259-2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net for a site visit. Mount Holly Town Cemetery Commissioners: Dennis Devereux, Paul Nevin, Chet Gates, Jr.

*** Hall Rental in Belmont ***

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

Mount Holly Town Library

Mount Holly Town Library is pleased to announce that ebooks and audiobooks are now available through the Palace Project, sponsored by the Vermont State Library.

To get started:

1. For Apple, iOS go to the Apple app store. For Android etc, go to the Google Play Store.
2. Download the PALACE PROJECT app.
3. Open the app and search for the Mount Holly Library.
4. You will need to establish an account with a barcode (not your library card). You will only need to do this the 1st time you launch the app. Detailed instructions are available at the library. Joe Galbraith, Library Director, Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802.259.3707

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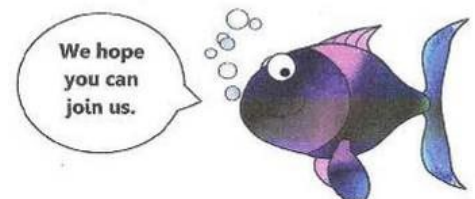
Will hold its Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on

Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Sign up begins at 8:30 am and

Fishing starts at 9 am.

All Children up to 15 years of age are eligible To participate. The Fishing derby will be held at Cook's Pond located on Rod & Gun Club Road In Ludlow, Vermont. Prizes will be awarded And refreshments served.



Mount Holly School Happenings

🎬 Introducing Our Special Video Ad – Made by the Kids! 🎬 These amazing kids have been pouring their hearts into fundraising for our upcoming event — and now they’ve channeled that same energy into creating this short video ad to spread the word! 📢 From brainstorming the concept to filming, they played a part of it all — and we couldn’t be prouder. 🧑🏫 Check it out below and help us share their hard work and passion. Special thank you to Okemo Valley TV for helping us make this happen!!

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS MAY 2025

The Library announces that ebooks and audiobooks are now available for download via *The Palace Project*, sponsored by the Vermont State Library. To get started:

1. **DOWNLOAD:** The Palace Project app is available in both the Apple App Store for iOS phones and tablets as well as the Google Play Store for Android phones and tablets.

2. **CONNECT:** Open the Palace app, tap “find your library” and scroll to find Mount Holly Library to access our collection of ebooks and audiobooks.

3. **BROWSE:** Browse available titles by selecting any of the headings to view additional or related titles. Or, search for a specific title by selecting the magnifying glass in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

4. **BORROW:** Select the desired title and click “GET”. If your book is currently unavailable, click “RESERVE” to place a hold. After choosing to get or reserve a title FOR THE FIRST TIME, you will be prompted to sign in with your barcode number and password/PIN. This is your PALACE VIRTUAL LIBRARY CARD

AND NOT YOUR REGULAR LIBRARY CARD. FOR YOUR FIRST LOGIN, YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A VIRTUAL LIBRARY CARD.

5. **CREATE A VIRTUAL LIBRARY CARD:** Select “create a card” to fill out the form to make a virtual library card. Select “yes” for ONE TIME geolocation to make a card, then you can turn this off in your app settings. Enter your name, email address, and create a password to submit the form. Then, check your email to get your barcode and click the verification link to activate the card. From there, you can log into the app.

6. **READ:** Once your book has been downloaded, click “read” or “listen” and enjoy! Borrowed titles can be easily accessed by selecting “My Books” at the bottom of the screen.

The May movie is “The Pink Panther” starring Peter Sellers and David Niven. Join us on May 17th at 7 PM

The Mount Holly “Little Library” is open again! It is located at Odd Fellows Hall. Take a book, Leave a book.

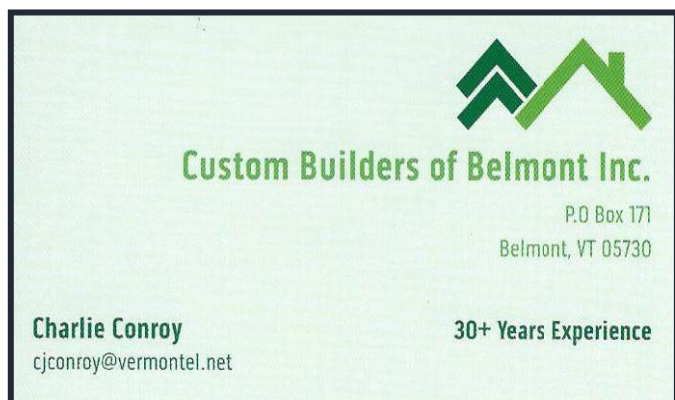
The Library is now accepting donations

- No text books
- Hard cover and Trade Paper (Fiction and Non Fiction) in good condition
- No magazines or encyclopedias
 - No paperbacks please
 - No VHS

We are always in need of volunteers to help us fill hours at our service desk. Shifts are 2 hours long. No experience needed. If you think you can help out, email us at mthollylibrary@gmail.com

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<https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com>



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Mount St. Joseph Academy... a Place to Belong!

News from Mount Holly Community Association

Spring is a time of reawakening and quickening from under the blanket of winter. Although, in the mountains, it might be a tad slower than the valleys and other parts of our world. It brings about change and, while contemplating change, one might be curious what the giant "google brain" might have to say about change...According to Craig D. Lansbrough, someone worthy of quoting apparently, believes "When you change you are illustrating the fact that it can be done. And what people need today are illustrations." Just a thought to ponder...

So, what's the news?

Well for those of you who did not make it out to Jim Corvans Best Spring Garden Practices talk cosponsored with Green Mountain Neighbors, you missed a great opportunity to learn, listen and share. The event was well attended and folks left wanting more. Plans are in the works to offer additional talks throughout the gardening season on a variety of topics - stay tuned for more information through the chit chat and newflash.

Upcoming events include...

The Mudd Fling Dance May 3. Doors open at 7pm and the music starts at 8pm. Ya might want to swap out the muck boots for something a little more lightweight so you can boogie woogie to your heart's content. Please join us in welcoming Mudd Fling first timers - **The Better Blues Band** who bring us a little rock n roll, blues, and funk to get those feet moving. **Tickets are \$12.00 in advance, scan the QR code, or \$15.00 at the door.** You can also find the QR code on our website - which has all our 2025 events listed on the calendar page. It's a BYOB party & we certainly wouldn't mind if you brought some snacks or sweets to share. Let's shake, rattle, and roll off this long winter and celebrate warmer days. Hope to see you at the party!



Spring Perennial Swap May 16 from 4-6pm - It is a bring one, take one, kind of an event. But you can also feel free to shop or bring stuff you just want to thin out. It will be held outside the community center. We are trying to coordinate with Jim Corven to talk about the jumping worm that poses some risks to our forests and gardens at the perennial swap. Minimally we will have information available regarding this invasive species. We will post in the newflash if we are able to coordinate a talk during this event, stay tuned!

On **Sunday May 25** the MHCA is sponsoring a **Pop-Up Gallery show from 10am - 5pm at the**

community center (lower level of the library). We are super excited to showcase **25 local artists' work!** We had no idea this little idea of a pop-up gallery would be so popular and are overjoyed at the response. Art has always been a powerful form of expression, offering insight into the human experience, culture, and emotion. Especially in smaller towns, it is a bridge to shared experience that contributes to the vibrancy and spirit of community. That, in part, is why this new event has been designated to support MHCA's Penny Coldwell Community Youth Art Fund, and why participating artists have generously agreed to donate a percentage of any sold work to help support this fund. It's just another example of how our community shows up to strengthen the interconnectedness between us all that makes Mount Holly a great place to live.

