

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.orricer@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 Asst. Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 10:00 am –2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

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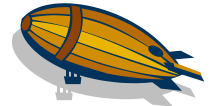
Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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	MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office	<i>Battle of Gettysburg, PA Began 1863</i>	6:00 pm
	2 nd		<i>US Civil Rights Act of 1964 ~ US Army Air Corps Est. 1926</i>	6:00 pm
	3 rd	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	<i>Battle of Gettysburg, PA Ended 1863</i>	7:00 pm
	4 th	Town Parade – Chicken BBQ	Step off at 11 am Down Town Belmont – Odd Fellows Hall	11:30 am
			<i>30th Pres Calvin Coolidge B. 1872 ~ Independence Day 1776</i>	
Sat	5 th		<i>Salvation Army Founded in London 1865</i>	
Sun	6 th	<i>1st Airship Crossing the Atlantic 1919 ~ Revolutionary War, British Captured Ft. Ticonderoga 1777</i>		
	8 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
		Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:00 pm
		Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 E. Wallingford		7:30 pm
	9 th	<i>Colonel John Nixon Gave The 1st Public Reading of The Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia 1776</i>		
		LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
		ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
		<i>Declaration of Independence was Read Aloud to General George Washington's Troops in New York 1776</i>		
	10 th	Fire Dept. Drill	<i>US Frigate "United States" was Launched 1797 ~ Full Buck Moon</i>	7:00 pm
Sat	12 th		<i>Roman Emperor Julius Caesar b. 100 BC ~ Henry David Thoreau 1817</i>	
	14 th	<i>William H Bonney "Billy The Kid" shot by Sheriff Pat Garrett 1881 ~ 38th Pres Gerald Ford b 1913</i>		
	15 th	<i>William H Bonney "Billy The Kid" died age 21, 1881 ~ Rembrandt Van Rijn b 1606</i>		
			<i>~ Apollo 18/Soyuz 19 US/USSR linkup 1975</i>	
	16 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont		6:30 pm
		MH Community Association Meeting, Library		7:00 pm
		MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		7:00 pm
	17 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sun	20 th		<i>1st Manned Moon Landing Apollo 11, 1969</i>	
	21 st		<i>Ernest Hemingway 1899</i>	
	22 nd	Com Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall	<i>Katharine Bates wrote America The Beautiful 1893</i>	9:00 am
	23 rd	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	24 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station		7:00 pm
	25 th		<i>CIA Created 1947</i>	
Sat	26 th	Baked Ham, Benefit Mt. Moriah Lodge, Odd Fellows	<i>Americans with Disabilities Act 1990</i>	4:45 pm
Sun	27 th		<i>National Parents' Day</i>	
		<i>Bugs Bunny Cartoon Debut 1940 ~Veterans Armistice Day ~ Korean War ends 1953</i>		
	28 th		<i>World War I Began 1914</i>	
	30 th		<i>Henry Ford 1863</i>	
	31 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations		7:00 pm



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	802-793-2776
Mount Holly Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
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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July Birthdays: 1st-Jacilyn Turco 2nd-Diana Garrow * Maurice Turco 3rd-Joshua Griffin 4th-Jane Harrington 6th-Morgan Collins * Stella Beauchain * Jackson David Mailhot 7th-Hilary Perrino * Debby Marro 8th-Mark Turco Jr * Rhyann Devereux 10th-Joan Garrow * Corbin Chadburn 11th-Josh Manuel 1997 12th Robert (Bob) Cram * Megan O'Toole 14th-Vincent Guerrero 15th-Hailey Gates 16th-Kyle Alberty * Kayla Jones 17th-Brandon Birdsall * Parker Beardmore-Turco 20th-Christopher Brown * David Guerrero 21st-Sean Covalla * Larry Manuel 1970 22nd-David Crystal 23rd-Ethan Devereux 24th-Charles Stanley * Mike Pearson 27th-Ginger Palmer * Andrew Zlotnick 28th-Caleb Palmer 29th-Jamie Turco Fitzgerald * Cathy Chadburn 31st-Lance Bussino (1990)



July Anniversaries: 2nd-Howard & Karen Hill 4th-Vernon & Stella Beauchain * Dennis & Sally Bussino (1996) 5th-Bob & Cheryl Kapitan 6th- Ed & Sylvia Smith (1963) 8th-Amanda & Sebastian Frank 14th-Wayne & Lizzie Emmons (1962) 16th-Joseph & Betsy Keimig 19th-John & Theresa Cole 22nd-Mark & Amy Turco 24th-Beth & Kenny Hart (1993) 27th-Al & Shannon Labozzo (1991) 30th-Maurice & Lori Turco

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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	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	6 Mo.	9 Mo.	12 Mo.
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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

The Annual Membership meeting is held on the Third Tuesday in September in the Mount Holly Town Office. 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



Edward R. Garrow

Edward R. Garrow, 87, of Shrewsbury, passed away May 5, 2025, at home surrounded by family. He was born March 7, 1938, in Mount Holly Vermont, the son of William Garrow and Etta Dean.

Ed served in the Army, was an active member of the Masons and Shriners, worked for many years at Coca-Cola and then General Electric, where he retired from.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, fiddlehead and mushroom picking, playing dominos, gold panning, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, riding his Harley Davidson, traveling, he built four houses which he lived in and enjoyed afternoon rides on the back roads with his wife Charleen.

In 1959, he married Jean Wortman, and together they had three children. Jean passed away in 2014.

He married, Charleen Cole in 2020. He was predeceased by his parents William & Evelyn Garrow, and Etta & Winifred Dean, brothers, Louis Garrow, Richard Garrow, William Garrow, grandson Jacob Billings, brother-in-laws Richard Harrison, Tom Lawson and Robert Wilson. He is survived by his loving wife, Charleen Cole, daughter Christine Billings (Craig), their children Renee Hesse (Bob), their son Cameron, Lynnette Audy, Ariel Billings (Peter Baker) and their children Ryleigh & Everett. Son Edward Garrow Jr. (Ginny) and their children Ginger Hinkley (Jason), their children Jack & Kord, Desiree Sweet, and her son Daxton. Son Eric Garrow.

Ed is also survived by his siblings, BettyAnn Harrison, Jean Glidden (David), Ruth Lawson, Becky Wilson, Roger Garrow (Diana), Bob Garrow, Rita Beardmore and Russ Garrow (Joan), sister in law Cindy Garrow-Girouard (Jay), and stepchildren and their family; Tina McAndrews (Mike) and Darica Hains (Shawn). A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

We want to thank The Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region, for their wonderful support and care. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Shriners Children's Boston Office of Philanthropy 51 Blossom St. Boston, MA 02114 <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/ways-to-give/donate>



Jo Ann Crowley

Jo Ann Crowley passed away on May 8 at home in her beloved Belmont, Vermont.

Throughout her life, she shared her love, kindness, joy, and knowledge. Born and raised in Vermont, Jo Ann spent her formative years in Belmont, graduating from Mount Saint Joseph High School in Rutland and continuing her education at Northeastern.

She earned her master's degree in Divinity at The College of Saint Rose and kept the tradition of charitable giving and Catholic education alive throughout her life. Jo Ann taught Bible Study and headed the Theology Dept. at The Academy of the Holy Names in Albany, NY.

In her thirty-year career as an educator, she embraced the opportunity to mentor and inspire the children of God. Jo Ann was known for assuring everyone, "God loves you, no matter what."

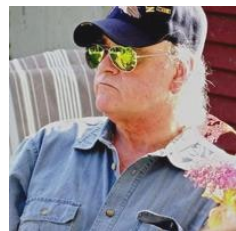
Jo Ann came home again to Vermont (and more specifically, Belmont) in her retirement. Settling in a home just one mile from the cheese factory her father owned and ran brought her great pleasure and satisfaction. Jo Ann shared a love of nature and the spirit of generosity with her husband, Joe. Together they lived a life of gratitude and stewardship.

Jo Ann was predeceased by her loving mother (in 1958) and father (in 1966), Mary (Startari) Crowley and Robert A. Crowley. She is also predeceased by her nephew, Jon Zimmnick, Jr.

