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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

Town Library: Sat 9-1 Mon 10-2 Tue 1-5 Wed 2-4, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 802-259-3707 **Town Office Hours:** Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391

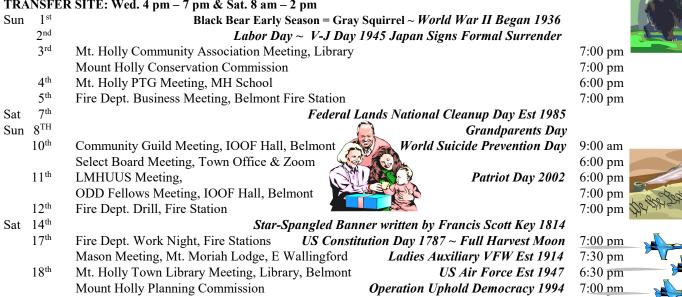
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Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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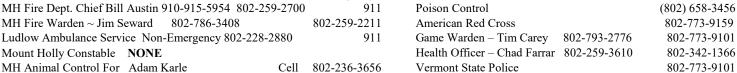
24thCommunity Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am Chit Chat Annual Meeting, Town Office 7:30 pm 25thODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

 26^{th} Fire Dept. Work Night, Fire Stations George Gershwin 1898 7:00 pm 1st Televised Debate Between Presidential Candidates Richard M Nixon & John F Kennedy 1960

Sat 28th Ruffed Grouse (Partridge) Season Sun 29th VFW Est 1899 ~ Gold Star Mother's Day

 $30^{th}\,$ Hare & Rabbit Season





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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September Birthdays: 2nd Mark Turco Sr 4th-John Taylor Jr 8th-Sarah Hawkins-Delphia 10th-Felicia Turco Clark * Dustin Miller 12th-Vera Conroy * Charles Conroy 13th-Joey Carrara 14th-Todd Bussino Jr (1983) 19th-Julia Hoeh * Heather Deem (1977) 22nd-Laurel Darling 24th—Eleanor Nowosad * Nicole Lewis 26th-Peter Herbst 29th-Kenny Hart (1964) 30th-Eliza Tarbell



<u>September Anniversaries</u>: 3rd-Douglas & Darlene Stocker 6th-Murray & Betty Merlin 14th-Mike & Melinda Pearson (1996) 15th-Richard & Laurel Darling 21st-Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon 26th-Benjamin & Amber Taylor

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.

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Mount Holly		802-259-2796
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Belmont		802-259-2790
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	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
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East Wallingfor	802-259-2829	
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	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Sh	802-492-3585	
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 - 802-44	6-2140



Monday & Thursday Mornings 9:00 am Odd Fellows Hall For Weights and more information Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443



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David R Durgin

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved son and brother, David Ray Durgin, who left us on June 2, 2024. He was 60 years old.

David was born on February 27, 1964 in Plymouth, New Hampshire to Freda and John Durgin. He grew up in Mount Holly, Vermont and live in Vermont until his death.

David is survived by his mother, Freda Durgin and siblings, Saxonee Burgess, Todd Durgin, Chrisanda DeBois and Casey Durgin. Preceded to his death was his father John Durgin, sister Suzette, brothers John and Jason.

David loved Vermont and was a outdoorsman at heart. He loved fishing, hunting and being in the great outdoors.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Rest In Peace, dear son and brother. You will always be in our hearts and memories.



Peter Berger May 20, 1950 – October 26, 2023 MOUNT HOLLY

Tribute to Peter Berger of Mount Holly. Peter Berger was a loving and caring grandfather, he was also a wonderful school teacher. He never missed a single sports game for either of his grandchildren. He always showed up no matter the condition, rain, shine, or snow. He was always there. Even if I came off the field crying or complaining that I didn't get to play or how awful the game was. He never once complained about the games. My Grandfather taught me how to draw cats when I was little. I found it fairly difficult but he was patient with me and I eventually got it. He also taught me to draw dogs. It helped me to understand patience, and that drawing takes time so don't rush it. Peter Berger always loved looking over my writings, whether it was at school, at home, or emailed to him. There was a poem I wrote in the sixth grade that he particularly liked. He said it was a well-written poem. I have been working on a novel for a while now and he liked to help me with grammatical errors and small mistakes that did not make sense. My Grandfather loved to have

interesting conversations about mythology and how many different Gods became. They were very enjoyable conversations about the Greek Gods and Norse Gods. He was also very excited to help me learn how to drive next year. When we were little he enjoyed playing card games with us when we came to the house. We played a board game just about every time we came down to the house. My grandfather was a wonderful person and loved and cared about us very much. We love you and miss you Papa / Peter. Caelyn, Gavin, Karen, Karrie, Alex



Philip J. Blyskal

Philip John Blyskal 74, of Belmont, VT passed away July 13, 2024. He was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in April 2024. A plastics manufacturing engineer, he made significant contributions to healthcare by inventing and improving medical devices. In 1991 he founded PreSource Technologies, Inc. and served as its President for 34 years. PreSource provided engineering consulting services for the development and production of plastic components. Philip is the co-holder of 15 US patents. At the time of his death, he was consulting to Lyndra Therapeutics to advance its LYNX drug delivery platform. He believed that this technology would transform therapeutic drug delivery. He was a co-inventor of the cartridge and instrument for Abbot's I-Stat portable clinical diagnostic blood analysis device. Other notable work includes a nasal ventilation mask, an IUD loading device, and an environmentally focused bed replacement system for hotels, among others. A 1971 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, he also studied at the

University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, MN. Philip was an accomplished athlete, an avid gardener, and an admired storyteller. He completed the Kiawah Island Marathon in South Carolina and many 5 and 10Ks as well as numerous triathlons; most notably with his best friend Jay Fournier and Jay's wife Linda Goodwin-Fournier. His garden in Belmont, VT was widely admired by the community. Philip's avocation was centered on health and wellness. He was a faithful friend who practiced maintaining those friendships with veracity. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Gwen Gautsch. They met in the spring of 1984 and married on August 19, 1995, in Arlington, VT at The West Mountain Inn. He is also survived by his siblings, Stephen Blyskal, and his wife Sigrid of Houston, TX, Suzanne J. Hall and her husband, John of Hadleigh, England, and Michael "Mickey" Blyskal (aka Sub-soil to Philip's Top-soil) and his wife, Claudette of Upton, MA; his niece, Lauren Blyskal of Houston, TX; Gwen's family including his mother-in-law, Mollie Loftus of Edina, MN; sister-in-law, Annette Stanek and her husband Mark of Hopkins, MN; niece Sarah (aka Sarahsota) Stanek-Kane and her husband Johnny and their children, Jamison and August of Minneapolis, MN; his nephew, Matthew (aka Mattchu Picchu) Stanek of Hopkins, MN; and his much-loved Havi's Daisy and Pip. He loved this family more than you could ever know. Philip is predeceased by his beloved mother, Stephania M. Taudel-Blyskal and father, Michael S. Blyskal both formerly of Elizabeth, Scotch Plains and Tinton Falls, NJ. A celebration of life will be planned in Belmont, VT in the coming months as well as a celebration for family and friends the weekend following his 75th birthday November 14, 2024, in Charleston, SC. Gwen would like to thank you for the beautiful letters and messages that were read to him in his final days. In addition, a very very heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all those who supported Philip (and Gwen) in his last three months. If you would like to make a donation in Philip's name the following two organizations in our beautiful mountain town are dear to him. The Mount Holly Community Association https://www.mhcavt.org/membership-online The Mount Historical Community Museum: http://www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org. Tossing Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Handyman Needed

For help needed with Home maintenance. Please call Russ at 802-259-7086

The Writers' Group

The Writers' Group will meet at The Mount Holly Library on Monday, September 9th at 2 P.M. No particular focus, but bring something to read?