Collaborations...

MHCA is partnering with the Conservation Commission to host a community meeting to discuss the future of the Star Lake recreation area on **Thursday, May 29th at 6pm at ODD Fellows Hall.** The Conservation Commission had been working hard exploring options regarding healthy lake management and ways we could make the space more usable for residents. They have invited MHCA to help with community planning efforts. Please join us as we work together towards a better, brighter future for Star Lake.

And that, our favorite chit chat readers, is this month's news from your MHCA. The sentiments of Mary Oliver seemed like the perfect way to close our May news this month.... "Come with me into the woods. Where spring is advancing, as it does, no matter what, not being singular or particular, but one of the forever gifts, and certainly visible." Linda Miller & Jennifer Burrows



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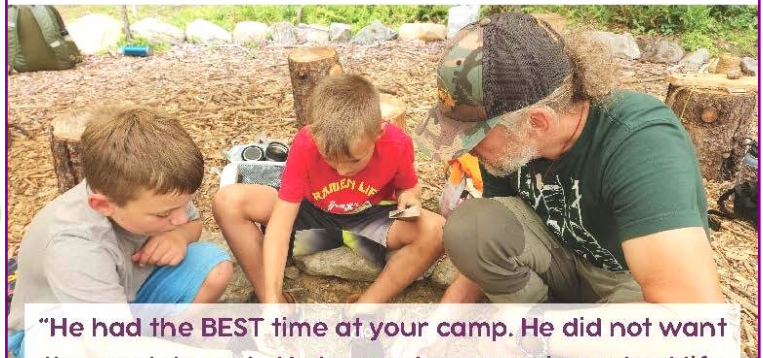
Mount Holly's Conservation Commission, Conservation Trust and Community Association are working together towards a better and brighter future for Star Lake.

Please join us to discuss and improve concrete ideas and plan action to make the Star lake Recreation Area and the lake itself more usable and fun for everyone.

Refreshments will be served



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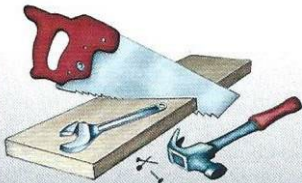
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Saturday, May 3rd at 11AM

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April 13th 2pm-3:30pm

Learn Embroidery with Lauren

Our host, Lauren Escott, will be teaching embroidery for beginners. Any skill level is encouraged to join.

May 31st 10am-11am

Let's Pot Succulents

Learn tips for keeping succulents thriving in your indoor or outdoor garden. We'll mix soil & plant succulent cuttings in mini stoneware planters made by Paula Van Valkenburgh of Shrewsbury.

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Happy
Mother's
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Community Meeting

~ Monday, April 28, 7 PM ~

Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont

Speaker: Michael Lew-Smith, ecologist
Arrowwood Environmental

The State of Star Lake

*Followed by Q&A and open discussion of
lake management options*

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**Saturday, May 10
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Help us quilt a map of
vulnerable areas
and recovery efforts
to mitigate
future floods!



More info
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Free lunch and
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All ages and
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Plans are underway for the 18th Annual
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charming community tradition.

Please contact Leah Knoll to join the fun
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Ask yourself, ARE YOU TOO LATE?

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Attention High School Seniors

The Mount Holly Community Guild awards two scholarships to graduating seniors who are going to continue their education. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact Judy Nevin (jbnevin@gmail.com or 802-259-2443) for an application. Applications are due April 30.

Horses On The Road

IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127
That horses have the right-of-way
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Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

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

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

**WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS. SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON.
SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER
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Solid waste stickers are required on all bags disposed of in the compactor.

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This remarkable landscape, featuring pristine forests and wetlands, provides critical habitat for beavers, moose, deer, bears, and countless other species.

Beyond its ecological importance, it offers a unique opportunity for public recreation, including hiking, fishing, hunting, birdwatching, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Protecting this land ensures both wildlife conservation and continued access to these cherished outdoor activities for generations to come.

This Matters Now More Than Ever.

The conservation and protection of public lands face growing challenges due to changing policies and reduced funding for key programs. **Without action, we risk losing opportunities to preserve our local natural spaces.** It's important to come together as a community to safeguard the wild places we value for future generations.

This parcel is at risk of development, which could permanently disrupt the delicate ecosystem and limit public access. By purchasing and conserving it, we can ensure that future generations will enjoy its beauty, wildlife, and recreational opportunities.

We Need to Raise \$110,000

To safeguard this land, we need to raise \$110,000. These funds will cover the cost of purchasing the property and other necessary expenses to protect it forever.

How You Can Help

Your tax-deductible contribution—big or small—will make a real difference in preserving this special place.



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The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Greetings from Montpelier!

Education Reform: One thing that was made very clear during the campaign last summer and fall was that Vermonters were not happy with the continuing rise in their property taxes. They were asking for work to be done by the Legislature to lower those taxes or at least to hold them steady. The election results showed their displeasure. The Governor, early in the session, introduced a bill which would reduce the number of school districts to 5 and create what is called a foundation formula which is a base level of funding per student across the state. The House plan, which is now in the Senate Education Committee is a much different plan. It has no specific number of school districts and uses a different formula.

According to the Vermont Dept of Education, there are currently approximately 119 school districts in Vermont. Supervisory Unions, which are not the same as school districts, provide administrative and support services to their member school districts, along with setting curriculum and managing special education. There are 52 Supervisory Unions currently in Vermont. In addition to these, there are 12 Supervisory Districts, bringing the total to 59 supervisory units. The Governor's plan would have reduced the number of school districts to 5 which also would have reduced to number of needed supervisory unions and number of superintendents.

As far as the foundation formula is concerned, according to the US Census Bureau in a 2024 report, the state's spending the most per pupil were New York (\$29,873), the District of Columbia (\$27,425), New Jersey (\$25,099), **Vermont (\$24,608)**, and Connecticut (\$24,453). The states spending the least per pupil were Utah (\$9,552), Idaho (\$9,670), Arizona (\$10,315), Oklahoma (\$10,890), and Mississippi (\$10,984). The administration's plan would have capped spending per pupil at \$13,200 and the House plan increases that to \$15,033.

On average, Vermont's **60 superintendents** earn \$105,337 a year, not counting benefits and other compensation, according to the Vermont Department of Education.

The Governor's plan would have had new school districts decided this session and the transition to a new funding formula put in place by 2027 when the reforms were complete. The House plan delays changes and instead establishes a study committee as to what the new districts should look like and then contemplates a vote by the legislature on it next year. Financing changes do not take effect until the 2029-30 year, a full two years later than the Governor's.