Jo Ann is survived by her husband Joseph F. Hammond, her sister Cynthia Crowley Zimmnick and brother-in-law Jon R. Zimmnick, Sr. In addition, Jo Ann leaves behind her children through marriage: Torin A. Hammond, Shannon Hammond Karlowicz (Anthony P. Karlowicz), Michaela A. Merrill (Christopher Lee Merrill) and Kelly Elle LaCroix. She leaves nephews: Robert W., Matthew S., and Peter N. Zimmnick, as well as her beloved grandchildren: Hunter D., Richard Reynoso, Nia Fuller, Ayesha, and Joseph Hammond, Olivia and Macy Karlowicz, Natalia, Conor, and Reeves LaCroix, Morgan Merrill Crow, Kendall Hammond, Emilie, and C Lee Merrill, and great-grandchildren: Jensen and Ella Crow.

Jo Ann cherished her faith and was committed to the character development of her children and grandchildren; she set a wonderful example for all to follow. Some of her passions were cooking, talking on the phone with the children, playing Rummikub with the neighbors and spending her golden years with the love of her life, Joe. Jo Ann will be greatly missed, but those she loved will be able to draw on the knowledge that such love transcends mortality. Our angel in heaven is but a prayer away.

Jo Ann's family welcomes you to gather for calling hours on Monday, May 19 at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, VT, 5-7PM. A funeral Mass was held on Tuesday May 20 at 11 AM at St. Patrick Church in Wallingford, VT, and a burial service will directly follow at Mechanicsville Cemetery in Belmont, VT.



Paul Lawrence Barton Jr. July 17, 1946 – May 21, 2025

Paul Lawrence Barton Jr. passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at his home in Belmont, VT. He was 78 years old. Paul was born in Rutland, VT in 1946 to Mr. & Mrs. Paul L. Barton Sr. Retired Brigadier General (USAF), and Ara (Armstrong) Barton.

Many of Paul's younger formative school years occurred in Japan while stationed overseas with his family, where he developed a lifelong love of Japanese artwork and became a talented artist himself.

Paul continued a long line of Barton family military service in the US Army from 1969-1970. He was honorably discharged as Corporal and awarded the National Defense Medal and classified as a sharpshooter "Rifle Expert." He was a lifelong member of the American Legion POST 36 in Ludlow, VT. Paul was a proud Mohawk Indian and a Headman Dancer routinely taking part in tribal activities leading others in dance. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and had a true love of horses and horseback riding. Paul had a remarkable knowledge of historical firearms.

Paul graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art and went on to become a Vice President at Ehrlich-Manes advertisement firm in Washington, DC. He oversaw national campaigns for GEICO Insurance and many other recognizable brand names.

Paul held various positions of employment at Okemo Mt. and many Ludlow locals were greeted for years by his warm smile and friendly wave at various lift stations.

Paul loved dropping in on the Barton's of West Main Street in Ludlow, sitting on the front porch, regaling in rich family lore with wit, humor, and a natural storytelling knack. Those who knew him best were enhanced by it all.

A memorial in Paul's honor was held at New Mechanicsville Cemetery on Saturday, June 14th at Noon, in Belmont, VT. Donations in Paul's name can be made to the American Legion POST 36, in Ludlow, VT. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with the arrangements.



Sandra E. Lampert

Sandra "Sandi" Eloise Lampert, age 86, passed away peacefully May 2nd, 2025, at the Meadows at East Mountain in Rutland, Vermont. Sandi was born in Springfield, Vermont on September 14, 1938. She was the daughter of Zygmunt and Eloise (Sears) Stryhas. She grew up in Ludlow graduating from Black River High School with the class of 1956. Sandi married Robert J. Lampert the following year, and together they bought a home in Tyson, VT, where Sandi lived for 60 years. She began her career as a wife and mother and later took up waitress work in several Ludlow eateries, most importantly DJ's Restaurant where she was an institution for over 30 years. She touched many locals lives notably through her Tuesday lunch service with the Ludlow Rotary Club. Her flower gardens were her special passion. She enjoyed the outdoors and could often be seen walking beside Echo Lake. She taught many young children to ski at Okemo Mountain

and enjoyed her beach getaways to Maine. She is survived by her children: Julie Postler of Thetford Center, Jessica Melville and her husband Hunter of South Woodstock and Jonathan Lampert and his wife Kimberly of Mount Holly; two sisters: Susan Allard of Rutland and Andrea Stanley and her husband Gary of Brandon and a sister-in-law: Barbara Stryhas of Weybridge; grandchildren; Dr. Matthew Postler, Jenna Postler and her husband Jack McDermott, Alex Melville and his wife Kristen and Graham Melville and a great-granddaughter; Gwendolyn Melville. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother, Don Stryhas. A private gathering and burial will take place at a later date in the family lot at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in her memory to: Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 7 Albert Cr

Drive, Rutland, VT 05701

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

Reflections on Star Lake

Peepers sang out below a blue sky morning

The call of the loon echoed as

Merganser ducks dove and skittered for breakfast

Swallows worked their acrobatics across the surface

A goose couple honked as I paddled out

A lone eagle rose high to hunt from above

And the old brown beaver, hairy fur still warming him,

Slapped his tail to warn me away

Ahh, the magic of an early kayak adventure
On Star Lake today.

By Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, April 23, 2025



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July 3rd, 6 pm

Sept 4th, 6 pm

Aug 7th, 6 pm

Oct 2nd, 6 pm



COMMUNITY MEALS

LUDLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
37 MAIN ST, LUDLOW

BRUNCH: Wednesday, JUNE 18
Serving at 10 am

LUNCH: Thursday, JULY 3
* BBQ Chicken*
Serving at Noon

All are welcome, free of charge

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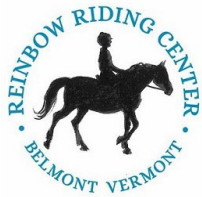


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RAINBOW RIDING CENTER WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

& Thanks Long Serving Outgoing Officers

Rainbow Riding Center (RRC), a therapeutic horsemanship center based in Rutland County, begins their 17th season with a new leadership team. Elected as new co-presidents are **Samantha Pearce** and **Rebecca "Becca" Rice**. **Jennifer Wigmore** will also now serve as vice president of the RRC Board. They replace retiring board President **Lynn McDermott** and Vice-President **Dorothy "Dardy" Pour**, both of whom provided dedicated and valuable service to the organization.

Lynn was a founding director of RRC and has served for many years at its president. She oversaw the organization's growth and move from its original Shrewsbury location to its present location in Belmont. Her tremendous leadership and stewardship of the organization throughout the years has continued to propel RRC forward. Lynn recently stepped down from the board but will continue to serve as Immediate Past President during the transition.

Dardy has been an instrumental member of the board and is a retired Special Educator from the Rutland School System. She established and facilitated contacts with local school partners which resulted in an increase of referrals to RRC. Dardy was also heavily engaged in program

design, lesson scheduling, and took a leading role in discussions about the organization's future. She also stepped up to serve as acting Program Director during the transition period and will continue to support the organization as a volunteer.

Becca is an attorney who is now also the Shrewsbury Town Clerk. She is a longtime horsewoman and has served on the RRC board for seven years. Becca will now share the reins as the Rainbow Riding Center's new co-president.

Sam currently works at The Collaborative, an organization focused on youth substance abuse prevention. She is also an avid horsewoman. Sam will also now serve as the organization's new co-president.

Jen is currently the Vice Principal of Rutland High School. She has been on the RRC board for a number of years. She has stepped up to serve as Rainbow Riding Center's new vice president.

The mission of Rainbow Riding Center is to improve the well-being of individuals with unique physical,

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 4:45 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

Adults - \$15 & Children Under 12 - \$8

Children 5 and Under no charge



July 4th Odd Fellows - Chicken BBQ 11:30 am (\$12.00)

After Town Parade Step off at 11:00 am

July 26th Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Aug 30th Historical Museum - Baked Ham

Oct 11th Colfax Lodge - Baked Ham

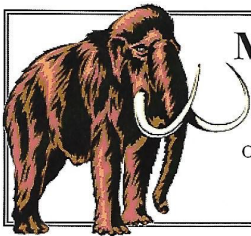


Eat In or Take Out,

With Take Out meals starting at 4:45 pm

More Info Call 802-259-2460

emotional and/or cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience. For more information about the organization, volunteering, and our programs, please visit our website at: www.reinbowridingcenter.org. You can also show your support by following us on our **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X** and **LinkedIn** social media channels! 892 Tarbellville Road, Belmont, Vermont (seasonal physical address) P.O. Box #395, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 (mailing address) www.ReinbowRidingCenter.org



MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PO Box 17 Belmont, VT 05730

Our mission is to enlighten our community with an understanding of our past to promote an objective vision of the future.