I will be reading from my most recent story collection, The Corner of East and Dreams, at the

Mount Holly Library on Saturday, September 21st at 2 P.M. I promise that the reading will be short and funny. If there is any interest, I am happy to do a Question and Answer session, but you need not stay. And I will have a few

copies of the book with me for sale. I am grateful to all who attend. And I want to thank Joe, and Susie, and the board, as usual, for their help and kindness with the reading, the Writers' Group, and the writers whom I have hosted. I love our library. Joan

Connor connor@lhio.edu



first 12 weeks, so that's four volunteers a month for the first three months. Any and all help greatly appreciated!

For more information please visit esblackriver.org or you may reach out to Michael Kell, mkell@esblackriver.org and Patrick Pullinen, ppullinen@esblackriver.org

Expeditionary School at Black to Start Exciting 2024-2025 School Year

Notice: All Invited

Mechanicsville Cemetery

Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2024

Oct 1st, 8 am

Sept 3rd, 6 pm

With the start of the 2024-2025 School Year just around the corner on Wednesday, August 28th, the Expeditionary School at Black River is excited to announce several exciting new updates. A new Head of School, Michael Kell, will be at the helm this year to guide the vision of ESBR. Mr. Kell has an extensive array of educational background, as he is always eager for new experiences and to learn about innovative opportunities firsthand.

Next, during July the Board of Trustees conducted its reorganizational meeting to update roles and renew positions. After serving as the most recent Chairperson, Gary Blodgett will be succeeded by Patrick Pullinen. Gary, a gifted educational instructor who also fulfilled the role of lead instructor last school year, will continue as a Board of Trustees Member. Patrick is also a gifted educational instructor and ESBR as a whole is so grateful for both Gary's and Patrick's dedication as both Board Member and Community Member.

Lastly, ESBR is planning to set up a volunteer lunch program this school year. One is currently not available but ESBR is hoping to collaborate with community members who would be honored to help prepare and provide a meal to the 10-12 students on Wednesdays. Anyone interested is welcome to reach out to volunteer and let ESBR know so a schedule can be drafted. Ideally the school wants to draft a schedule to get through the

The 17th Annual Mount Holly Garden Tour was a great success!

The tour was dedicated to Philip Blyskal

gardener extraordinaire, and great supporter of the tour

Thank you to the gardeners and our volunteers who made it possible!

And a big thanks to the local vendors who made donations for the gift raffle

Stone Creek Pottery, Plew Farm, Crowley Cheese Mount Holly Beer Co. and Leah Kaspar Knoll

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations

Settings Start 5:00 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

Aug 31st Historical Museum - Roast Pork Oct 12th Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham

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



provided as well as this new school year takes off. Thank you to everyone for your support!

as well as calling 802-228-3727. Families and potential students are always welcome to reach out as ESBR is

still accepting applications. And more updates will be

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August 2024, Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

Next Mtg Tuesday 9-17 7:30PM

Greetings Brothers,

Our Grand Master, Paul C. Mosher, attended our successful annual fund raising supper along with some visiting brothers from other lodges around the state. We served around 160 meals this year. Many thanks to Bro. Hilary SwezyHurst for doing all the cooking again. And thank you to all the woman folk who cut and served the pies along with those serving and waiting on tables.

If you know of a Brother who might be interested in coming to this meeting... offer him a ride.

When you receive your dues notice, please send your payment to Buster Seward, 4280 Sugar Hill Rd. East Wallingford, Vt. 05742. Fraternally, David Seward W.M. - **Buster Seward Sec'y**

Thank you, Mount Holly

The Community Guild wishes to thank all of you for your support in our raffle and bazaar. We are working hard to raise the funds to give scholarships to graduating high school seniors and support community service organizations.

Our bazaar was a success. We had the drawing for our raffle. The winners are as follows: Hand made basket - Donna Seward

Stone Creek pottery - Lauren Escott Quilt - Judy Nevin

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS September 2024



Mount Holly's own Joan Connor will be joining us on Saturday September 21st at 2 pm to discuss her just published new book "Corner of East and Dreams". Please join us as it promises to be an enjoyable afternoon.

It's September and that means Manhattan Short Film Festival is just around the corner! Dates and times: Thursday Sept. 26 7pm, Monday Sept. 30 7 pm, Saturday October 5 7 pm. All 10 of this years finalists will be shown at each showing.

Cider Days is almost upon us. The Library will be having its annual book sale. This year, the sale will take place inside the library. Times are Saturday 10/12 10-3 and Sunday 10/13 12-3 Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-3707 mthollylibrary@gmail.com

https://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com

*** 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@yermontel.net.

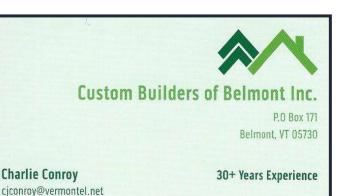




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Saturday August 31st, 2024



Starting at 5:00 pm

Benefit the Mount Holly Historical Museum

Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Roast Pork Supper

Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Rolls And Home Baked Pies

> All You Can Eat - Home Style Take Outs Available

Adults \$15.00 Children Under 12 - \$8.00

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More Info Call 259-2460

A Guide to the Mount Holly

TRANSFER STATION

DO YOUR PART

Our facility is small and attendants are often busy helping residents. We rely on you to comply with the rules to ensure that our Transfer Station can stay open. State inspectors monitor our site regularly, and violations result in fines and closures that affect all residents. Please do your part.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous materials are not accepted in household trash; this is a state law. Watch the Chit Chat for announcements of hazardous waste collection days, which occur twice a year.

USE STICKERS

All household trash and bulk waste require stickers. We count on you to be honest. Sticker fees pay for our attendants and a portion of the station's operating costs. Your compliance keeps us open. Please sticker your items and check with an attendant before placing larger items in the C&D bin.

BATTERIES

Batteries are not accepted and cannot be put in household trash. Attendants will refuse batteries if they are dropped off. You may bring batteries to the Gleason Road Transfer Station in Rutland. Staples also accepts batteries via their electronics recycling program.

FOOD SCRAPS

Food waste may not be disposed of with household trash; this is a state law. All food scraps must be composted at home or in the marked bins at the Transfer Station. Sawdust is available to add to bins after disposal. Disposal of food scraps is free to all residents.

BULBS

Traditional incandescent bulbs and halogen bulbs are nontoxic and can be disposed of in household trash; wrap them well to protect handlers. All other bulbs are not accepted. LED bulbs should be taken to Gleason Road or returned to Home Depot. Fluorescent and CFL bulbs are hazardous and should be brought to Gleason Road.

SWAP SHED

The Swap Shed accepts clean, usable household items that are in working condition, for example: dishes and kitchen items, garden tools, books, puzzles, games or small household items. Clothing, shoes and electronic items are not accepted. If you're not sure, ask an attendant before you drop an item in the shed.

BURN PILE

The burn pile is only for untreated, unpainted wood. It is a violation of state law to burn fiberboard, plywood, pressure-treated wood, polyurethaned wood and painted wood. In most cases, furniture items cannot be burned. These nonburnable items must be placed in the C&D bin; stickers are required in most cases.

METAL SCRAP

The metal scrap container is for metal-only items and for white goods/appliances without freon. We cannot accept air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, propane tanks or gas tanks under any circumstances; these items must be taken to the Gleason Road Station. If in doubt, ask!

RECYCLABLES

Recyclable materials include: 1) empty and rinsed-clean glass, aluminum, steel and #1 and #2 plastic containers and 2) clean/dry paper, boxboard and cardboard. Styrofoam, black plastic and plastic film/bags are not recyclable at the Transfer Station. Plastic bags and film can be brought to the school or Town Office.