The House bill will no doubt be changed by the time it leaves the Senate and it is expected to have to go to a conference committee to iron out differences. Vermonters will not see much of a change in their property tax bills unless something is done before adjournment. I am hopeful at least the formula is in place soon. There is also a plan to "buy down" the expected rise in property taxes (5.9%) for the next fiscal year by using one time money of about \$77 million which would lower it to about 1.1%. The problem with the buy down is that it uses one time money which will not be available the year after which means we will start with a hole of \$77 million. There are many concerns still to be addressed with the education reform efforts. Vermont continues to have fewer students each year. In the 2022-23 school year, Vermont's public schools enrolled a total of 82,828 students, including prekindergarten, K-12, and adult learners. This includes students in the 288 public schools within the 119 school districts and 52 supervisory unions or districts. The highest number of students enrolled in Vermont schools was around 105,000 in the mid-1970s, according to a Burlington Free Press article. This enrollment peaked in the mid-1990s. Enrollment has been decreasing since then and the University of Vermont projects a decrease in the number of Vermonter students in K-12 schools by 2030 to 77,000.

Budget and Budget Adjustment Act: The Governor again vetoed the second version of the Budget Adjustment Act which is normally just a truing up of the current fiscal year. The revised version still included extending the hotel/motel program until almost July and the Governor has made it clear he considers it a failed program. Most legislators feel many of the provisions of what would have been in the Budget Adjustment Act will be put into the 2026 budget. The Vermont House of Representatives' version of the FY26 budget (the "Big Bill") is slightly higher than the Governor's recommended budget, totaling approximately \$9.06 billion compared to the Governor's \$8.99 billion. That bill is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee and again many changes will likely be made before it goes to a conference committee.

Senate Agriculture Committee and the Vermont State Fair in Rutland: Directly from the CLF website is this: "In March of 2022, the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC), and Lake Champlain Committee (LCC) have jointly filed a petition requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) either force the state to correct its failed administration of the Clean Water Act or step in to regulate clean water enforcement in Vermont itself. Right now, the state's Agency of Natural Resources and Agency of Agriculture both oversee clean water regulation on farms, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a letter in September of 2024 finding that Vermont does not adequately regulate farm pollution under the federal Clean Water Act, directing the state to develop a plan to establish a regulatory system run exclusively by the state's Agency of Natural Resources. The changes called for by the EPA will need to be implemented thoughtfully and with adequate time for farmers to adjust." Senate bill 124 was drafted as a response to the EPA's letter and it will move more authority to the Agency of Natural Resources rather than the Agency of Ag for enforcement.

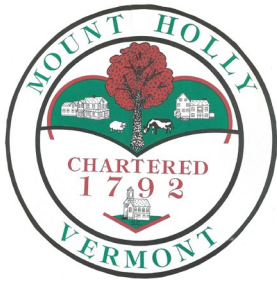
This bill proposes to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Natural Resources to regulate, permit, and enforce discharges of pollutants from concentrated animal feeding operations in the State. The bill also proposes to amend certain agricultural water quality requirements administered by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in order to ensure consistency with federal requirements. This will be a significant change but was necessary to stay in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

There is another miscellaneous agricultural bill in which the Senate Committee on Agriculture will insert a provision which will exempt the Vermont State Fair in Rutland from compliance with the 3 acre rule. The Fair is totally unique in that it is surrounded by private property and is unable to take steps to mitigate the requirements. It is facing over a \$3 million impact fee and engineering study and project costs to be able to stay in compliance and we want to work to help them.

Veteran Month: House bill 154 aims to officially designate November as the Vermont Month of the Veteran, a legislative effort to honor and recognize the contributions of military service members to national security and well-being. The bill adds a new section to Vermont's state law (specifically 1 V.S.A. § 378) that formally establishes November of each year as a dedicated month to commemorate veterans. The General Assembly's intent is to provide special recognition to U.S. Armed Forces veterans, acknowledging their significant service and sacrifices. The bill includes a provision that this designation will take effect on July 1, 2025, providing ample time for preparation and planning of commemorative activities. By creating this official monthly designation, the Vermont legislature seeks to create a formal opportunity for the state to show appreciation and respect for its veterans, potentially encouraging public awareness, community events, and expressions of gratitude towards those who have served in the military. The Governor signed the bill into law on April 15th.

If folks have questions or comments, please email me at bcollamore@leg.state.us.vt . You can leave a message on my home phone which I will answer when I get home each Friday. 802-773-1365 Brian Collamore Vermont State Senator





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 Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD MEETING Town Office, 50 School Street, Mount Holly, VT April 8, 2025 MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, William Notte, Carol A Garrow Wooley, Dennis Devereux, Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, James Seward, Stephen Michel, Elizabeth Karle, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley, Philippe Crane. (All

attendees in person, no attendees via Zoom.)

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda –

- Report from Conservation Commission added to Reports
- Letter from Chris Schneider added to New Business

4. Approval of March 11 Minutes - Diana Garrow moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mark Turco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Reports

A. Highways & Transfer Station Report - Clinton Woolley – There is still a lot to clean up from recent storm. The town crew has not had success finding extra help and is working to clean up from storm and grade roads as circumstances allow.

Town is going to have to order some culverts, which will come out of the Summer Materials line item, four culverts total at \$500 apiece. Household Hazardous Waste collection will take place at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 10.

B. Treasurer Monthly Income & Expense Report - Elizabeth Karle – Not much activity to report, the month of March is mostly quiet. One CD matured, funds to go towards the Education Fund. The town continues to chip away at delinquent property taxes. A bound copy of the town audit is available at the town office. It is also available as a digital copy.

C. Listers' Report - David Johnson – Site visits started this day. These will be completed by the first week in May.

D. Mount Holly Planning Commission Report - Jon McCann – There was no report. This item was added to the agenda by clerk's error.

E. Conservation Commission – An application is in process to do some selective mowing, creating pathways for people to get canoes and kayaks on the lake. The apparatus for mowing is available from a local property owner. Board approval was requested for this application. Discussion followed during which concern was expressed that mowing could leave behind the debris that will clog grating, but it was also noted grating could very well clog anyway. Mark Turco made motion to give board approval of application. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The ash borer mitigation program is about to restart. Commission sought clarification on process of ordering materials. Have until July to do this work and might need more injectors and chemicals to complete it. Mark Turco requested the commission put

together a list of expenses that the board can review at its next meeting and it was confirmed this will be delivered in time.

The Commission has an opening. Notice will be put in ChitChat and in the Newsflash.

6. New Business

A. Beaver Baffle for Hortonville Road – Property owners prefer a baffle to trapping and question has been raised as to whether the town would help with the cost of the baffles. Discussion followed, during which Clinton Woolley expressed opinion that baffles would not prevent dams and water rising. Baffle would prevent beavers from stopping up culvert, but not prevent them from building dam on either side of culvert. It was also pointed out that the state owns the actual waterway. In regards to this, Mark Turco will reach out to warden about potential state responsibility.

B - Town credit card limit – Request from Town Clerk to raise credit card amount. Card currently has \$2,500 limit. Town has had trouble recently with purchasing when card was at limit. Clerk's office, listers, and road crew all use the same card. Bank suggests a \$4,000 limit. Mark Turco made motion to increase credit card limit to \$4,000. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Select Board meetings are held
on the second Tuesday of the month at
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included on the Agenda are due by Noon
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Open Call to Mount Holly Artists

The Mount Holly Community Association will hold a one day pop up gallery on Sunday, May 25th; 10-5 in the Community Center.

We invite Mount Holly artists to submit 1-3 original works of any medium.

Artists can choose to share their works for viewing purposes only or can list their work for purchase donating a percentage of sales to the Penny Coldwell Youth Art Fund

Contact Zhenia Dickinson Hadar for details at zhadar@hadarfamil.com.