Home of the Vermont State Terrestrial Fossil

Museum Summer Hours: Check out our summer schedule! The Museum, The Perkins House and the Blacksmith Shop, will be open every Saturday and Sunday throughout June, July and August. On July 4th there is an extended schedule: 10:00AM - 4:00PM, and Museum merchandise will be on sale outside the Perkins House. Waiting for the parade to start, or the barbecue to be served, provides two wonderful times for family visit. Young people enjoy checking out the animals (our Mammoth, the Vermont State Terrestrial Fossil receives serious attention) along with the Mount Holly Civil War veterans exhibit and the four room upstairs portraying living in Mount Holly in the late 19th Century throughout the 20th Century. And there is a new Exhibit for everyone.

New Exhibit —Corn Husk and Acorn Dolls: All ages can enjoy the precious dolls made solely from corn husks. The dolls appear in many poses, many of them intricate and delicate presentations. The Corn Husk doll creation is rooted in the Native Americans culture. And Colonists learned the craft from the Native People. The acorn dolls are smaller and most delightful. Children will enjoy these little creatures!

Museum Annual Meeting and Public Presentation— Susan Persa July 22nd at 6:00 PM at Odd Fellow Hall: The Mount Holly Community is invited for an evening of a potluck, voting for Museum Board Members and a presentation "Sugaring in Vermont" by Susan Persa from Windham, VT. Susan's presentation will tell her story of growing up on a farm her family purchased in the early 1940's. Her talk will share her participation in the maple sugaring process and how it evolved over the years. She has an excellent collection of photos to share, too.

The evening begins at 6:00 PM with a shared meal. Main dishes will be provided by the Board Members. Guests are requested to bring a salad or dessert plus their own plate and silverware. A beverage will be provided.

Following dinner there will be a brief business meeting with voting for Museum Board Members (all can vote) with the presentation starting at 7:00PM. Please come and partake in this yearly event.

Save the Date: Labor Day Ham Dinner: Saturday, August 30: Eat in or take out! More details will appear in the July Chit-Chat

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Send checks to Mount Holly Conservation Trust, PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 Learn More: Contact us at info@mounthollyconservationtrust.org or call Brigid at (802) 259-2274

Calendar Alert!

The 18th Annual

Mount Holly Garden Tour

Will be held on Saturday, July 19th, 9:30-4
Rain date July 20th

Tickets are \$15, and include entry into our
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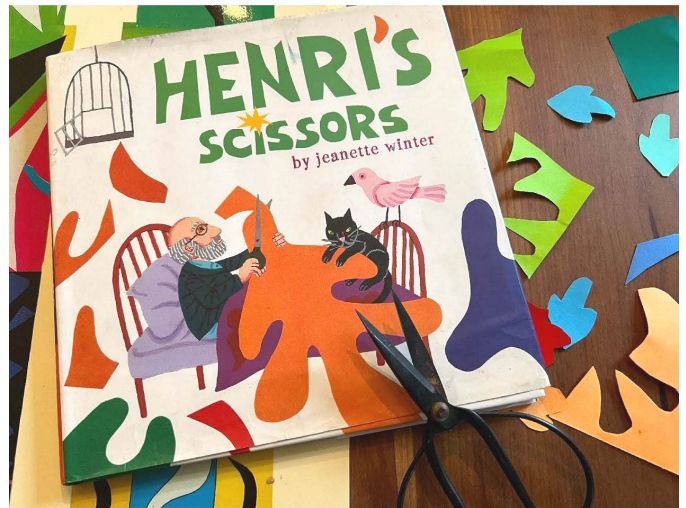
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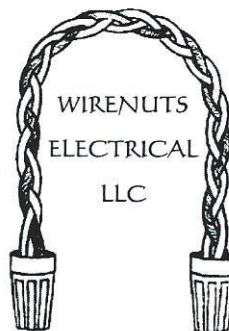
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I Last week, test results came back from the state confirming that Mount

Holly School had tied for the 10th best scoring elementary school in the state. During All-School-Meeting last Friday, principal Craig Hutt-Vater announced that MHS had, in fact, made it into the top ten. Later that day, the school had a two hour recess with pizza and ice cream to celebrate. "[the party] was really good," said rising 7th grader Anna Campopiano. "It made my day." Other students enjoyed the festivities as well, as most students congregated on the basketball court, munching Little Caesars, and singing along to Kendrick Lamar's album GNX. Bliss Abatamarco, a student in Mrs. Panasci's class, said "It was really fun."

"GOOD
MUSIC, GOOD
FOOD, GOOD
TIMES,"

-GABE M.

Mount Holly makes THE TOP TEN SCHOOLS IN VERMONT



FIELD DAY AND THE 6TH GRADE VS. TEACHERS GAME COVERAGE



Field day and the 6th Grade Teachers game happened today, on June 16th 2025. Mount holly school students had a fun, fulfilled afternoon of games, activities, and sweet treats, funded by the PTC. A huge thank-you to Mr. Panasci our P.E. Teacher who organized the whole thing.

Earlier this morning Anna C. Told Kindergarten teacher Ms. Craver "We are gonna cook you!" Later that morning, I asked a sixth grader if he thought 6th graders were going to "cook" the teachers. He replied, "we just are."

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CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES

Last Wednesday, Mount Holly 6th graders graduated from the school that some have called their home since preschool. Each student received their diploma, and gave flowers to a special person in their life. The Nancy Combes award was given to Jackson Malboit for being a wonderful friend to all. The Berryl Conner award was given to Neva Vastola for academic excellence, honesty, and effort. After the ceremony, the brand new 7th graders ate cake and enjoyed refreshments before embarking on the graduation car parade. "I'm very grateful to the people who voted for me... I'm very happy [I got the award]" said MHS alumni Jackson Malboit, talking about winning his award. Other grads noted how they are looking forward to taking their next steps in life. "I'm really excited to go to my next school, to learn some different skills," said Olive Gray,

a student who will be attending the Long Trail School next year. Sam Farrar noted that he was excited for "Just going there." "I'm also excited to do robotics," he said. Some students, however, are just excited to be with older friends, cousins, siblings, and other friends and family. For their middle schools, most grads will be going to Mill River Union in Clarendon. A few 7th graders will be going to the Long Trail School in Dorset, and another will be going to Flood Brook, in Londonderry. Wherever these dedicated learners end up in life, they will always be the 6th grade graduates who learned the basics of math, reading, writing at Mount Holly School.

**MOUNT HOLLY
HAS MADE ME
LAUGH, CRY,
AND GET A
BLOODY NOSE.
BUT I STILL
LOVE THIS
PLACE.**

-ANNA C.

FIELD DAY AND THE 6TH GRADE VS. TEACHERS GAME COVERAGE

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When the game started, 6th graders scored two runs. The next inning, the teachers matched the score, and Oliver Ellis started pitching. He got one catch, another student got one catch, and the 6th graders got a force out. In the third inning, 6th graders took a 4-2 lead right off the bat. In the 5th, Ms. Zoe had an outfield kick that was caught by the person playing shortstop, running incredibly fast to get the next out, a defining move that ended the inning. About halfway through the game the 6th graders had a 5-3 lead, they were ready to rock. They were up to kick, and Mr. Panasci was pitching. In the 7th inning, The 6th graders got another 6 runs off a kick from the incredible shortstop player that caught the outfield ball in one of the previous innings. Everyone cheered when the 6th graders ran home after the grand slam. "I feel good," he said, about his triumphant play. Then Daniel Bruce got another amazing grand slam, kicking the ball all the way to the soccer nets. By the end of the 8th inning, the score was 19-3. Maybe Anna C.'s predictions had been correct. With 3 minutes left in the game, the 6th graders were toasting the teachers. It was Asber Garrett's turn to pitch, but when he got up to the mound with the ball, the audience cheered "We want Soy Sauce," "We Want Soy Sauce," referring to the wonderful pitcher, Sawyer Hale. And so, Asber Garret gave the ball to Sawyer, who finished out the ninth inning very strong. The final score was 20-3. According to Craig Hutt-Vater, the students have not beat the teachers in the field day game in 21 years. "It's the end of a dynasty," he claimed as the victors filed through the school doors postgame. "I taught you everything you know about kickball," claimed Ms. Zoe after the game. When I interviewed Anna Campopiano about how the game went, she said "It slayed." It's no doubt that today's game was a big deal, breaking the streak of 21 years of teacher domination. "It's brutal. But I do know that you guys have some really athletic kids this year," said Ms. Maddi. Next year, everyone will be looking forward to seeing the next class compete with their teachers.