BAGGED HOUSEHOLD TRASH 30-gallon bag or smaller: 1 Contractor bag: 3 TRUCK-LOAD CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS 6-foot bed: 14 8-foot bed: 20 MATRESSES / BOX SPRINGS Twin: 3 Full: 4 Queen/King: 6 FURNITURE
Small chair/table: 3
Dining table/upholstered chair: 4
Sofa: 5 / sectionals/recliners: 15



Accepting Applications for the 2024-25 School Year

To Apply....please visit msjvermont.org

Reinbow Riding Center Thanks Supporters

After another successful season at Reinbow Riding Center, we would like to thank the following organizations for their support for the 2024 program. United Way of Rutland County, George W. Mergens Foundation, Ben & Jerry's Foundation, M&T Charitable Foundation Carris Foundation, Stewart Shops, Velco. Their generous contributions provided the funding that allowed us to provide 118 horsemanship lessons. If you are interested in helping to support the mission of Reinbow Riding Center, please consider donating to our local 501c3 non-profit organization. To learn



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BOARD POSITION: Black River Good Neighbor



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community service. Board members dedicate their time and expertise to support BGNS mission and purpose. As a community nonprofit organization, Black River Good Neighbor Services provides confidential, temporary food, clothing, financial and disaster assistance to those in need to help them toward self-sufficiency. We serve the towns and villages of Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Mt. Holly, Belmont and Plymouth. For information, please contact Krey Kellington, BRGNS Executive Director, at 802-228-3663.



more, go to https://www.reinbowridingcenter.org/support-us.

At Reinbow 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 Reinbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: reinbowridingcenter.org and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @reinbow_riding_center and LinkedIn! Contact us at programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For information about opportunities to volunteer with us contact janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org.



The 2025 Mount Holly Calendar is on sale at the Mount Holly Town Offices



Get them while they last because we don't print a lot of them. And the best part is they help support all those wonderful activites put on by your Mount Holly Community Association.

Vote For Mount Holly Historical Museum

Please help our community Historical Museum receive votes for the "BEST OF THE BEST" in the Rutland Herald you can vote online at www.rutlandherald.com/best

You may also vote with a paper ballot. You need to vote in at least "50 Categories, with no Photo Copies Allowed, and it must be sent by August 31st. Paper Ballots can be mailed to The Rutland Herald, ATTN: BOB2024, P.O. Box 668, Rutland, VT 05701. You will also be entered into a random drawing to win cash or a gift certificate. Please call 802-259-2460 if you have any questions.

News from MHCA

Times are a changin' and so is nature, have you seen the hints of color change? We have had an interesting summer with the heat and rain with a final return to cooler mountain weather, so very thankful

for the shift. September brings much anticipation about the fall season and, of course, your Board of Directors has officially moved into the fall planning mode with spreadsheets and lists of phone calls for upcoming events.

For those readers who get the chit chat early we want to invite you to come to Cabaret Sunday, September 1st, at 8pm at the Mount Holly Library. Treat yourself to the lovely voice of Alexa Fila and beautiful bass sounds from Joe Solomon while you imagine being transported to a jazz nightclub. The event is FREE! Homemade desserts and beverages are offered for a nominal cost.

This past month we celebrated Mount Holly with our annual picnic on August 11th and what a glorious weather day it was, full of sunshine. Belmont Septic donated hamburgers and hotdogs for the event, Cota & Cota provided the grill, Kevin Hollebeek (Board member and business owner of Belmont Septic) was our grill master & Zhena Hadar (our newest Board member) had an art tent for folks to try their hand at creating a portrait or landscape. It was a well-attended picnic with all ages



Hi Dennis,

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES.

The 2024 Rutland Herald Best of the Best Readers' Choice Awards contest gives readers the opportunity to show support for local businesses, professionals, places to go and things that make our region great!

Voting is open until Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

Thanksl Rutland Herald www.rutlandherald.com/best

Notice:

Mechanicsville Cemetery Annual Meeting Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT. Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

showing up to enjoy a beautiful afternoon at Star Lake. Thank you so much to those who brought a dish to share!

The board's biggest fundraiser is officially in process as we prepare for Cider Days, held this year on October 12 & 13th; Saturday the festival is 10-4pm and Sunday noon-4pm. It takes a village to pull this event off and we are looking for volunteers to staff MHCA's merchandise gazebo, food table, and the calendar photo contest. Shifts are 2 hours and we promise you will have A LOT of fun helping out! If you are new in town this is a fabulous way to meet your neighbors and learn what our community is all about. For more information please contact Alex at 802-855-1857 or àlexandra.yuster@gmail.com.

Unfortunately, we do have some sad news, our famous matron heifer Miss Liberty, who has starred in our annual cow plop contest, passed over the rainbow bridge into heifer heaven this past winter. Miss Liberty was the best and we want to extend our condolences and gratitude to the Johnson family of Dairy Aire Farms for sharing her with us. As some of the chit chat readers may recall, Miss Liberty had a sense of humor when it came to the cow plop and, during her debut, opted not to "plop" in her pen leaving us in a bit of a tizzy that first year - how would we have a winner? On her way into her trailer she let out a laugh (disguised as a moo) and proceeded to shat. We thanked her, despite the delayed offering, and whisked the steaming cow patty up in the shovel, blindfolded the farmer, spun him around, & then he gave it the old heave hoe over his shoulder back into the pen to determine the contest winner!

Despite our sad news, the show must go on! We traversed mountain roads and backyard pastures, toiling over rocks, through knotweed, and up and down hills in search of a new star. Our adventure was arduous but we were victorious! Who is our new star? Her name is Sherpa, a lovely registered Holstein cow, who belongs to Daniel Bruce. Sherpa also has a few furry friends that plan on accompanying her, Nibbles, Orange, Clementine & Valencia; they belong to Carter, Daniel's brother; both young men are a part of the Otter Creek 4-H club. We are super excited to have them join our Cider Days festivities on Saturday from 10-2pm.



Tickets:

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- · Reserve seats on a wagon leaving every 15 minutes at the time of your choice. (Roughly 30 seats on a wagon ~ 12 pre-sale time slots) FIRST WAGON LEAVES AT 7:00PM and last presale ride leaves at 9:45PM (\$10.00 for 13 & older or \$5.00 for children 12 and under) Tickets must be purchased and picked up before the event and presented at the event.
- Email: MHVFDHauntedhayride@gmail.com or call/text 802-770-8112 and leave a **DETAILED** message with time, date and number of tickets wanted to reserve a spot. There will be 1 designated hay wagon reserved for pre-sale tickets.
- On nights of the hayride, we will have a ticket booth selling tickets starting at 6:30PM until 9:00PM. \$10.00 for 13 & older or \$5.00 for children 12 and under. FIRST WAGON LEAVES AT 7:00PM. There will be 2-3 designated wagons reserved for tickets purchased

Refreshments will be on sale! RAIN OR SHINE

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Come out and support our newest star and her entourage. Shout out and special thanks to the mom of this brood, J'Lynn Anderson for agreeing to take on this new adventure!

To participate in the cow plop contest, you will find one of our Board members at the transfer station in the month of September, hailing the contest board for you to pick your squares. Choosing a square(s) comes with benefits as well! Entering our contest enables you to win 1 of 3 prizes; each winner will receive a gift basket (with local goodies supplied from our Cider Days vendors) along with cash: \$100.00 for the winner or \$50.00. It is also a win-win investment opportunity, you can make money by entering the contest and, by participating, you are investing to help maintain the building that houses our town library and your community center. Squares are \$10.00. We appreciate your support, generosity, and community spirit!!!!