Let's Celebrate Local Talent and Community!

Standards and Network Inventory Diana Garrow moved to approve certification. Jeff Chase seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

I. Volunteers for Zoom recording of Public Meetings – Town needs person(s) to help with running Zoom because of requirement from the state to include Zoom component for so many different meetings. Notice to be put in Chit Chat and Newsflash. Board clerk will reach out to various committees for list of meeting times

to give potential volunteers an idea of the scope of commitment.

J. Letter from Chris Schneider. Mark Turco read letter from Chris Schneider. Letter writer claims ownership of a Class 4 road. Mark Turco stated for public record and clarification that the town owns all Class 4 roads located in the municipality.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

A. Approve easement deed for Green Mountain Power – Diana Garrow made motion to approve. Jeff Chase seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Veterans Monument Repair Update - Dennis Devereux – Over \$2,000 was raised for this \$1,500 job. Dennis Devereaux suggested that perhaps additional funds could be used to clean up grounds around monument and have plaque cleaned up. A question

had been raised about moving monument because of closeness of winter plowing to it. Funds on hand would not cover movement of monument and necessity of doing so was questioned. Dennis Devereux suggests adding orange markers in season for more visibility when plowing occurs.

C. EndeavourOps town .gov domain update - Elizabeth Karle – Questions were raised about potential double billing for town internet domains (.gov and .org). Elizabeth Karle confirmed that town only pays one domain fee. Second invoice that caused confusion was not valid.

8. Citizen Comments – No one spoke.

9. Announcements/Other Business

A. School Budget Revote is April 22, 2025, from 10am to 7pm. The Town Clerk has absentee ballots available.

10. Review & Sign Orders

C. Reappoint Emergency Management Director (EMD) – Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Jeff Chase. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed.

D. Reappoint Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Committee Rep & Alternate – Jeff Chase made a motion to appoint Clinton Woolly as representative and Mark Turco as alternate. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed.

E. Reappoint Rutland Regional Planning Commission Commissioner & Alternate – Mark Turco made a motion to reappoint Jessica Metcalf as commissioner and Jon McCann as alternate, pending their agreement to continuing in these roles. Jeff Chase seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

F. Review and Sign Rutland Regional Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement – Jeff Chase made motion to sign. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Readopt Town Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy – Mark Turco made motion to approve readopting the policy. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge

CLOSED

**Mount Holly Town Office
Monday May 26th, In Observance
Of Memorial Day**



Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Adam Karle. He handles all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please call Cell (802) 236-3656

Mount Holly Transfer Station

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V .S.A. S 313(a)(3) – Mark Turco made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Diana Garrow seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The board took no additional actions after executive session concluded. Respectfully Submitted By William Nott

All regular Select Board meetings can be joined via Zoom at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89818026866?pwd=xwibjwtsQRZ5LraGbAcMCOMFesA1fP.1>

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.

Town of Mount Holly Conservation Commission Has One Vacancy

The Town of Mount Holly Conservation Commission has one vacancy. Residents of Mount Holly who wish to submit their interest in serving on the Conservation Commission should write a letter of interest to the Mount Holly Select Board. New members will begin their three-year terms effective immediately upon approval by the Select Board.

Letters of interest may be dropped off at the Town Office at 50 School Street; mailed to PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or emailed to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Mount Holly Selectboard

Town of Mount Holly Seeking Zoom Recording Tech

This person or persons will be handling Zoom Recordings for the Town's Other Meetings to be in compliance with Open Meeting Law. You must be able to operate or be trained to operate the town computer equipment set up for these Zoom Recordings of meetings. Residents interested in providing this service to the town please write a letter of interest to the Mount Holly Select Board. Letters of interest may be dropped off at the Town Office at 50 School Street; mailed to PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758; or emailed to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Mount Holly Selectboard

Mount Holly Selectboard Clerk Job description

Job Summary

We are seeking a highly organized and motivated Administrative Assistant to join the Town of Mount Holly. The ideal candidate will be responsible for providing exceptional administrative support, ensuring smooth operations and clear communication to and from the Select Board. This role requires strong time management skills, attention to detail, and the ability to handle multiple tasks efficiently.

Responsibilities

- Manage and maintain calendars, scheduling appointments and meetings as necessary.
- Answer phone calls with professionalism and courtesy.
- Perform clerical duties including filing, data entry, and document preparation.
- Utilize Google Suite for document creation and collaboration.
- Utilize Gmail to correspond with residents, government officials, grant-makers, vendors, contractors and elected officials.
- Manage the Select Board's digital and physical archive.
- Support onboarding of new Town employees, vendors and contractors
- Manage Select Board's weekly invoices and orders
- Serve as Town's human resources point of contact
- Warn public meetings and taking and posting meeting minutes
- Correspond with the Town's attorneys and other legal counsel

- Supporting clerical administration of grants, applications, certifications and permits.

Skills

- Proficient in clerical tasks such as filing, data entry, and document management.
- Familiarity with Google Suite applications (Docs, Sheets, Drive).
- Exceptional organizational and written communication skills.

Job Type: Part-time **Pay:**
\$19.00 - \$21.00 per hour
Expected hours: 6 - 10 per week

Benefits:
Flexible schedule

Schedule: Monday to Friday No weekends

Experience:
Administrative: 2 years (Preferred)
Ability to Commute: Mount Holly, VT 05758 (Required)



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

At the MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, April 12th & June 21st, 2025
8:00 am to 10:00 am only

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

Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

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Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Degreasers
Mercury Thermostats
Cooking Oil

Garage/Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
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Automatic Trans. Fluid
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Paint Stripper
Varnish & Stains
Driveway Sealer
Glues/Adhesives
Grout
Caulk Tubes

Garden/Miscellaneous

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

Vermont Home Gardener May Gardening: When to Plant?

Finally it's the time of year when we can plant some things in the ground. Some seeds can go in now, most other seeds & plants need to wait for warmer days. How do we know what to plant when? In April and early May most soil is still too wet to dig unless you have raised beds. Let's look at several ways to determine when it's OK to plant seeds or put out transplants. Also, a few words about the benefits of not mowing lawns in May and what good are wasps?

Frost Free Dates. Climate change has affected our growing season, so an earlier spring might help us to plant sooner.. Most plants can't take a real "frost" (when the air is still) or "freeze" (when there is a breeze) so they need to go in after danger has passed. That is tricky since we can't be sure what the weather might bring this month (or next week!) but we do know the average dates based on years of historical weather records. At higher elevations in Mount Holly (1,600 to 1,800 ft.) the safe planting date is *usually* May 30 and at lower elevations of Wallingford, Shrewsbury, or Ludlow that is about May 24. These are averages and best guesses, not absolute rules! Remember that it's not important that your plants go in on the earliest dates possible. If you would like recommendations for specific plants, then you can use one of the below online guides or printed tables for our area.

The University of Vermont Extension/Master Gardeners program has an excellent website that includes planting schedules based on agricultural zones plus details about spacing, depth, and number of seeds. This website has many links to good resources for all kinds of useful gardening information. This should be your basic Go To place for reliable information. Note that depending on your exact location, we are in either zone 4 (higher elevation) or 5 (lower elevation). Johnny's Seeds also has a calculator online that uses your zip code/hardiness zone and to tell you when to start seeds indoors and the earliest dates to transplant outside by plant.