News from Mount Holly Community Association

It's officially summer! Days are getting warmer and there is an excitement in the air... kids are out of school, outdoor music abounds, people are gathering for picnics and BBQ's, flowers are blooming, and then there are the gazillion lakes and pond to boat or fish - besides the influx of black flies, what not to like about summer in the Green Mountains!

July kicks off the MHCA membership drive and we would like to encourage you to consider supporting your community association. See our membership drive ad in this month's chit chat.

July is also a very busy month with picnic's, music, and the garden tour - mark your calendar to come celebrate with us!

Music on the Green - Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:30 on the Village Baptist Church Green. This months line up includes:

July 3 - Mount Holly Folk Club

July 10 - Tim Caira

July 17 - Casey & the Dirty Dogs

July 24 - "Mr. Pianoman" Jamie Ward

July 31 - Bunty Station

July 4th - The Odd Fellows sponsors the 4th of July celebration with our village parade and chicken BBQ & live music at Star Lake. The parade participants gather at 10:30 at the intersection of Dodge & Headville Rds. At 11am the parade begins its momentous trek to the Belmont Village center, via Church St, makes a "Right Face" down (or is it up) Belmont Rd and then once again makes a quick right up Lake Rd to Star Lake. Come out and cheer on your friends and neighbors who toil over their celebratory parade entries; better yet - join us and decorate your bicycle, car, cow, dog, four wheeler, tractor or truck (did anyone appreciate the alphabetical order of the listing?). There's nothing better than a small town 4th of parade and BBQ to help it feel like summer.

The Garden Tour - Saturday July 19th from 9am - 4pm

Once again this annual event will inspire you. We have a variety of gardens and landscapes that will enchant your senses and help you explore our village and countryside. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event for \$15.00 in front of the library. Your ticket automatically enters you in a raffle for one three prizes (flora pillow trio, Mount Holly gift basket, hosta collection). In case of torrential rains, the event will be held Sunday (7/20) with announcements being made on our website www.mhcavt.org and in the newsflash.

Mount Holly Day Picnic - July 27th noon - 3pm @ Star Lake

We invite you to dine with us for our annual community picnic where we provide the food (although you can always bring a side dish to share) and family fun. We will have live music with Jeb Porter & Friends, traditional family friendly games, and one can always take a swim and enjoy the picnic from the dock's view. Thank you to Cota and Cota for providing the grill and Belmont Septic and Design for providing the meats!!

And that is the lineup for July our friends, we hope to see you at one or all of these events! As we wrap up this month's MHCA news we will leave you with a bit of inspiration....

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." - Theodore Roosevelt

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

"I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that don't work." - Thomas Edison By Jennifer Burrows & Linda Miller

Dear Editor,

The Lightness of Letting Jesus Laugh

Jesus was a happy man. He was comfortable enough in His skin to joke and laugh and enjoy weddings and parties. This stands in stark contrast to the many "Jesus movies" most of us have seen. *The Chosen* is *not* your grandma's Jesus show. No. They're making *history* by taking a media project, a multi-season TV series about the life of Jesus and His chosen followers and translating it into 600 languages (dubbed or subtitled), which has never been done for a TV show of any kind. That makes this unusual series accessible to a billion people around the globe. (Check it out on the app or Amazon Prime.)



There is so much to love about *The Chosen*. It is well acted, solidly written, with a high quality production that invites you to *enter* the greatest story ever told, rather than to just tell it to you. It *does* take liberties with biblical narratives, adding dialogue and scenes to flesh out the story of Jesus and the culture into which he was born. For example, we are never told in the Bible that Jesus laughed. It says He *cried*. And in this series we see Jesus getting emotional when a life is transformed. He is joyful when someone decides to follow Him. He dances at the Wedding of Cana and stacks cups with kids at the table. And yes, He laughs. We find Him praying during His morning devotions, with one eye open for childish observers, that "two little kids will not be afraid and hide from Me." He then draws them in with animal sounds that make them chuckle. In another instance, Peter asks, "You're tellin' me You don't already know what's in my head?" Jesus responds, "That's a conversation for another time... But for now, Simon, *everyone* here knows what you are thinking most of the time. It does not take God's wisdom. Mm?" That's the kind of clever dialogue this series offers. "Humor disarms people," He says as He sends out His disciples two by two. The actor, Jonathan Roumie, is authentic as Jesus because he has a faith life that is seeking to know (and portray) his Savior better.

Attempts at humor can quickly go wrong. It can either be lame humor or irreverent humor. The *Chosen* has wholesome humor and just enough of it... often through unspoken looks and playfulness. Jesus has some exceptional verbal quips as well as some great non-verbal glances that make Him warm and relatable rather than an unapproachable divinity. As He challenges the status quo He boldly states a tag line, "Get used to different!" Roumie's Jesus takes off where Jim Caveziel's Jesus left off, in that one brief, light-hearted scene with His mother in the carpenter shop. It's obvious that God has a sense of humor. (Where do you think *we* got it from?) So, why not *portray* Him that way? Now *that* is something altogether different and it's a difference I want to get used to, despite knowing what's coming ahead. *Pastor Glenn Davi*

Open Your Heart...



Across Vermont, nearly 1,000 young people are being cared for by foster parents. Some live with kin, other with families

Open Your Home!

and individual caregivers who are unrelated to them. All children and youth in foster care have experienced trauma. Providing the stability that supports their well-being is our obligation and hope for every child in care.

You can become a licensed foster care provider for a short time while a child's parents are working on things, or perhaps your family is interested in embracing a child who is not able to return home. There are many options to explore. Even if foster care isn't right for you at this time, being a friend, mentor, community resource, or respite care provider can also be a significant support to a child in foster care and to their families.

Consider supporting children in your local community through foster care. Is foster care right for you? If so, we would love to hear from you! Contact your DCF Family



Services Division Office. Here's how!

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Horses On The Road

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- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
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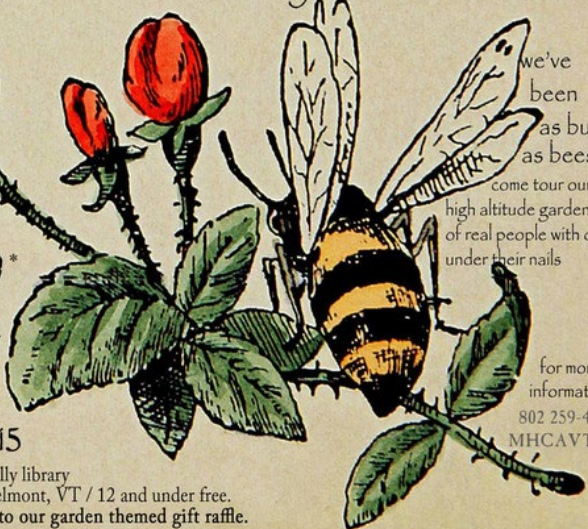
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Greetings To All As The 2025 Session Comes To An End.

This session was by far the most bipartisan in my 11 years in the Senate. With much more balance in both the House and Senate, legislators worked together on a number of issues.

In November, voters delivered us a clear mandate. They asked us to focus on affordability, housing, education and public safety.

Because voters decided to not return the super majority to the General Assembly last year, it was possible to advance some of the issues the minority party has long desired. Republicans needed to show Vermonters that we could do more than just say no -- we needed to deliver results.

For decades, we have fought to give military retirees the tax relief they deserve. I have introduced a bill every year which would totally exempt military retirees from the Vermont Income Tax. The Governor has pushed for it for 9 years. Although it didn't go all the way this session, S.51 does represent a substantial move in that direction. Here is how it will work:

For taxpayers of any filing status, U.S. military retirement income and U.S. military survivor benefit income received by a taxpayer of this State shall be excluded from taxable income if the federal adjusted gross income of the taxpayer is less than or equal to \$125,000. From what I was able to learn, this tax relief should affect about 75% of Vermont's veterans. There is more to do, but it is a step in the right direction.