Also, on the Cider Days horizon, is our calendar photo contest! Don't forget to get your entries in so that they may be included in the people's choice voting that happens at our fall festival. The deadline for your entry is September 23rd. Entry forms can be found at the town office or email or mthollyphotos@gmail.com.

That's the news from your MHCA for this coming month. May you be happy, healthy, and, as always, be kind - it makes a difference! Hope to see you at Cabaret and Cider Days!!













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Summer Sales going on through till September. Up to 50% off select items!

Extended hours begin Monday September 23rd. We will now be open all week long for the Fall & Winter: 11am-6pm Monday to Friday, 11am-7pm Saturday & Sunday.

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Dear Voters,

My name is Adrienne Raymond and I am running for the Rutland/Windsor House seat, recently vacated by Logan Nicoll, representing Ludlow, Mt. Holly, and Shrewsbury in the November 5th election.

I have lived in VT since I979 when I moved to Shrewsbury at 20yrs old. I followed a path similar to many; attended Castleton, worked at Pico, met and married a local (Rutland) boy, and made my life here. After graduating from VT Tech, my working life has been varied. I worked for a Vet and then as a Pension Analyst for National Life







Insurance for a number of years. When our first son was born, we moved back to Shrewsbury where we



had 2 more sons and I started volunteering in our local schools and working in town government. Currently, I'm a JP, Animal Control officer, and the Zoning Administrator. In the past I've served as Auditor, Lister, Development Review Board member, and a long-time school board member for both Shrewsbury and Mill River Districts. I am also a volunteer Guardian ad Litum in the VT Family and Probate Court System. I think of myself as socially liberal and fiscally moderate.

Why am I running to be a House Rep? It might sound funny, but I like to help and I think all of my life experiences have well prepared me to do just that in Montpelier. Please consider voting for me in the Dem. Primary on August 13 and in the General Election on November 5th. I will be "A Voice for All of Us". Adrienne Raymond, 802-353-0973

VoteAdrienneRaymond.com

IT'S THE LAW Title 23§1127 That horses have the right-of-way On all roads.

Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down. Give the horse some extra room, and proceed with caution.

There are many things that frighten a horse:

- > The sounds of different road conditions.
- > Water puddles or if it's raining.
- Maybe you hit a big pothole with your vehicle.
- Stones on a dirt road the sound of them hitting your vehicle, or when they fly out form 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 SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.

THANK YOU

FROM THE VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL

www.vthorsecouncil.org



Letter To The Editor

VT and NH: Un-identical Twin Brothers Who've Had Their Differences

It seems like every four years we hear about NH. With its enormous legislature and nonstop visits from presidential wannabes, NH has always been proud of its Blessed Primary. This First in the Nation presidential primary thing is certainly overrated and all about "the theater" of it all... and the money. But let's do an objective analysis of what we know about NH (motto, "Gateway to Maine.") To wit: it has an amazing capacity for devising ways to extract money from hapless outsiders who

exudes a '70's vibe with its

antique and nouveau hippies

pass through and stock up on their cigs, booze & lottery tickets. About the only thing our two states agree on is that we have 4 seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter and July, alternately called Construction. Work on NH108 has been going for a decade! Actually, the differences go way back to the Paleozoic era. Yes! Whereas NH's mtns were formed by blobs of lava, creating igneous rocks and sandy acidic soil, VT's mtns were created by folding and erosion along a fault, creating soils of clay more conducive to farming. NH grew red oak, white oak and white pine, perfect for planking and masts, leading to more sea captains, merchants and sailors, rather than farmers raising crops and Merino sheep. NH's abundance of waterpower also led to its mills and textiles attracting Scots-Irish mixing with the Puritans. Being founded later, VT had more Scots-Irish stock, mostly small mixed farmers and more French-Canadian immigrants. This led to the state legislatures being significantly different with NH less trusting of government but more libertine and urban. Thus, comparing the capitals: Concord is convenient and commercial. Finding Montpelier may be more difficult, but it is centrally located (1 day journey by horse/buggy from anyplace in the State). It stands at a crossroads and today

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Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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

STICKERS ONLY NO CASH OR CHECK AT TRANSFER STATION

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

Transfer Site Hours of Operation:

$$\label{eq:spring-spring-spring} \begin{split} \textbf{Spring/Summer} - \text{Saturday}, & 8:00 \text{ am} - 2:00 \text{pm}; \\ \text{Wednesday}, & 4:00 \text{ pm} - 7:00 \text{ pm} \\ \textbf{Fall/Winter} - \text{Saturday}, & 8:00 \text{ am} - 2:00 \text{ pm}; \\ \text{Sunday}, & 9:00 \text{ am} - 12:00 \text{ pm} \end{split}$$

Order Solid Waste Stickers by Mail:

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Total Enclosed	\$
· ·	to: Town of Mount Holly unt Holly, VT 05758

and students. Preferable!

Quality of life? Well, maybe for transplants. Both states have been changed by the immigrants who've flooded over the southern borders. Many are very educated and cultured but are still flatlanders. Regular Vermonters? VT has its depressed areas but I've been in NH towns that make Appalachia look chic. Little secret: VT doesn't want big box stores but we love to cross over the border to shop: Walmart, Home Depot.

Mountains? No contest. VT has a beautiful canopy. It looks like someone threw a green blanket over a horse's back modestly covering its old worn-down summits. The Green Mts. run like a majestic spine right up the middle of the state creating *two sides to everything*. The White Mts. are young, jagged, looking like broken glass jutting out of harsh bald summits. They *do* have Mt. Washington (6,288 ft.) but it has its own weather system so it's rare to see the top. (The cog rail's price & smoke will leave you gasping!) VT's Mt. Mansfield (4,393 ft.), however, is simply splendorous at twilight with its snowy peak bathed in alpenglow.

VT has the best cheeses (name a NH cheese) and the best maple syrup south of Canada. When you drive into VT it just *feels* like a different country. (It *was* a different country for a couple of years there.)

NH is a state of ironies. Consider this: the state's license plates, bearing the slogan, "Live Free or Die", are made by *prison inmates*. No seat belts, no helmets. The countenance of the Old Man in the Mountain, which is on all the state signs & commemorative coins "had a great fall" (2003) and no longer exists. The resulting pile of debris is not a candidate for a face lift so, their most widespread tourism ad is a fraud.

Having roots that extend way back to farmers and boot & shoe makers in Marshfield VT I look at this whole gloriously green and serene territory the way ol' Cal Coolidge did as "the state I love."

So, Warren, NH has a real Redstone rocket on its town green. VT has *dozens* of unique oddities and attractions: Hope Cemetery in Barre, a 20 ft. tall gorilla holding a VW Beetle in Leicester, Shelburne's landlocked ship & lighthouse, World's Tallest Ladder back Chair in Bennington, black granite Whale Tails, Lord's Prayer Rock in Bristol, world renowned Phineas Gage in Cavendish, Bread & Puppet in Glover, & of course, the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Graveyard in Waterbury. Vermont *is* the most wonderfully kind of weird! New Hampshire... meh. I rest my case. *Pastor Glenn Davis*

A Tale of Quilts

I want to thank from the bottom of my heart, the Mount Holly Community Guild for taking on a project for me this past spring. While doing some cleaning in my house I came across many quilt tops or squares my mother Jane M. Coldwell had started but never got the chance to finish before she passed in 2010. I had one quilt top that I wanted for my bed and paid them to finish that one for me. I decided to give the rest to the guild to finish and sell to raise some money for their scholarships they give out to local students. I knew that would please my Mom very much. As time went on and I thought about the other quilts my mother had started I decided to buy them all back at their bazaar this August. I went up as soon as they opened and paid for the finished quilts. Now I can give some to my family members so we can all enjoy them. I made a label to sew on all the quilts so future



"Candidate Meet & Greet" **Kevin Winter** For State Representative

Sunday, September 15th, 2024 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

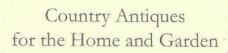
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Old and new, big and small. Something for everyone!