The Old Farmers' Almanac has a similar table plus they include planting by the moon information. An added feature of the Almanac is that clicking on the name of the plant opens a growing guide for that specific plant. Very handy.

I like the old fashioned "natural" way to determine earliest local planting dates based on observing nature's signals ("You can see a lot by observing", Yogi Berra) We can determine time to plant by using our own local natural events. Scientists refer to these chronological events as Phenology. Here is a list of suggestions that you can use in your garden, wherever you are located:

Earliest times to plant... Peas & onion sets when forsythia or daffodils begin blossoming. Lettuce, beets, carrots, spinach when first lilac leaves open, dandelions in bloom. Transplant broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, cabbage when dandelions are in full bloom. Potatoes when dandelions are in full bloom, Beans, cukes, squash when lilacs are in peak bloom, Transplant tomatoes when lily of the valley are blooming or apple blossoms open, Corn when oak leaves are dime size (young), Peppers, melons, eggplants when irises are in full bloom.

Using these planning tools can take the guesswork out of planting and make gardening more productive and enjoyable. I tend to be conservative and plant a little later than the earliest dates. Delayed planting of squash and cucumbers, for example, can also avoid the main hatching of cucumber beetles and thereby reduces pest damage.

If you are an eager gardener, there are a couple simple "season extending" tricks to get an earlier start. Most effective are raised beds that drain better and warm quicker than flat ground. Also covering your planting areas with black plastic or ground cover a couple weeks ahead of planting will warm the soil and activate the soil beneficial soil life. Finally, covering young transplants like broccoli, cauliflower, lettuces, etc. with row cover (Agribon) helps retain daytime warmth overnight.

A great conservation idea is called "**No Mow May, let the pollinators play**". This is very simple and makes sense. Avoid mowing your lawn in the month of May so that those early wildflowers (dandelions, clover, violets, etc.) can blossom and provide early nectar for pollinators. At least don't mow areas with abundant dandelions and clover blossoming. These flowers are the first available major food for many wild pollinators, and honeybees and bumblebees, and gives them a spring boost. It also gives you a good excuse to delay mowing! If you like this idea, you can extend the benefits by mowing less lawn all summer and converting some areas to pollinator gardens. After May when I find a patch of wildflowers in the lawn I avoid mowing there until they have finished blossoming. At the very least, raise your mower blades to 4-5 inches to mow higher. That results in healthier grass with deeper roots too. More information is available on the Vermont Agency of Agriculture website.

In support of wasps. Again, I want to remind everyone that wasps are one of our best allies in garden pest control. Wasps are *beneficial* predators and play a vital role in keeping leaf eating bugs under control. The really good news is that fewer than 2% of wasps are the stinging "social wasps" that we avoid (yellow jackets, paper wasps, bald-faced hornets). These stingers are the familiar wasps that build (and protect!) their nests in the ground or hanging above ground and will sting if threatened. Unless they are located near human activity, wasps should not be harmed and be appreciated for their benefits of keeping nature in balance.

How can you tell the difference between bees and wasps? Bees are hairy, wasps are not. You can easily encourage early wild pollinators like the small nonstinging mason bees with nesting houses of reed tubes made from the invasive Phragmites stems! Cut them into 6-inch-long pieces, then bundled together and hung out for pollinator housing.

Early spring is the time to watch for wasp nest building near your home. If you quickly remove new small nests and they will move elsewhere. There is no need to kill them with poisons! Most importantly, 98% of all wasp species will not sting you but will provide great insect control around your home and garden. They are even believed to attack Emerald Ash Borer, a new serious tree pest in Vermont. Encourage their presence with small flowering plants such as fleabane, Queen Ann's Lace, asters, mints, milkweeds, tickseed (*Coreopsis*), goldenrod, white clover, and boneset. If you see a swarm of honeybees hanging somewhere in your yard, call me and I will remove them for free.

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Ludlow Rotary Club's 67th Annual Penny Sale Returns Saturday, April 26 in Ludlow Elementary School's Gymnasium at 6 pm.

This will be the 67th edition of this traditional event that features hundreds of prizes donated by area businesses and individuals plus a raffle. The Penny Sale is free and open to everyone. In addition to the prizes and raffle, refreshments will be available.

Each of 3 "rounds" of the Penny Sale includes over one hundred prizes from various area businesses and individuals. These prizes range in value from \$25 restaurant or services gift certificates, to cash, to tools or toys, to ski tickets. Rotary will be giving away over \$20,000 in prizes this year, all donated by our local businesses.

Prior to the start of each round, you can buy tickets for a chance to win one or more of those 100-plus prizes. Your tickets are then deposited in a rotating drum where a ticket is randomly selected as the winner of a specific prize or award. For \$1.00 participants have 100 chances to win a prize, hence it is one penny for each chance. Tickets are \$1.00 per chance or 6 for \$5.00. There is even a swap table at the rear of the gym where you can bargain for a different prize with other winners!

The raffle, conducted at the close of the Penny Sale, will offer the following prizes:

1st Prize is \$500 2nd Prize is \$250 3rd Prize is \$150 4th Prize is \$100 5th Prize is \$50

Raffle tickets are \$2 for one or 3 tickets for \$5. You do not have to be there to win one of these raffle prizes but, if you are in attendance, your award is increased by \$25.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from LRC members, accessing the LRC's website at <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2939>, or by sending a check to LARCF, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

The proceeds from the Penny Sale help LRC underwrite its annual scholarship program for area graduating high school seniors planning advanced educational programs as well as funding donations to Ludlow area charitable organizations. Through this program, LRC has awarded over \$271,000 in scholarship awards during the past 23 years. The annual scholarship awards average \$12,000.

Pictured is a scene from the last Annual Ludlow Rotary Penny Sale With Prizes Galore. It will be held on Saturday, April 26 this year with over \$20,000 in



prizes to be awarded. By Brigid Sullivan 802 558-1416



Please Don't Poison Their Dinner

Come learn more about a serious problem that is killing and harming our raptors and other wildlife and even possibly your dog. The issue? ARs or anticoagulant rodenticides. This new generation of poisons is used to kill rodents and most often come as bait placed in containers that rodent's access. They cause internal hemorrhaging and are really dangerous to non-target animals who consume poisoned prey.

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission has invited guest speakers from VINS and VT Fish and Wildlife to share their experiences with the harm these new ARs are causing and to share research that is monitoring the prevalence of these poisons in Vermont wildlife, which, for example, have demonstrated that 94% of our fishers have one or more of these poisons in their bloodstream! There is also concern about these poisons seeping into our water supplies. And many of these new ARs are readily available for purchase to unknowing homeowners who are just trying to get rid of mice or rat infestations!

Come hear about the research and learn more about alternative solutions to the use of poison to kill rodents at the **Shrewsbury Library, 98 Town Hil Rd, and Friday May 16 at 7 – 9pm.**

We anticipate attendance from others outside of Shrewsbury who have expressed

interest in hearing these speakers too, so we may need to move the venue to the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Rd. Therefore, help us determine audience size and rsvp to Weezie at conservationcommission@shrewsburyvt.org, our new gmail address. By Louise Duda, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission



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The season kicks off with our Annual Volunteer Orientation, Sunday, June 8th 10-12 noon. Orientation is for anyone who would like to become a volunteer or wants to know what volunteering at Rainbow is all about. For information about opportunities to volunteer or paperwork contact janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org Volunteer applications can also be downloaded from our website.