And beyond the military retirement benefits, we were able to provide tax relief for seniors on fixed incomes and working families. There are provisions in the bill which will increase social security and child tax credits as well. We were able to shift the conversation in Montpelier from deciding which taxes, fees and costs to increase, to deciding where tax relief should happen. This bill was voted out of the Senate unanimously!

On housing, we passed the CHIP bill, which will unlock hundreds of millions of dollars in housing investments for communities across the state, big and small. The smaller TIF projects included in the legislation will allow our more rural communities to take advantage of economic development not possible before.

On public safety, we passed initiatives that will help law enforcement and hold offenders accountable. It wasn't nearly as much as many people would have liked, but we made progress, and that wouldn't have been possible without the new balance thus newfound influence in both the House and Senate.

We passed bills that will help lower health care premiums, which will make living and doing business in Vermont a bit easier. Much more work to do, but we made progress.

We got a Right to Farm bill passed, which will give farmers more protection from nuisance lawsuits.

On education and property taxes, the big issue was H.454. It is far from perfect. There is so much left to decide. But many legislators have been running to reverse the mistakes of Act 60 for nearly 30 years. This bill allowed the General Assembly to seize the moment and put us on a path to overhaul our system to provide taxpayers relief, and more opportunities for our kids.

H.454 has successfully passed through the Vermont House and Senate and is now awaiting the Governor's signature, which Governor Scott intends to provide. Any vote carries significant weight, but H.454 holds particular importance as 30% of Vermont's budget is allocated to K-12 education, impacting 83,000 Vermont students and communities statewide who prioritize quality education. The current Act 60 funding system and its top-heavy governance structure are unsustainable and fail to provide Vermont children with the opportunities and excellence in education they deserve. Additionally, taxpayers are being pushed beyond their financial limits. It is imperative that Vermont adopts a more effective approach for the benefit of our children, our communities, and the future of our state.

H.454 marks a critical step toward reforming the way we fund and structure our schools. It begins to shift the system toward greater sustainability and predictability, so communities can plan responsibly, and families can better afford to live and thrive in Vermont. Importantly, almost every town in Vermont will see lower homestead property taxes under this bill compared to the unsustainable trajectory that Vermont is suffering from. In Rutland County, based on projections from the Vermont Tax Department, 24 of the 27 towns will see a decrease in their property taxes.

This bill is not the final answer, but it is a necessary foundation for additional work that will occur in 2026. Without H.454, we would be accepting the status quo of ever-rising taxes, declining student performance, and fewer opportunities for Vermont children.

In the next legislative session, key decisions—funding of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and secondary students, and how school districts are governed will need to occur in order for H.454 to be implemented in the 2028-2029 school year. I am committed to working with my Democratic colleagues and all Vermonters, to ensure those decisions continue to strike a balance that provides an excellent education for all students at a price that taxpayers can afford.

H.454 is the first step toward building a more affordable student-focused education system for Vermont. Tough votes are never easy, but I am proud to have stood up for students and taxpayers. I tried to listen to voters in their votes from 2024.

We adjourned on June 16th and will be returning either on January 6th, 2026, or if the Senate Pro Tempore and Speaker find it necessary to address concerns about any additional funding cuts by the federal government.

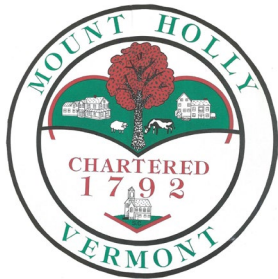
As always, you can email me at bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us if you have questions or concerns and I look forward to continuing to work next year representing Rutland County in the Vermont Senate. Sen Brian Collamore



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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 Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office May 13, 2025 6:00 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Elizabeth Karle, Clinton Woolley, Carol Garrow Woolley, David Johnson, Faith Tempest, Jon McCann, Philippe Crane, Christine Pratt, Donna Seward, Stephen Michel, Zena Gates, James Seward, Andy Tanger, June Capron, Devon Neary, Andrew Schulz (via Zoom), Barbara and Steve Hazelton (via Zoom).

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

Regular Select Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Town Office. Items to be included on the Agenda are due by Noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

Chase proposed discussion of the Grants in Aid program (added to item 7); Planning Commission Report added to item 5; correction to item 8b - to read Summit Road Trash Concern. Motion to amend made by Mark Turco seconded by Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of April 8th, 21st & 29th Minutes**, Diana Garrow moved to approve all minutes as drafted, Jeff Chase seconded, approved unanimously.

5. Reports

a. **Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley:** Grading and culvert work is underway. There is still clean up after the storm including tree removal, so the man-lift will be hired to do this. Transfer station shed still needs to be moved which should happen shortly. Grants in aid request for FY2025 is being prepared, including ~\$19,000 for sections of Lake Ninevah Road, with work to be undertaken in the summer by the Highways Department.

b. **Town Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Karle**

i. **Monthly Income and Expenses Report:** there is little activity at the moment; there has been expenditure on clean up after the storm - and there may be more in May for outside services and labor; monthly school payment has been made; have continued to receive delinquent tax payments. As it is year end, she asked that expenses be considered closely as they come up.

ii. **FY 2025 Fixed Asset Agreement (Fee Raised to \$750):** the auditors have raised their price from \$250 to \$750 and want prepayment for engagement for the FY25/26 year.

iii. **RHR Smith Reappointed Auditor** as previously agreed.

c. **Listers' Report - David Johnson**

i. **Grand List Certificate of No Appeal** - this was filed some time ago. Site inspections have been completed with new valuations completed. Reconciliation between the Grand List, current use and the State is underway and a tentative date for grievance hearing is Friday June 20th.

d. **MPG Housing Study Update:** Jeff Chase: The consultants are working on the draft report. An advisory committee of community members have provided inputs, including details of employers the consultants should contact. The work is 25% complete and the first request for reimbursement has been received.

e. **Conservation Commission Update - Phil Crane:** The Commission wants to order equipment for Emerald Ash Borer mitigation costing approximately \$1000. He clarified that there would be additional expenditure for bottom barriers for Star Lake and EAB in FY25/26, but there will also be income from EAB. Liz Karle noted that there is a budget item for this but because of the need for seasonal expenditure, there will be an over spend which will be reimbursed (as last year). All Select Board members were in agreement with this approach.

f. **Planning Commission Update - Jon McCann:** an application for sub-division by Robert Garrow of his land subject to Act 250 will likely be coming up for a public hearing shortly. The Commission is working on an update of sub-division regulations and will be drawing on the experience of Cavendish who recently revised their sub-division regulations and the Regional Planning Commission.

6. New Business

a. **VTrans Road Erosion Inventory Grant** – Approve Grant and Assign Authorized Grant Signor and Representative: Jeff Chase outlined the details of this grant for inventory of road swales and culverts, a requirement of storm water permitting; the Town match is \$3500 in cash or kind, and RRPC will be contracted to provide the services with the Highways department. If agreed, Jeff Chase will apply for the grant and requested that he be made

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Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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grant signor and representative. Diana Garrow proposed a motion to approve Jeff Chase as grant signor and representative; Mark Turco seconded, motion approved.

b. Review and Post RFP for Chadburn Lane: this is for repairs to the stone abutment of the bridge. Jeff Chase proposed tabling this until the next meeting by which time he will prepare the RFP.

c. Review and Post RFP for Paving: Jeff Chase noted that this will be prepared using the standard template but the timing of posting the RFP is uncertain depending on the State Paving Grant. Clinton Woolley confirmed that the District has approved the grant, so it will likely be approved. Jeff Chase confirmed this will be a \$200,000 grant to fund paving on Hortonville and Shunpike roads. He will work with Clinton Woolley to issue the RFP before the next Select Board meeting.

d. Discuss Establishing Master Service Agreements for Contractors: Jeff Chase proposed using a standard form for service prices and rates for equipment. He will prepare a draft for the next Select Board meeting. Mark Turco noted the value of this when contacted by those who want to work with the Town in emergency or other situations. Liz Karle asked that Co. and W9 information is also collected.

Planning any new construction, alterations or renovations?

Mount Holly has a Building Construction Ordinance which ensures that the Town's Listers have correct and timely information on new construction in Town. If you are planning any new construction, or any construction which increases living space in an existing building, **you must complete a [Building Construction Registration Form](#)**, available on the Mount Holly website, or in hard copy at the Town Office. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Faith Tempest, the Administrative Officer, who holds hours in the Town Office on Tuesdays at 2-3pm or by appointment. Faith can be contacted by email at administrative.officer@mounthollyvt.org.