- The Man Cave has been dismantled
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Cupboards, closets, cabinets and drawers have

been decluttered

Cellar is empty

But the garage is full! Come and see what you might find!

Tools! And more tools! (You name it, chances are we have it!)







Housewares! Furniture! Appliances! etc., etc.

generations will know where they came

Again I and my family want to thank the M ount Holly Community Guild!!

Out was sewn together by the Mount Holly Community Guld using guilt squares made by Jane M. Coldwell May 2024







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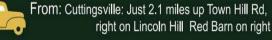
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Meeting Town Office August 14, 2024 **6:00 pm**

Attendees: Mark Turco (Chair), Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Kevin Plew, Clinton Woolley, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Elizabeth Karle, David Johnson, Paul Barton, June Capron, Christine Pratt, Stephen Michel, Dennis Devereux, Zena Gates, Robert Herbst, Lynne Herbst, Philippe Crane, James Seward, James Corven (Zoom), Andrew Schulz (Zoom).

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.

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

- 1. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark Turco noted that the board would discuss a new private road sign policy as

item 6.f, and would add updates on Shunpike Road and Healdville Road repairs to the report in 5.i. 4. Approval of July 16th and July 30th minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted; Mark Turco

- seconded; unanimously approved.
- 5. Reports
- a. Highways & Transfer Station Report Clinton Woolley. Road Foreman Clinton

Woolley noted that Casella doesn't have room to deliver winter sand using its larger trucks; he will ask them to make deliveries using smaller trucks. Regarding the Transfer Station, Mr. Wooley also noted that he will schedule Casella to deliver a scrap metal container; the current Hubbard Bros. container will be removed. The Select Board discussed the fact that the Town cannot accept white goods and appliances containing Freon, though residents continue to drop these items off. Mr. Turco asked the Clerk to repost Transfer Station guidelines to the Chit Chat and Newsflash, and to order new signage for the Transfer Station to enhance compliance. Poor compliance by residents could result in the Transfer Station being closed.

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

A Permit Is REQUIRED for OutDoor BURNING

BURN PERMITS May be obtained form THE MOUNT HOLLY FIRE WARDEN

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

Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back. Do not burn until you have spoken to him. SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

i. Beaver Meadow Culvert and Other Highway Repairs. Mr. Woolley provided updates on outstanding road repairs from July 2023 flooding and last week's heavy rains. The Shunpike Road culvert is scheduled to be repaired the week of August 19: Healdville Road repairs will take place once Dig Safe has authorized digging; the Beaver Meadow Culvert repairs will go out to bid next week; and the Town will request a hydraulic study for the culvert that recently overflowed on Sawyer Hill Road. The Lake Street culvert has not yet been replaced and will require further engineering due to its proximity to a private property. Washouts and trenches created by the recent rains will be repaired in the coming week. Mark Turco asked the Clerk to alert Fuller Sand & Gravel that Shunpike paving may need to be delayed pending GMP's possible future work to bury power lines on the road.

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Mount Holly Town Office September 2nd In Observance Of Labor Day

ii. Dust Control. The Select Board discussed the need for dust control on dirt roads during the summer. Mr. Turco noted that he would donate a 725-gallon tank to the Town for this purpose; the Town can purchase a pump for this purpose as well.

b. Treasurer's Report - Elizabeth Karle. Town Treasurer Elizabeth Karle reports that the Town continues to collect FEMA disaster relief funds. Tax bills have gone out and payments are being collected. On the profit-and-loss statement, Ms. Karle pointed out that three-quarters

of the Town's expected state aid has been released to the Town already, with the last quarter expected in August. Solid waste label sales are steady. The first note payment (~\$32,000) for the loader has been paid, as has the first of two \$50,000 loan payments to the Vermont Bond Bank. Ms. Karle also noted that a topic for further discussion is the state's changing tax sale laws, which will affect current and future tax sales in Town.

- c. Fire Department Update Bill Austin Tabled.
- d. Listers' Update David Johnson. Lister David Johnson reported that the Listers had heard two tax grievances from local property owners; he does not expect these to be elevated to the Board of Civil Authority. He also noted that the Town's CAMA software updates are

finished. The townwide reappraisal will begin July 2026.

e. Conservation Commission Update - Phil Crane. The Clerk passed on two letters of interest for a recreation committee, and Mr. Turco confirmed that the Commission can form the committee at its own discretion. Mr. Crane shared that the Commission would spend the remainder of its MERP grant on the purchase of infrared cameras for use by residents to measure home heat loss, as well as on energy audits for municipal buildings. He noted that emerald ash borer mitigation efforts were done for the season and would continue in the spring.

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

SPRING/SUMMER HOURS Begin

WEDNESDAYS, 4 pm to 7 pm SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

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.

- b. Select VLCT Town Fair 2024 Representative. Mark Turco made a motion to send David Johnson as its representative, with Elizabeth Karle as an additional representative; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.
- c. Discuss Additional Transfer Station Tasks. The Select Board unanimously agreed that Transfer Station Attendant Ken Saccardo should perform additional maintenance tasks at the Transfer Station outside of regular hours, such additional hours not to exceed six. The board thanked Mr. Saccardo for his initiative in bringing these additional tasks to their attention.

d. Personnel Policy Updates. The Clerk advised the Board regarding two sections of the personnel policy that are out of sync with the Town's current and historical practices. Jeff Chase made a motion to accept changes to the Paid Vacation Accrual policy such that it would reflect current accrual practices; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. Jeff Chase also made a motion to make a change

provided the Clerk can make contact as described above.

6. New Business

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Adam 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

TOWN SEEKS TRANSFER STATION **ATTENDANT**

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

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

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

to the Overtime policy such that it would be awarded for any hours worked above eight in a workday, Mark Turco seconded; Diana Garrow dissented. Ms. Garrow also raised a discussion regarding compensatory time; the board did not make a motion to change the current policy.

a. Mount Holly Cider Liquor License. The Select Board discussed Mount Holly

Cider's application to the state liquor board for a festival permit that would allow the

sale of beer to attendees of Cider Days in October. The Board asked the Clerk to remind

the applicant to abide by all state laws regarding festival permits, including regulations

regarding fencing, enforcement and serving limits. Mr. Turco noted that the applicant was compliant last year. The Town Clerk will approve the license at the next meeting,

- e. Adopt 250th Anniversary Resolution Dennis Devereux. Mr. Devereux brought to the board's attention a resolution concerning the Town's commemoration of the state's upcoming 250th anniversary. The Clerk read the resolution aloud. Jeff Chase made a motion to adopt the resolution as read; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved. Mr. Devereux volunteered the Mount Holly Historical Museum to serve as a representative to the state from Mount Holly.
- f. Private Road Policy. The board discussed creating a formal policy regarding private road signs. Mark Turco asked the Clerk to draft a policy that provided for the Town's payment and installation of the first private road sign requested by a property owner. Replacement signs, in the event of damage or theft of the first sign, would be installed at the expense of the property owner. The board will consider the draft policy at the next meeting. F-----
- 7. Ongoing & Old Business Municipal Planning " Grant. Ms. Karle noted that no one had come forward to conduct the housing study for which the Town received a Municipal Planning Grant. The board discussed the possibility of declining the

grant, as no funds have yet been received. The board urged residents interested in leading the housing study to come forward before the next meeting, noting that it will otherwise forgo the grant.

b. Homeland Security Grant: Generator Bids, Purchase & Installation. Mr. Chase noted that he had received quotes for the generator purchase and was seeking quotes for installation. He will be in touch with Ms. Karle once quotes have been collected.