This season we will only be holding 2 sessions of lessons. The first runs Tuesday, July 8 through Friday, August 15. The second is Tuesday, September 9 through Friday, October 17. For information about lesson days and times email programs@rainbowridingcenter.org Applications can be downloaded from our website.

At Rainbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information about Rainbow Riding Center and our mission please visit our website: rainbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @rainbow_riding_center and LinkedIn! Contact us at programs@rainbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons.

One Last Fling Before It's Back to Work

Yes, Spring Break is all but over, and at Rainbow Riding Center that means it's time to get ready for another season of lessons, but first there's work to be done. Volunteers and staff will be getting the barn, ring and fields ready, and walking the trails to see how well they withstood winter storms and spring rains. Soon the horses will arrive, and instructors and staff will start getting them ready for their summer duties after a long winter lay-off.

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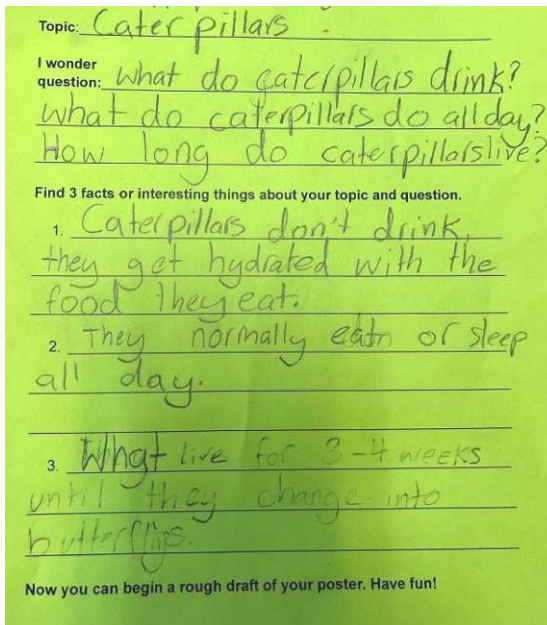
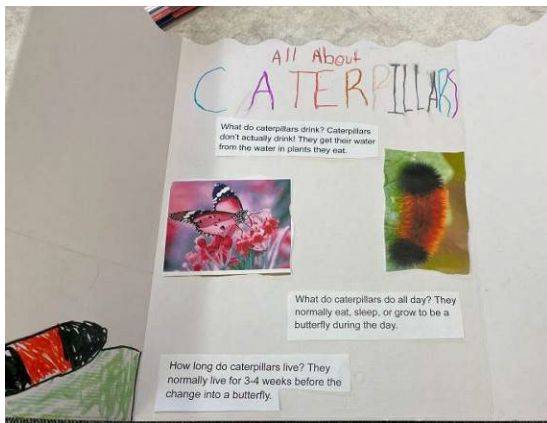


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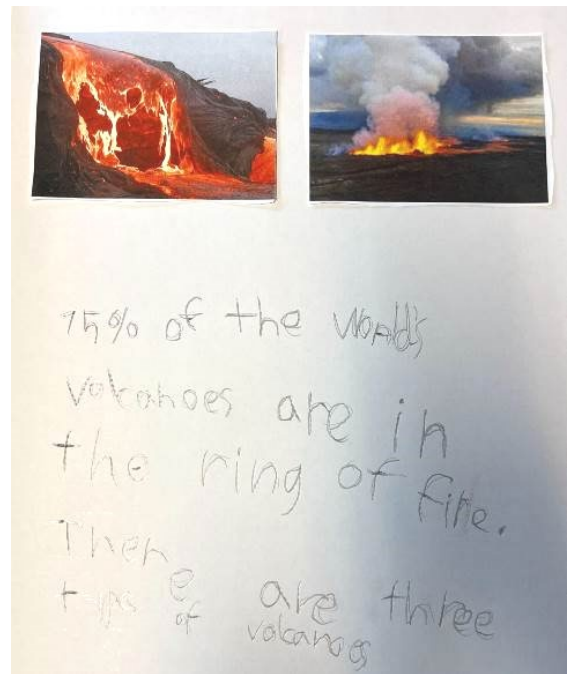
Now it's the Kindergarten's Turn

By Darcy Gibney

In last month's issue, we reported that the third and fourth graders at Mount Holly School had just shared some wonderful Wonder Projects. As one might expect, Kindergarten students wonder a lot, too. Their wonder projects are coming to fruition as this issue goes to print!

Kindergarten Teacher Noelle Craver excitedly shared the progress made on the projects right before April vacation. She explained that their older buddies in third and fourth grade have played an important role in helping the students brainstorm topics, conduct research, and create the presentations.

Topics range from animals to volcanoes. In fact, volcanoes were a popular choice! Soon the students will practice their speaking skills to present their projects to parents and families. If you see a Mount Holly Kindergartener, be sure to ask about their wonder projects.



Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes

"April is the cruelest month..." Or, so wrote T.S. Eliot.

And weather-wise at least, he wasn't far wrong this April in Mount Holly. However, May will surely, (we hope), usher in milder days and with that in mind, the Commission reminds those interested to be on the outlook for announcements in the Newsflash of weed pulling and other work at Star Lake to improve access and aesthetics. Community involvement is a must if we are to make our Lake

more open and enjoyable for swimming and boating

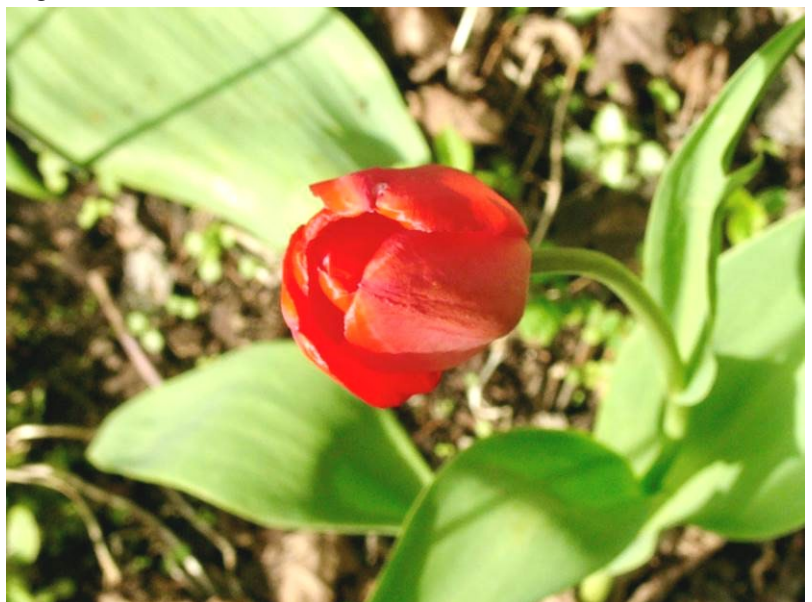
On Mon. April 28th at 7pm at the Odd Fellows Hall, there will be a presentation on "The State of Star Lake," with Michael Lew-Smith, Ecologist, from Arrowwood Environmental. His talk will be followed by a Q&A session and an open discussion of Lake Management options. The talk is co-sponsored by The Mount Holly Conservation Trust and the Mount Holly Conservation Commission.