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provides limited hours of coverage and not at the times most likely to see violations. Liz Karle noted that speed signs had been discussed at the budget meeting, reducing the Sheriff's budget and using the remaining funds for speed signs. Jon McCann asked if the signs can collect data showing when speeding is most likely. Mark Turco suggested getting quotes for speed signs; Jeff Chase will source these. Clinton Woolley pointed out that for enforcement, any department can be engaged, including Ludlow. Mark Turco agreed to contact Ludlow Police Department.

h. Junk Ordinance Concerns: citizen complaints have been received about two cases on Shunpike Road and one on Station Road. The Select Board will send letters to the homeowners requesting clean up.

i. T-Mobile Addition to Cell Tower: The Select Board has received advance notice of T-Mobile's intention to add equipment to the existing monopole on Stewart Road S., extending its height by ten feet and adding new camouflage branches. Abutting neighbors have also been notified, and one, Brett Wright, has written to the Select Board with a request for design elements which enable the extension to blend with the existing monopole. Jon McCann asked that the Select

e. SB Clerk Job Applications: Faith Tempest applied for the position. Diana Garrow made a motion to appoint her to the position, seconded by Mark Turco, motion approved unanimously.

f. Delta Dental Renewal (Increase of 5.06%; June 6th deadline): Diana Garrow made a motion to approve renewal of the Delta Dental plan at the increased rate, seconded by Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

g. Hiring Rutland Sheriff Dept for Traffic Enforcement: The Select Board received a complaint from Paul Frazier regarding speeding on Healdville Road and requesting better enforcement of the traffic ordinance by the Rutland Sheriff's Department. Diana Garrow asked for clarification if the Rutland Sheriff's Department will be re-hired this year. Jeff Chase noted that the Sheriff's Department

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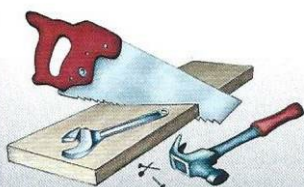
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j. Proposed Letter to VT Traffic Committee to Lower Speed Limit on Section of Rt. 155: Citing safety concerns, Mark Knoll wrote to the Select Board asking if he could initiate the process of requesting the Vermont Traffic Committee to conduct a review of speed limits on Route 155 between Barlow Road and Greendale Road; Mark Turco supported the idea and confirmed there would be no cost to the Town. Jeff Chase agreed that it would be good if Mark Knoll could spearhead the process on behalf of the Select Board; he noted that it would be helpful to have the support of residents who live

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on or use that section of road for recreation.

k. **RRPC First Draft 2026 Phase 3 of Rutland Regional Plan:** Devon Neary gave a presentation on the RRPC proposals for the Regional Plan, noting that the passing of Act 181 in June 2024 brought the need for adjustments to the process which started in 2023. The RRPC would like public comments by the end of June and is also asking the Select Board and Planning Commission to provide feedback. Given the timetable, Jon McCann suggested that Select Board members may wish to attend the next Planning Commission meeting and a joint approach can be agreed.

l. **Grants in Aid:** Mark Turco made a motion to propose Jeff Chase as the authorized signer for Grants in Aid, seconded by Diana Garrow; motion passed.

7. Old Business

a. **Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Annual Update and Approval:** Jeff Chase noted he is working on this, and will bring it to the next Select Board meeting for approval.

b. **DWSRF Funding Authorization, Mount Holly School PFAS Project, RF3-543-3.0:** the loan to the TRSU for connecting the Mount Holly School to the Town Garage well has been approved.

8. Citizen Comments:

a. **911 Post/Mail Box Issue Summit Road:** The Town Clerk received a complaint from Betty and Murray Merlin on Summit Road regarding damage to their mailbox, their 911 post, and their lawn from the Town plow. Clinton Woolley noted that the 911 sign was reattached but the post itself is rotten so it will fail again. Mark Turco agreed that the mailbox should be repaired and sod cleaned by the Town; he also noted that the Town cannot replace the 911 post.

b. **Summit Road Trash Concern:** Joe Galbraith wrote to the Select Board regarding trash being dumped on Summit Road by renters of properties and asked the Select Board to write to property owners. Jon McCann confirmed the problem, but also noted that sometimes it is the result of trash being left outside and then taken by animals. Mark Turco suggested that a notice be posted in the Chit Chat, Newsflash and on social media reminding townsfolk to ensure that trash is handled properly.

9. Announcements

a. Town Office Closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 26

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. **Executive Session:** Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – Set pay for SB Clerk: Diana Garrow made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mark Turco, approved unanimously.

12. Adjourned at 8.11pm Submitted by Faith Tempest. In draft form until approved on 10th June 2025.

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office June 10th, 2025 6:00 pm Minutes

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow (via Zoom), Faith Tempest (via Zoom), Clinton Woolley, Zena Gates, Christine Pratt, Stephen Michel, June Capron, Elizabeth Karle, Dennis Devereux, James Seward, Carol Garrow Woolley, David Johnson, David Peterson (via Zoom), Robert Hood (via Zoom), Phil Crane (via Zoom).

1. **Call to Order 6.15pm**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda:** Jeff proposed removing 7c

4. **Approval of May 13th Minutes:** Diana moved, Mark second, approved

5. Reports

a. **Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley:** roads are being graded and patched despite the weather, though many are being damaged by 4 wheelers and pick-up trucks. At the Transfer station the weather is hampering swapping in the new building.

b. **Town Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Karle**

i. **Monthly Income and Expenses Report:** the final payment to LMHS is coming up; cash is at its lowest point for the year, but key funds (eg asset equipment) have been transferred to the new financial year. There is little income at this time of year, key expenses are road maintenance materials which are within the budget.

c. **Listers' Report - David Johnson:** the preliminary Grand list was filed on May 27th, grievances will be on Friday June 20th. The District adviser has reviewed. The work of the Listers will be under budget for the year.

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d. **Conservation Commission Update - Phil Crane:** following a successful public meeting on Star Lake the Commission will focus on work which can be completed in the coming weeks - weed pulling, bottom barriers in the swimming area and boat launch area. Other longer term work (permitting for mechanical harvesting around the lake, upgrades to the recreation area) will take place later. There may be some costs associated with dealing with trees in the recreation area which the Commission will bring to the next meeting.

6. **New Business**

a. **Cota and Cota winter fuel price options:** Mark Turco reviewed the three options proposed by Cota and Cota for price protection options. Diana Garrow noted that the Town normally pays by use. Mark Turco moved to continue with the existing arrangement. Seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

b. **Bowlsville Bridge update - David Peterson (VTrans):** the bridge replacement work has been delayed due to budget constraints, but is now at the final plan stage, and will then move to contracting. Associated utility work will be done in the next year before the bridge construction work. The location of the new bridge is slightly to the west of the existing bridge, allowing the existing bridge to stay open, but requiring a new right of way. Construction is expected to start in summer 2027. Construction is fully funded through a Federal grant; the Town has a 10% contribution (approx \$53,000) related to scoping, engineering and right of way. Negotiations on right of way are ongoing with the two affected property owners. Liz Karle asked when the Town would know the specific contribution required - David Peterson clarified this would be clearer at the end June 2026. He also confirmed in response to a question from Stephen Michel that the Federal funds are fully committed since the grant has been signed.



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7. **Old Business**

a. **Review and Post RFP for Chadburn Lane:** Jeff Chase has shared a proposal for a lump sum contract and will post it on the date of the next Select Board meeting.

b. **Review and Post RFP for Paving:** Jeff Chase has prepared a proposal for Hortonville Road. Clinton Woolley clarified there is still no confirmation of the State paving grant. Jeff Chase proposed that if the grant is not received, the scope of work will be reduced.

c. **Hiring Rutland Sheriff Dept for Traffic Enforcement:** Mark Turco spoke to the Town manager of Ludlow; Ludlow PD are interested but would like to have a discussion with the Town next month to consider costs and coverage. Jeff Chase noted a price of \$3700 for a radar sign which would also collect data; he is waiting on another quote.

d. **Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) Annual Update and Approval:** Jeff Chase has updated the Plan, though changes are mainly in format. Jeff Chase moved to adopt the updated LEMP, seconded by Mark Turco. Approved unanimously.