8. Citizen Comments

- a. Dennis Devereux asked whether the Select Board should contact the state about the old dam removal near the Blacksmith Shop Museum on Tarbellville Road. Mr. Turco noted that this would be a question for the Agency of Natural Resources, and that the Museum can contact the ANR directly to inquire about the removal of remaining concrete structures from the brook.
- b. Mr. Turco noted that the Clerk should send a copy of the Junk Ordinance and the state prohibition of fireworks to the Chit Chat and Newsflash, to remind residents of the municipal and state regulations.

9. Announcements

- a. Green Up Coordinator Needed
- b. Transfer Station Attendant Needed

REMINDER

PRIVATE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ARE ILLEGAL IN VERMONT

The Mount Holly Select Board reminds residents that all private fireworks displays are prohibited in Vermont, per State Statute Title 20, Chapter 177.

The sale, possession, or use of fireworks without proper permit is considered a misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$100 and up to 30 days in jail.

Permits are granted only for public fireworks displays, and are not issued under any circumstances for fireworks displays set off in private or residential settings.

mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758 c. Town Office Closed Labor Day.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel. Mark Turco made a motion to enter executive session at 7:50 pm; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

12. Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

MOUNT HOLLY SEEKS NEW GREEN UP DAY TOWN COORDINATOR

Mount Holly's Green Up Day Town Coordinator Marianne McGee is stepping down from her role and will be missed. We now need a new Town Coordinator! Green Up Vermont's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways by involving people in Green Up Day on the first Saturday in May. Town Coordinators help to organize local volunteers, plan routes for litter pick-up, distribute supplies and resources and compile reports. If you're interested in becoming the next Mount Holly Green Up Town Coordinator, please send a letter of interest to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com.

Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes

Ash Trees Protected - Thanks to a program organized by MHCC members, Phil Crane and David Martin, 41 properties in Mount Holly have had ash trees protected against the Emerald Ash Borer. This potentially devastating invasive is lurking on Mount Holly's doorstep, (Londonderry, Dorset, Woodstock and more) and foresters believe it is a question of when, not if, the EAB will arrive here. MHCC has been able to provide property owners with the expertise, assistance and chemicals that will protect their ash trees going forward. With fall approaching and trees entering their



dormant period, the program is currently suspended, but will go back into action next spring. If you would like to learn more or join the homeowners who are taking advantage of this plan, please email mounthollycc@gmail.com.

Star Lake - Commission members have been working on various ideas to provide more information to the public regarding the Lake's current condition and to consider available options to improve the Lake conditions. One option might be to harvest and use the excessive vegetation and algae to make compost for local use. This would improve the Lake's recreational appeal as well as its important ecological services including flood control and biodiversity. The Mount Holly Conservation Trust is

currently finishing a comprehensive ecological study by Arrowwood Environmental to better understand the lake biology

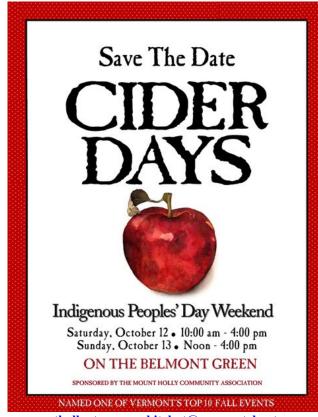
and help develop a management plan for the long-term care of the lake. A public presentation of this work and recommendations is tentatively planned for late September. Watch for our announcements!

ENERGY Savings - Our very successful Energy Fair in June has left us with funds that can provide the means for both the town and individual residents to assess energy needs and help lower costs. It will pay for detailed energy audits of the Town Hall, Community Center/Library, Historical Museum, and the IOOF Hall. This will provide the technical information for improving the energy efficiency of these buildings through better heating/cooling, and weatherization. The same fund from the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) will provide two professional grade infrared cameras for community members to check their own houses for weatherization & insulation needs. The cameras will be available at no cost through the Mount Holly library.

New Recreation Committee - The Select Board is soliciting volunteers to form a Recreation Committee to identify and make available recreational opportunities in the town. If you are interested on being on such a committee, please email the Mount Holly Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com.

Fall Migration - As we move into fall, birds and monarch butterflies will be beginning their fall migration patterns so eyes peeled and please report sightings to the Mount Holly Biodiversity Project (https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mount-holly-biodiversity).





TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY ORDINANCE

REGULATING OUTDOOR STORAGE OF JUNK AND JUNK VEIDCLES

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Holly has, by authority granted in 24 V.S.A. §§ 1971 et seq., 2246 and 2291, the powers to adopt, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances, and to manage and regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles within its boundaries:

NOW, THEREFORE, to protect the public health, safety and well-being, and to promote the responsible use of resources and protection of the environment, the Select Board of the Town of Mount Holly hereby adopts this ordinance to regulate outdoor storage of junk and junk motor vehicles.

ARTICLE I. Definitions

- a "Abandon" means to leave without claimed ownership for 30 days or more.
- b. "Abutting property owner" means any person or persons, corporation or other entity that owns, leases, or in any other way uses or controls the real property abutting any portion of the property of another.
- c. "Enforcement Officer" means any officer appointed by the Select Board to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- d. "Highway" means any highway, road, street or other public way, regardless of classification.
- e. "Household appliance" means any range, stove, refrigerator, washing machine, clothes dryer, water pump, power tool and the like.
- f. "Junk" means old or discarded scrap copper, brass, iron, steel or other metals, or materials including but not limited to tires, household appliances, furniture, rope, rags, batteries, glass, rubber debris, waste, trash, construction debris, plumbing fixtures, or any discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped, or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof. Any of the above items used in a bona fide agricultural operation are excluded from this definition.
- g. "Junkyard" means any place of outdoor storage or deposit that is maintained, operated or used in connection with a business for storing, keeping, processing, buying or selling junk or as a scrap metal processing facility. "Junkyard" also means any place of outdoor storage or deposit, not in connection with a business, which is maintained or used for the storing or keeping of four or more junk motor vehicles which are visible from any portion of a public highway. However, the term does not include a private garbage dump or a sanitary landfill that is in compliance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 2201 et seq. and any applicable state regulations. It does not mean a garage where wrecked or disabled motor vehicles are stored for less than 90 days for inspection or repairs.
- h. "Junk motor vehicle" means a discarded, dismantled, wrecked, scrapped or ruined motor vehicle or parts thereof, an unregistered motor home not connected to water and/or sewer, or a vehicle other than an on premise utility vehicle which is allowed to remain unregistered for a period of 90 days from the date of discovery.
- 1. "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including trailers. Functional vehicles and equipment used for agricultural and construction operations are excluded from this definition.
- J. "Traveled way" means that portion of a public highway designed for the movement of a motor vehicle, shoulders, and roadside parking, rest, observation areas, and other areas immediately adjacent and contiguous to the traveled portion of the roadway.

ARTICLE 2. Requirements.