And while you are marking things on your calendar, reserve time on May 29 at 6 pm for a Mount Holly Conservation Commission meeting, also at the Odd Fellows Hall, co-sponsored by the Community Association and the Conservation Trust. And specifically geared to both provide information about ongoing Star Lake work but also, solicit ideas, interests, and concerns regarding the Lake, and other Mount Holly recreational opportunities, from local residents.

In furtherance of mechanical harvesting, Commission members, with Mount Holly Select Board approval, have submitted an application to the state for limited mechanical harvesting. We are also exploring grants for Aquatic Nuisance Weed removal, as well as awaiting word on an AARP grant to improve the Lake's beach and recreation area.

Warmer weather will no doubt increase concerns about a possible Emerald Ash Borer advance on our town, so Commission members Phil Crane and David Martin will be gearing up to provide treatment options to interested land owners.

The next meeting of the Mount Holly Conservation Commission will be on Tues., May 6, 6pm at the Town Office. Susan Presson



Dear Editor

The Changing of the Guard

I recall visiting my mom recovering from surgery in the hospital in 1978. I greeted her with the news. "Mom, did you hear the news that the pope died?" She gave me a serious look and asked, "No, what happened?" I replied, "Well, I guess he was too pooped to pope!" That struck her funny bone and she winced, "Oh, Glenn, you're going to make me pop a stitch!"

On Monday April 21st, Pope Francis I died at 88. He was born in 1936 to an Italian immigrant family in Argentina. Given the name Jorge Mario Bergoglio, he embodied a number of firsts –*first* pope to have worked as a nightclub bouncer, *first* pope born in the Americas, and the *first* pope since the 8th C to have not been born in Europe. He was the *first* Jesuit pope and the *first* to accept a name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. With the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, he was also the *first* pope since the 13th C to take office while the previous pope was still living.



He has always preferred informality over trappings, choosing to take public transportation and cook his own meals. He also built a reputation as a friend of outsiders. He has spoken out for the dignity of the poor as "the least of these" and said, "*We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them.*"

He's also been an advocate for kids, especially that endangered species of Down Syndrome children. He once had a Down Syndrome boy ride next to him in the famous, "Popemobile." Similarly, he held the hand of a young girl with the same condition

who wandered up to him as he was speaking. He was also quite outspoken on the horrors of abortion, referring to it as "hiring a hitman to solve a problem."

Conversely, he courted controversy by speaking "off the cuff" to the press with vague and confusing comments that often had to be walked back by his staff. It was often difficult to tell if Pope Francis was trying to change things or was just inexperienced in dealing with the press.

Some have expressed concern over those put in office by this pope, people who will play a significant role in shaping the ongoing trajectory of the Roman Church. When the College of Cardinals gathers (See the 2024 Thriller/Mystery, *Conclave*) to choose the next pope, 109 out of the 135 will have been appointed by Pope Francis I. His successor is bound to hold similar or more progressive convictions.

Some believe the most likely choice may be between two African bishops, one more progressive and one more conservative. (See the 2019 Comedy/Drama, *The Two Popes*) Whether you're Catholic or Protestant, we ought to be praying for God's mercy, grace and wisdom to be evident here. Lots of folks are mourning and billions will be affected by the decisions that will be made in the days and months ahead. *Soli Deo Gloria. PG*

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union
School District
April 22, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS: If you favor the Article, make a cross (X) in the YES square. If you oppose the Article, make a cross in the NO square.

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$10,153,619.00** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? The Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of **\$15,766.93** which is 23.31% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.



YES, I approve of the Article.

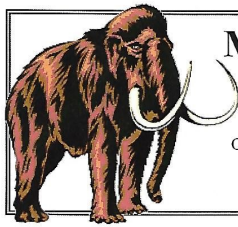


NO, I do not approve of the Article.

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The Mount Holly Historical Museum has been working quietly and diligently through the winter months. With summer coming we are delighted to share some significant plans and date announcements with you along with some serious needs of the Museum.

Opening Dates: Memorial Day Weekend—May 24th and May 25th, 2:00-4:00 PM

Every weekend through Labor Day, August 30-31 we will be open, 2:00-4:00 PM.

For a private visit call or email: Stephen Michel. 802 259 2049. Email: steven671@aol.com Dennis Devereux. 802 259 2640.

Email: ddevereux@vermontel.net

Education: Each year Board Members volunteer and prepare to welcome the children of the Mount Holly School for a museum tour. Subject matter is coordinated with the teachers. Students will visit this Spring and Fall.

All classes will have an opportunity to visit. This winter the Londonderry Flood Brook School visited the Museum. By notes received from the school children, it is evident it was an excellent experience for the students.

When the Museum is open, Mount Holly students often return to introduce a friend to a favorite item in the Museum. The Museum continues to be a place of interest for the younger generation. **Newsletter:** Be on the lookout for the Museum Newsletter coming in June. There will be some interesting articles as well as Museum information available; for example, date and speaker for the summer annual dinner and dates for summer Mount Holly tours. We welcome people to become Museum members in financially supporting our endeavor to keep Mount Holly history current and alive. Read the newsletter for more Information. We thank you in advance.

WILL WHITE BLACKSMITH SHOP: MAJOR PROJECT and FINANCIAL NEED

In the last couple of years it has become evident that our first Museum building, The Blacksmith Shop, is in need of serious and expensive repair. The building houses a rich history from a Blacksmith Shop to the home of a traveling pharmacy to a Tea House. Inside there are various items including mechanical displays, a post office setup, school exhibits along with a beautiful sleigh to mention a few. The building holds many large, heavy treasures that display how our beloved historic village evolved.

Since the Museum opened in 1968 there was one major renovation on the building in 1998-1999. In the last 25 years our town has survived two major storms, Irene in 2011 and the flood of 2023. And there have been a couple of winters of 11' of snow, with ice storms and very cold winters, like the one we just experienced. Weather changes buildings. Anyone living in Mount Holly knows this first hand.

Over the last year Board members invited local and state professional builders and restoration specialists to view the building. It was found the foundation needs extensive shoring up along with restoring the floor. Also outside more restorative work will be needed, especially on the brookside. During flooding the rains and the brook running behind the building have done their significant damage.

We must save the Blacksmith Shop, and we are going to need your financial assistance. At this point we have preliminary estimates indicating it will be very expensive. We will update you in the days to come.

GRANTS: During the winter dedicated Board members researched and applied for grants. We are awaiting the results from our initial application for the 1772 Foundation Grant. This grant requires that Nam we raise matching funds. Currently we are researching other grants.