8. **Citizen Comments:** Dennis Devereux asked for approval for closing Church Street for the 4th July parade. Select Board members agreed to go ahead as has previously been done.

9. **Announcements**

a. Town Office Closed for Juneteenth Thursday June 19th


10. **Review & Sign Orders**

11. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed).** Mark Turco moved to go into executive session, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

12. **Adjourn 7.05pm**

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Ludlow Rotary Announces 2025 Scholarship Winners

In keeping with its long-standing tradition, the Ludlow Rotary Club announced the winners of its 2025 scholarships, totaling \$14,000. Tim Faulkner, scholarship committee chairperson, indicated that the Ludlow Rotary's scholarship program has offered over \$284,000 to graduating seniors from the club's area of service which includes Ludlow, Plymouth, Mt Holly, and Cavendish.

Recipients of the scholarships in 2025 are graduating seniors who reside in the Ludlow Rotary Club's area of coverage which includes Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth:



From Green Mountain High School:

Daniel E Kesman Memorial Scholarship \$2,500 – Andrei Solzhenitsyn
 Robert W. Kirkbride Memorial Scholarship \$2,500 – Lucy Palmer
 Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Vocational Scholarship \$2,000 – Linsey Jane Miles
 Joseph "Jay" Girouard Scholarship \$2,000 – Evan Kirdzik
 Traditional Scholarship \$1,500 – Autumn Fales

From Windsor High School:

Traditional Scholarship \$1,500 – Brianna Barton

From Compass High School:

Marty Nitka Scholarship \$2,000 – Lola Saccardo

Funding for the scholarship program is derived primarily from proceeds of the Ludlow Rotary Club's annual Penny Sale in the Spring.

Pictured above are five of the Green Mountain High School graduating seniors who received scholarship awards from the Ludlow Rotary Club. They are, from left to right, Autumn Fales, Andrei Solzhenitsyn, Linsey Miles, Evans Kirdzik, and Lucy Palmer. Photos of Brianna Barton of Windsor High School and Lola Saccardo of Compass High School were not available.



2025 Scholarship Winners Visit Ludlow Rotary



Mountain High School; and Evan Kirdzik - Green Mountain High School. Funding for these scholarships is largely obtained from the annual Penny Sale sponsored by the LRC in the Spring.

Five of the seven winners of the 2025 Scholarships from the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) visited the recent meeting of the club to thank it for the awards. Annually, the LRC offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in its area of coverage which includes Ludlow, Mt Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth. To date, the LRC has granted over \$284,000 in scholarship awards. Pictured above are, from left to right, Kevin Barnes, LRC Rotarian; Briana Barton - Windsor High School; Linsey Jane Miles - Green Mountain High School; Lola Saccardo - Compass High School; Andrei Solzhenitsyn - Green Mountain High School; and Evan Kirdzik - Green Mountain High School.

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summer" says director **Michael Mendez**.

Mendez, last on Weston's stage in the 2017 production of **MUSIC MAN**, was recently seen in the 77th Annual Tony Awards with the Tony-nominated company of **WATER FOR ELEPHANTS**, **CHAPLIN**, **HEY! LOOK ME OVER**. He has appeared on screen in *Elsbeth*, *A Place in Hell*, and *Last Week With John Oliver*. His directing credits include **CARRIE** at Marymount Manhattan College, where he is also an Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre.

Says Mendez, *"Confession: I'd never heard of Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!—or any of Mo Willems' wonderfully whimsical books until this project came along. But the moment I mentioned the title to my nieces and nephews, they lit up. They knew this Pigeon. They'd laughed with him, rooted for him, and watched him wobble his way through one chaotic adventure after another. Their excitement was electric—and instantly, I got it: this bird is a big deal. My goal is to share that same spark with the kids (and grown-ups!) of Vermont as we bring this joyful musical to life. At its core, this is a story about yearning, identity, and the hilarious chaos of figuring out your "thing."*


The show introduces some of the country's rising stars to the Weston stage. **Keegan Sells** (recent credits including **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET** at Metropolis Arts, **THE WEDDING SINGER** at Great Plains Theatre, and **I'M GONNA MARRY YOU TOBEY MAGUIRE** at the Boston Conservatory) stars as Pigeon. **David Bautista** (recent credits including **INTO THE WOODS**, **GOOD LUCK IN SPACE**, and **RENT**) plays the Business Man. **Jessica Olexy** (recent credits include **THE WILD PARTY**, **SPRING AWAKENING**, and **SWEET CHARITY**) plays the Bus Driver. **Kate Player** (recent credits including **THE LITTLE MERMAID** and **OKLAHOMA!**) plays the Old Lady. **Bella Van Bergen** (recent credits including **LYSISTRATA JONES**, and the **LIKE I CARE** workshop by Lisa DeSpain) plays the Duckling. **Nicholas A. Wilkinson II** (recent credits include **TITANIC**, **TWELFTH NIGHT**, and **42nd STREET**) plays the Teenager.



On the Creative Team, **Brionna Trilling** (recent credits including **GREASE** at Timberlake Play House and **PETE THE CAT'S BIG HOLLYWOOD ADVENTURE** with TheaterWorksUSA) choreographs the show. **Matthew C. Hampton** (Associate Costume Designer for **MASQUERADE** Off-Broadway, Broadway's **WATER FOR ELEPHANTS**, and the national tour of **MEAN GIRLS**) joins the team as Costume Designer. **Danielle DeLaFuente** is the Scenic Designer of the show's traveling set (recent credits include American Players Theatre's **MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM**, **FLORA & ULYSSES** at Wheelcock Family Theatre, and **HAUNTED** at Compay One). Actor-musician **Jaz Koft** (favorite credits include **THE SELKIE BRIDE**, **THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ICONIS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA** at 54 Below, and **ANYTHING GOES**) rounds out the creative team as Music Director. **Michael Cassara, CSA** (with over 500 credits) oversaw casting.

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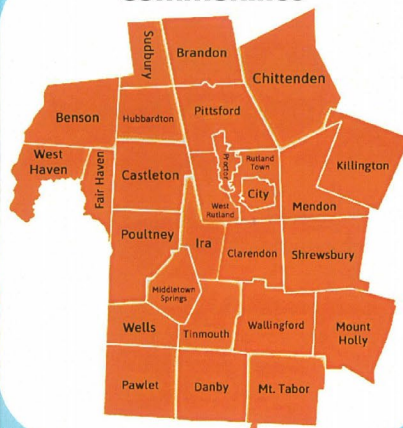
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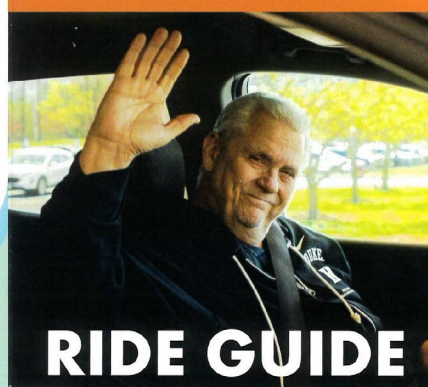
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We believe in the power of art and music to enrich lives. Your membership helps us bring a diverse range of **local artists and musicians** to our community throughout the year. From concerts to art exhibits, you'll be directly supporting the creative talent right here in Vermont and helping to make Mount Holly a hub for cultural expression.

Foster Community Connection and Celebration

The Mount Holly Community Association is dedicated to creating opportunities for us to come together. We organize a variety of **community activities and events** that celebrate what makes Mount Holly special. Whether it's a town-wide picnic, a holiday gathering, or a local festival, your membership helps us create those memorable moments that strengthen our bonds and make our town feel like home.

Preserve a Historic Landmark

Our community center and town library are housed in a beautiful **historic building** that serves as a cornerstone of Mount Holly. Maintaining this cherished landmark is vital for preserving our town's heritage and ensuring a dedicated space for learning, gathering, and connection for generations to come. Your membership directly supports the upkeep and preservation of this important historical asset.

What Your Membership Does:

- **Funds engaging events:** From music series to family-friendly gatherings, you make it all possible.
- **Champions local talent:** Provide a platform for artists and musicians in our area.
- **Protects our heritage:** Contribute to the care and maintenance of our historic community building.
- **Build a stronger Mount Holly:** Help foster a more connected and vibrant community for all residents.

Joining the Mount Holly Community Association is an easy way to make a big impact. We invite you to become a part of our mission to celebrate, connect, and preserve the spirit of Mount Holly!