- a. It shall be unlawful to place, discard or abandon junk or four or more junk motorvehicles in a place where any such item is visible from the traveled way of a highway or town road, or visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular basis. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance,
- b. It shall be unlawful to place, discard or abandon junk or four or more junk motor vehicles upon the land of another with or without the consent of the owner, when any such item is visible from the traveled way of a highway or town road, or visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular basis. Any such item so placed, discarded or abandoned is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- c. A person who wishes to operate a junkyard within the Town of Mount Holly isrequired to:
- O-Obtain a certificate of approval for the location of the junkyard, and
- Obtain a license to operate, establish or maintain a junkyard from the State of Vermont.
- 1. Certificate of Approved Location. Application for a certificate of approved location shall be made in writing to the Select Board of the Town of Mount Holly. The application shall contain a description of the land to be included within the junkyard, which description shall be by reference to so-called permanent boundary markers. The procedures to be followed after an application has been made are those specified in 24

V.S.A. §§ 2252-2256, as from time to time amended.

- 2. State Junkyard License. The procedures for obtaining a junkyard license from the State of Vermont are those specified in 24 V.S.A. §§ 2261-2264, as from time to time amended.
- d. All junkyards, scrap yards, and places of outdoor storage of junk shall be effectively screened from public view by a fence or vegetation at least eight feet in height. Any fence shall be of sound construction and of solid vertical board or 'stockade' type construction, and shall be maintained neatly and in good repair. Such a fence shall not be used for advertising signs or other displays which are visible from the traveled way of a highway. Any vegetation used for screening shall be of sufficient density so that it effectively screens the area from view. Failure to provide screening as required herein shall be considered a violation of

this ordinance.

ARTICLE 3. Enforcement and Penalties.

a. Upon receiving written notice from the Select Board to do so, the owner of any junk or junk motor vehicle discovered in violation of Article 2 of this ordinance shall remove or screen the item(s) or vehicle(s) from the view of the traveled way of the highway or town road. Such items shall also be screened from the view of an abutting landowner as seen from that portion of the abutter's land used on a regular bas s. If the owner of the junk or junk motor vehicle(s) does not remove or screen the items from view within 30 days from the date of mailing of the written notice by the Select Board, the Select Board may notify the appropriate state agency.

b. Additional Provisions for Junk Motor Vehicles.

- 1. If the owner of the land on which a junk motor vehicle is discovered in violation of Article 2 of this ordinance does not hold title or disclaims title to the vehicle, and the true owner of the vehicle is known or can be ascertained, the true owner shall move, screen or dispose of the vehicle upon receiving written notice from the Select Board.
- 2. If the last known registered owner fails or refuses to reclaim the vehicle upon receiving said written notice, or if after an investigation the owner of the vehicle cannot be ascertained, the Select Board may notify the appropriate state agency.
- 3. Further procedures by the state agency are specified in 24 V.S.A. §2272.
- b. A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau or in the Rutland County Superior Court, at the election of the Select Board.
- 1. Violations enforced in the Judicial Bureau shall be in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. A civil penalty of not more than \$500 per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance.
- A. A municipal ticket will be issued 30 days after written notification of violation is mailed by the selectboard if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.
- B. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, the Town Health Officer or Constable(s) shall be the designated enforcement officer(s). Said designee(s) shall issue tickets and may be the appeari1:1g officer at any hearing.
- 2. Violations enforced in the Superior Court shall be in accordance with the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure. The Select Board may pursue all appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, a civil penalty of not more than \$500 per violation may be imposed for violation of this ordinance. A civil action may be initiated within 30 days after written notification of violation is mailed by the Select Board if the violation has not been corrected in accordance with this ordinance. Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 4. Severability. If any section of this ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Mount Holly Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance.

Paul Nevin, Chairman

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ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at regular Select Board meeting held on 61306.

2. Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on 6/13/06 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on 7/11/06.

3. Posted in public places on 6/15/06

4. Notice of adoption published in the Rutland Herald newspaper on 617/06 with a notice of the right to petition.

5. Other actions [petitions, etc.]

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The Stand-Up Shakespeare Company Presents

ONE FREE PERFORMANCE at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth, Vermont on Saturday, August 31st, 2024, 12 Noon

Announcing: The 2024 annual "Shakespeare Alive! A Bard-Based Variety Show" returns for an all-new, FREE performance. It's a delightful mélange of Bard-based entertainment for all ages! The STAND UP SHAKESPEARE troupe of professional actors and singers from New York City will share its talent, passion and creativity to amuse and amaze with the best of Shakespeare's canon as well as Bard-based skits and songs. And, lo, verily, the show is always FREE! (Although donations are gratefully accepted.)

WHO IS STAND UP SHAKESPEARE? Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a 24-year period. The

beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of romance, tragedy, history, comedy and music, all based on the works of William Shakespeare.

Where: Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Road, located on the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100 A, Plymouth Notch, VT 05056. The special matinee performance will be held in the 183-year-old Union Christian Church (43 Messer Rd.) with its perfect acoustics making it ideal for Shakespeare performances.

Stay for the 19th Annual **Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival**, which begins at 2:00pm and runs until 5:00pm on Saturday, also Sunday during the same times. This event is also free, with donations appreciated.

For more information about the show and the **Stand-Up Shakespeare Company**, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com. Media inquiries contact Joan Pelzer at 917-670-7071 or joan@joanpelzersocial.com

The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation is the official foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting the legacy of America's 30th president. The Foundation was formed in 1960 by a group of Coolidge enthusiasts, including John Coolidge, the president's son. It maintains its offices at the president's birthplace in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. The Foundation seeks to greatly increase Americans' understanding of President Coolidge and the values he promoted.

For more information on the Coolidge Foundation: coolidgefoundation.org; Phone: 802-672-3389

Regional Plan Phase 2 RRPC e-newsletter and Town Newsletter Text:

"RRPC Launches Second Phase of Public Engagement for 2026 Rutland Regional Plan September 2024"

The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is thrilled to announce the launch of Phase 2 of public engagement for the 2026 Rutland Regional Plan. In early September, we encourage you all to start providing feedback!

Phase 2, titled Report Back, invites you to see how your feedback from Phase 1, Learn and Assess, has influenced our draft plan policies. Thanks to the active participation of residents and stakeholders across all 27 towns in the Rutland Region, we've gained key insights on issues such as downtown growth, natural resource protection, affordable housing, childcare facilities, road maintenance, and job creation. Your input is helping to shape a collaborative guide for a healthy, equitable, and resilient region.

Running from September to November 2024, Phase 2 aims to achieve two main goals:

- 1) gather your reaction to what we learned from you in Phase 1 and
- 2) seek your thoughts on the plan's draft policies. Our robust Phase 2 engagement strategy includes town board presentations, pop-up events, hybrid feedback sessions, an online survey, and a video presentation to make it easy for you to participate.

Review the draft plan policies and provide your feedback to ensure the plan reflects the community's vision and needs. Your voice is crucial in creating a future that benefits everyone in the Rutland Region. Visit rutlandrpc.org/plan2026 or email us at plan2026@rutlandrpc.org to learn more and share your thoughts.

Let's shape the future of our Region together! KAREN HILL | OFFICE MANAGER Office: 802-775-0871 x201

Mt. Holly Snow Flyers to Host Annual Golf Tournament

Ludlow, VT (August 21, 2024) – The Mt. Holly Snow Flyers are excited to announce their annual golf tournament, scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2024, at 1:00 PM. The tournament will be held at the scenic Fox Run Golf Course in Ludlow, VT, offering players the chance to enjoy a beautiful round of golf while taking in the stunning fall foliage.

The tournament is open to teams of four, and individuals can also participate. Those who register as individuals will be paired with other players to form a team. The event will feature a raffle, prizes, and a delicious dinner.

Tee Hole Sponsorships Available

The Mt. Holly Snow Flyers are also seeking sponsors for the tournament's tee holes. Sponsorship opportunities offer businesses excellent visibility and the chance to support a local organization.

Registration and Sponsorship Information

To register for the tournament or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.mounthollysnowflyers.org. Payment can be made online directly or make checks payable to: Mount Holly Snow Flyers and mail to: 798 Hortonville Rd., Mount Holly, VT 05758. Contact Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000 with any questions.