Restoring the Blacksmith Shop is a community project. Together we will get it done. 2026 is the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As our town celebrates the occasion, our museum will recognize the contributions of the citizens, past and present, in making our country and our little town an example of freedom and care for each other. Mary & Phil Leonard

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SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

OPEN HOUSE 1-5 PM | MEMORIAL 1:30 PM
2062 BELMONT ROAD, BELMONT, VT 05730

(Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair; cooler weather may prevail)

LODGING

VRBO/AIRBNB rentals or B&Bs are available in the surrounding towns including Mount Holly, Belmont, Weston, Ludlow, Wallingford or Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury
Condo rentals are available at Okemo Mountain (www.okemo.com)

Recommended Hotel: Main & Mountain in Ludlow
(www.mainandmountain.com or 802-242-1608)

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Please contribute in Philip's memory to
Mount Holly Community Association (www.MHCAVT.org) and/or
Mount Holly Museum (www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org)

RSVP BY MAY 4, 2025

at philipjbmemorial@gmail.com
or on FaceBook (scan code)



Ludlow	66
Cavendish	6
Proctorsville	7
Plymouth	1
Mount Holly	20
Weston	1
Total	101

Ludlow Ambulance Service

March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025

- We have had a 42% increase in calls from March 2024 to March 2025.
- We were recently approved by the VT EMS office for our Critical Care Paramedic endorsement. We are one of only 13 agencies in the state to have this endorsement.
- Ludlow Ambulance Service was also recognized by Vermont EMS for Children Program on being named a Pediatric Safe Agency which shows our commitment to serving our pediatric population.
- We are in the process of training all Ludlow Town employees in being certified in CPR and First

Aid. We would be more than willing to work with the other towns that we serve in accomplishing this same goal.

- We will be hosting an AEMT course in Ludlow beginning in early May and ending in September. At the completion of this course we will be hosting an EMT course also being held in Ludlow for all those interested. Call for more information (802) 228-2880 Stephanie Grover, NRP Chief



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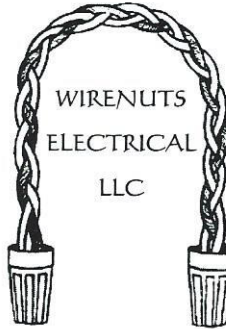


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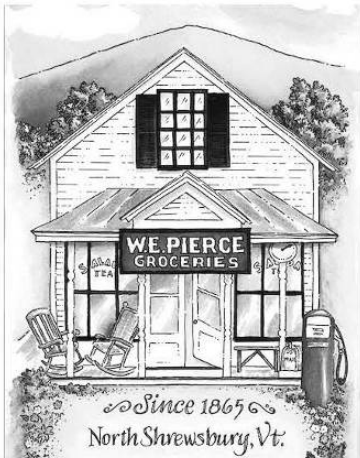
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(changes to Northam Rd.)
Follow 3 miles to the store.
2658 Northam Rd., Shrewsbury, Vt.
(802)492-3366

Notice Dog Owners

Dog Licensing will begin Thursday Jan 2, 2025, they must be paid by April 1st, each year. If your dog is no longer living please call the Town Clerk at 802-259-2391 so she can remove them from the list. The registration fee remains the same and must be paid on or before April 1st, 2025.

Please note this is a State of Vermont Law

NEUTERED / SPAYED

On or Before April 1, 2025, = \$11.00

After April 1, 2025, = \$13.00

UNNEUTERED OR UNSPAVED

On or Before April 1, 2025, = \$15.00

After April 1, 2025, = \$19.00

ANIMAL LICENSE

Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

NO.

THIS CERTIFIES that _____, the undersigned, is the owner or keeper
of an animal kept at _____

Telephone: _____

and described as follows: **NAME** _____ **AGE** ____ **YRS** ____ **MOS**

SIZE: ____ **SEX:** ____ **COLOR:** ____ **BREED:** _____

AND IS THE ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN

EXPIRATION RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO. _____ **DATE** _____

SIGNATURE OF

DATED: _____ OWNER OR KEEPER: _____

In reliance on the above certificate and the payment fee of \$ _____ the animal above
described is licensed for the period ending 2026.

DATED: _____ MOUNT HOLLY TOWN CLERK

**Dogs and Hybrids must wear a collar with license tag attached thereto.
If you use this form, please send a copy of the Rabies Verification Certificate**

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To learn more about our services, or to refer a patient, visit www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org to locate a hospital near you. Or call 800-237-5055 in the U.S. or 800-361-7256 Canada – Past Potentate Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland

Community Health Tip: Sign up now for Farmacy 2025

Farmacy 2025 - the "Food is Medicine" program supported by Community Health - is enrolling participants for the free food deliveries beginning in July.

Community Health patients who are signed up by their healthcare provider for the program will receive 15 weeks of fresh, local vegetables and fruits from Rutland area farms with tips and recipes. Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC) will be partnering with 12 farms and coordinating pickups at 8 sites located throughout Rutland County.

If you are interested in receiving a free Farmacy share, talk to your healthcare provider before June 1st while enrollment is open. Participating clinics and providers have to enroll their patients into the program. Talk to your provider today! For more information, message your Community Health provider through the Patient Portal on our website <https://www.chcrr.org> or call the patient access center at (802) 779-9169. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of VFFC's Farmacy: Food is Medicine project in Rutland County! <https://www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org/>

Alzheimer's Support Group Meets at New Location

Community Health's Alzheimer's support group has moved to a new location. The group, meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 4p, has moved to Community Health North Main St. 231 North Main St, Rutland.

Caregivers and family members of Alzheimer's patients are welcome to share feelings, thoughts and experiences with other caregivers. For more information message kbathalon@chcrr.org or call 802-465 2255.

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Sign Up for **Mt. Holly NewsFlash** to get all that is happening locally in our Town just email to:

newsflash@mounthollyvt.org

And request to be placed on the list. News item deadlines are 6 am & 6 pm

Also Check

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 at stuberry1@gmail.com

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

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

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www.rootsinvermont.com

Building & Repairs – General Work

Champlain Timber Craft Michael@champlaintimbercraft.com 802-779-6138

Burn Permits

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

Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Mojo Café – John & Jodi Seward mojocafevt@yahoo.com 802-228-6656
Squeels on Wheels BBQ www.squeelsonwheels.com 802-558-9489

Church Listings

Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 9 am
Rev Thomas Mosher 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 603-439-0803
Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org

Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 802-773-3455
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am

Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com 802-446-2161
Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:45 BS Tue 7 pm

Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

Electrical Services

Wirenuts Electrical LLC bbates@vermontel.net 802-353-4376 802-492-3406

Emergency Services

Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency # 802-228-2880 911

Stephanie Grover NRP Chief Cell 802-380-2635 sgrover.las@tds.net
MH Vol Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954 911

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com 802-342-3507

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Farm Fresh Products

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2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com

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

Firewood

Flanders Firewood Cut Split Delivered 802-259-2147
Flanders.excavating@gmail.com

Food Shelf

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

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 802-773-3010

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Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 802-259-2364

Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 802-259-2146

Garage Mechanical

Belmont Motor Works Harley Davidson, Adventure Touring & URAL Sidecar
Motorcycles, Small Engine Repair, Welding & Metal Fabrication 802-259-3178

General Contractors

Wright Construction Company info@wrightconstruction.com 802-259-2094

Ted Stryhas Builder Inc.

802-228-7327

Health & Community Health Care Providers

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
uthrive@vermontel.net

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 802-259-2364

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Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 802-259-3064

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Wally's Corner – Stewart Maple Syrup hello@wallyscorner.com 802-772-0507

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print@expresscopyinc.com

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Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 802-446-2499

Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 802-446-2499

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Mount Holly Email

Kevin Plew – mthollynewsflash@gmail.com 802-259-2250

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

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Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. John Diekel 802-975-0369

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Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com (Mobile) 802-236-5431

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New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais 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

Therapeutic Riding

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

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

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