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- JULY 31 - BUNTY STATION - OHIO BAND
- AUG 7 - JEB PORTER & FRIENDS
- AUG 14 - SCOTT FOREST
- AUG 21 - ELECTROSTATIC CATS
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* (In case of rain, concert will be held in the Mount Holly Community Center. Our Thanks to the Village Baptist Church for use of the Green.)



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Please help us reach our goals. We love our community and love to see it thrive. Thank you for being an integral part of it!



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You're Invited to the "Mount Holly Day" Annual Picnic!

When: Sunday - July 27 - 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Star Lake Beach - Park @ The Odd Fellows Hall

MHCA & Belmont Septic Design will provide: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns & Condiments. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Fun beach games for kids of ALL ages!

Check out mhcavt.org and "Mount Holly Community Association" on Facebook for more information

Community Health Expands Access to Vision Care with New Rutland Clinic

Community Health is proud to announce the opening of a state-of-the-art eye care clinic in Rutland, set to begin serving patients on Monday, June 2, 2025. This new facility will provide comprehensive eye health services, ensuring that the community has access to exceptional vision care close to home.

Further strengthening our commitment to local care, we are proud to welcome renowned ophthalmologist Dr. Vered Sobel to our team. A longtime member of the Rutland medical community, Dr. Sobel brings extensive experience and a passion for delivering personalized patient care. Dr. Sobel is eager to provide both routine and specialized eye care services.

“Our goal is to offer accessible, high-quality eye care to individuals and families in our community,” said Mike Gardner, CEO at Community Health. “With the addition of Dr. Sobel and our new clinic, we are well-equipped to meet the growing demand for vision services and promote overall eye health.” The new clinic will offer a full range of services, including comprehensive eye exams, diagnostics, and treatment for common and complex eye conditions, surgical consultations and eyewear. Advanced diagnostic technology and a patient-centered approach will ensure that each individual receives personalized care.

“We are excited to collaborate with Dr. Sobel to bring this vital service to the community,” added Gardner. “This clinic represents an important step in expanding our healthcare offerings and meeting the needs of our growing population.” Community Health plans to expand by adding an optometrist to the practice by the end of the year. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact 802-773-2020 or visit chcr.org

Vermont Home Gardener July Gardening

This is the time of peak flowers and rapidly growing fresh veggies, weeds and pesty bugs. It's the best of gardening and time to enjoy all your work coming into fruition. There is also work to do. Mulching and fertilizing, regular weeding, watching for pests (bugs & critters) but also early harvests have begun, and succession plantings can start. In this article I'll cover some ideas about converting weeds to fertilizer, mulching, planting, and hilling potatoes.

Weeds are simply taking advantage of our good soil and space. They are not really “bad” plants but are just unwanted volunteers in the wrong place. Weeds compete with our plants for soil nutrients, water, and space so need to be controlled. They will never be completely removed; we just do the best we can. Remove weeds as young and small as possible. Get them by the roots to avoid regrowth and add them (without seeds) to your compost or mulch. A newer idea is to turn your abundant weeds into rich liquid fertilizer for free. The process is simple. Fill a 5-gallon bucket with pulled and chopped weeds (roots, leaves, and flowers). They are high in nutrients that shouldn't go to waste! After you've packed them down so the bucket is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, fill it with clean water up to 2 inches from the top. Mix a little, cover it and wait 2-4 weeks for the natural microbes to break everything down into a nutrient rich liquid that you return to your plants when watering. No mixing needed. Add a $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of molasses or a handful of mature compost in the beginning to make it even better. Dilute this rich, greenish liquid 10 to 1 with water to apply directly to the foliage and soil around your veggies, flowers, and shrubs. The beneficial bacteria have extracted the nutrients from the weeds and given you a free solution of fertilizer and microbes that's better than anything you can buy. [Here is a short video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKoKC0vGkPo) to help you get started. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKoKC0vGkPo>)

Mulching. We never know if there will be enough or too much rain but we do know there will be weeds. The solution is mulching to cover the soil, protect it from the hot sun, conserve soil moisture, suppress weed growth, and provide habitat for beneficial pollinators, pest controlling spiders and toads for the garden. The mulch will also slowly decay and add vital organic matter to the soil so it's all good! If you delayed lawn mowing you should have plenty of collected grass clippings. Straw, hay, and wood chips can also provide good mulch materials. Late mowed hay can have weeds seeds so may introduce more weeds.

Potatoes. Once your potatoes are up about 6-8 inches tall it's helpful to hill the soil up around them to cover the lower stems. This stimulates more potatoes to grow out from the stems!

Harvesting is the best part of gardening. Garlic scapes were clipped off in late June to eat and promote larger bulbs and now we need to enjoy the salad greens, lettuces, radishes, kale, early broccoli, herbs, and flowers. As plants are harvested (or lost to pests and age) new space becomes available for replanting. We call that “succession gardening”.

Succession planting is simply re-planting to replace something that is finished so we can make full use of our space over time. We have a very limited growing season, but you can still get multiple harvests of certain fast-growing plants if you time them right. For example, if you plant leaf lettuce or mesclun seeds every week you should harvest fresh greens every week all summer and into the fall. I've found that a short row (3-4 ft. long) of different salad greens every week produces a good supply for fresh salads into November. If you lose a plant or two to pests, breakage, or harvest, it's easy to put in a quick growing replacement like a few radishes, lettuce, beets, spinach, etc.

Late crops of carrots, turnips and beets can also follow (in the same place) the harvests of early salad greens. After the garlic is harvested in late July there is time to plant fall broccoli and cauliflower plants started from seeds before 4th of July in that emptied place. (see details below)

Bush beans planted every 2 weeks provide a good extension of harvests too. Too much zucchini is a common problem, but if you plant one hill of 3-4 plants early and another hill in mid-July that will spread the harvest out so it can be enjoyed over time. The same works for herbs such as dill and cilantro that tend to mature early before we can use them in pickles and salsas. There's some very good information and specific planting recommendation [online here](#).

Pest Alerts. The earlier wet weather of May and June promoted outbreaks of **slugs & snails** and plant diseases. Preventative applications of an iron phosphate product (Sluggo, etc.) will reduce surprise damage to flowers and vegetables by slugs. Keep a close eye on potatoes for potato bugs that can be hand removed before they get too far along.

Natural controls for many pests include lady beetles and wasps that we can protect and encourage with small blossom flowers. Birds are constantly foraging for insects and are a major pest controller. Small numbers of beetles and snails can be finger squished, or sprayed with insecticidal soap or neem oil, if you prefer.

Broccoli & cauliflower. Late June & very early July is the time to start fall seedlings of broccoli and cauliflower. They will be ready to transplant out by mid-August and will give a late harvest great for freezing for winter enjoyment.

Lawn thoughts. If your higher mowing is working, you might notice more white clover blossoms appearing. Good for bees, good for the soil (clover adds Nitrogen), and good for you! Avoid mowing the clover blossoms once or twice and there will be free seeds to spread that clover even more. Clover seeds can be purchased too, and the benefits are significant. Excess grass clippings after delayed mowing in May (my practice!) and drying makes excellent garden mulch and a great compost ingredient. Questions or suggestions? Contact Jim at Mounthollygardener@gmail.com



Shriner Hospital For Children

Shriner Hospital for Children provides specialty care to children up to age 21 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the family's ability to pay. All care and services are delivered in a family-centered environment.

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 Launches Eye Care in Rutland

Community Health has added an eye care center to its network of primary care services. Conveniently located in Rutland at 71 Allen St., Suite 403, the new clinic offers a full range of services, including comprehensive eye exams, diagnostics, treatment for common and complex eye conditions, surgical consultations and eyewear. Advanced diagnostic technology and a patient-centered approach ensures that everyone receives personalized care.

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Community Health - 20 Years of Caring for Our Community

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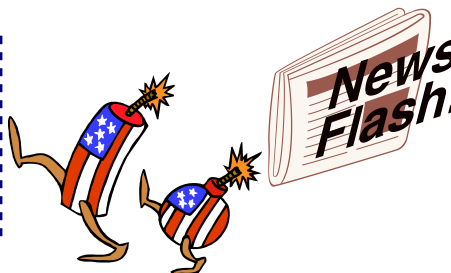
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Read the Community Health 2024 Annual Report <https://www.chcrr.org/annual-report/>

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

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