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers are a dedicated group of snowmobile enthusiasts committed to promoting safe and enjoyable snowmobiling in the Mount Holly area. We are one of over 128 snowmobile clubs in Vermont founded in 1976. Located in Southern Vermont in Rutland County we groom and maintain over 40 miles of VAST trails. The sponsorship and/or donated items for this event will help the club maintain our trail system for

all nature lovers, trail repairs/maintenance such as bridges, gates and brush removal and to help manage our new groomer, Ziggy that we purchased in March of 2024.

We hope to see you on the course! Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Kim Lampert, Secretary





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The 4th Annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival

The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to host the 4th Annual Best of Vermont Summer Festival on Saturday, August 24, 12 noon - 7pm and Sunday, August 25, 10am-4pm, 2024. The event will be take place at Okemo Field (Bixby Field) in Ludlow, VT.

This pet and family-friendly festival welcomes locals, new residents, second homeowners and visitors for a summer celebration filled with fun and excitement for everyone!





The festival showcases the best the state has to offer with specialty foods, craft beverages, artisan products, fine art, a 5-act music lineup, entertainment, agriculture demos, children's activities, raffle prizes, and more!

From new puzzle quests and giant games by Fun Time Productions to the imaginative blue block playground hosted by Wonderfeet Kids Museum, there's lots to explore in the Kids Zone. The return of the beloved alpacas from Stonewall Fields Alpaca Farms and the new addition of playful goats from Gran-Debra Farms add an extra touch of charm to the family-friendly atmosphere. Additionally, Troy Wunderlee of Big Top Adventures will be joining again for circus programming and lots of fun!

The festival also features a display of antique tractors from Dan Moore of Barker Farm's collection. This showcase of Vermont made engines and machinery includes working exhibits from the 1900s. These beautifully preserved machines add a touch of nostalgia to your festival experience.

Food enthusiasts will enjoy a delicious array of options while visiting our multiple food trucks and Food Tent, featuring Okemo's lobster rolls and fudge waffles from Okemo's Waffle Cabin! Throughout the festival, you'll also have the chance to taste delicious BBQ, arepas, Italian sausage, Vermont-made ice cream and more. Sample local award-winning cheeses, salsas bursting with flavor, small batch chocolates, and maple treats.

As you explore the festival grounds, be sure to visit our artisan tent and wander through the walkways with over 100+ vendors. In the artisan tent, you'll find fine art, photography, original pieces of jewelry, ceramics, wood carvings, paintings, illustrations, handmade artisan furniture, gifts inspired by nature, and handcrafted goods of all kinds.

Our 5-act music lineup blends folk, funk, pop, rock, country, bluegrass and soul. Saturday headliners include Bear Mountain Boys, the Rustie Bus Band, and the more Americana type material of UnReel. Sunday will kick off with Ida Mae Specker followed by the duo of Brooks Hubbard and Jay Nash.

Cap off your day of fun and exploration with our new beer garden, where you can relax and unwind with a refreshing craft brew in hand. Sit back, enjoy the live music performances, and soak in the festive atmosphere that surrounds you. The Best of Vermont Summer Festival in Okemo Valley is a celebration of community, creativity, and joy. Come join us in

celebrating the spirit of summer at this unforgettable event.

We would like to extend our gratitude to presenting sponsor Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates and all of our sponsors who made this event possible: Cota & Cota, Engel & Volkers, Meiomi Wines, Okemo Mountain Resort, Brewfest Beverage Co., AV Innovations, Down to the Roots, Inside Edge Rentals, One Credit Union, William Raveis Vermont Properties, The Vermont Country Store, Berkshire Bank, LaValley Building Supply, Master Plumbing & Heating, Inc., TPW Real Estate, and Diamond Point Wealth Partners.

For more information, visit:

www.yourplaceinvermont.com/best-of-vermont-summerfestival/









www.vermontbridges.org

Kingsley Covered Bridge Reopening

Over 85 people gathered at the newly restored Kingsley Covered Bridge in East Clarendon to celebrate its recent reopening. The 2.7 million dollar bridge restoration took nearly 14 months to complete, due in part to a set-back by flooding in July 2023. Senator Brian Collamore spoke briefly and congratulated the Clarendon community in choosing to retain their only remaining covered bridge and their continued efforts to sustain it for many years to come.

Vermont Covered Bridge Society, in conjunction with many local organizations and citizens, organized the event, complete with a cookout, and cake. OVRCC Executive Director Carol Lighthall said, "I've been to many ribbon cutting ceremonies, but this is my first at a covered bridge!" For more information:





Event Snapshot

When: August 24 & 25, 2024 (Rain or Shine)
Saturday 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Okemo Field @ Route 103 & Bixby Road, Ludlow, VT

ANTIQUE TRACTORS & VINTAGE MACHINES Sponsored by Cota & Cota, this display features Dan Moore of Barker Farm's collection of antique tractors & vintage machines. This is a showcase of Vermont made engines & machinery including working exhibits from the 1900s.

FARM ANIMAL FRIENDS including Stonewall Field Farms showcasing their alpacas and Gran-Debra Farms featuring their baby goats.

KIDS ZONE sponsored by Inside Edge Rentals including Troy Wunderle of Big Top Adventures offering clowning and circus fun. Children's activities throughout the weekend will also include puzzles and giant games with Fun Time Productions and Imagination Playground Blue Blocks hosted by Wonderfeet Kids Museum.

FOOD TENT featuring delicious lobster rolls and sangria by Coleman Brook Tavern, fudge waffles by Okemo's Waffle Cabin, local cheeses, hot sauces, and maple sweet treats! Also, enjoy wine from our sponsor, Meiomi Wines Constellation Brands.

BEER GARDEN including Mt. Holly Brewing, Rutland Beer Works, and von Trapp Brewing, sponsored by Brewfest Beverage.

VENDOR RAFFLE Come and try your luck! 50+ anticipated items for raffle prizes! All proceeds go to the Okemo Valley Foundation for flood mitigation and other community initiatives.

GATE DONATION PROCEEDS This event is the signature event and annual fundraiser for Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. Our mission is to provide programs and services to keep the twelve-town Okemo Valley region vibrant. Thanks for your support!

LIVE MUSIC throughout both days with the support of lead music sponsor Engel & Volkers. Each day will feature live music including our HEADLINERS:

SATURDAY 8/24 FROM 12-7 PM

12-2 pm: BEAR MOUNTAIN BOYS 2-4 pm: THE RUSTIE BUS BAND

4-7 pm: UNREEL

SUNDAY 8/25 FROM 10 AM-4 PM 10 am-1 pm: IDA MAE SPECKER

1:30-4 pm: BROOKS HUBBARD and JAY NASH

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OFFICIAL VERMONT PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

August 13, 2024

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If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

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is the deadline for entries into the 2024

Mount Holly Calendar Photo Competition!

Entry forms are at the Mount Holly Town Offices (5 School St.) or ask for them online at

mhcavt@gmail.com mthollyphotos@gmail.com

Anyone, resident or non-resident, can enter up to three photos of Mount Holly into the annual Calendar Photo Competition. See entry forms for all details. The competition is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales go to support the many activities of the MHCA.



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Vermont Home Gardener: September Garden Tips

September means gardens are now heading into the season finale with harvests of tomatoes, beans, squash, cukes, onions, potatoes, and peppers leading the way! Wet weather has been hard on some veggies and flowers this summer but there are some special techniques to keep plants healthy despite the saturated soils. This is a good time of year to apply foliar compost tea and your own homemade biofertilizers. It's also a good time to get a soil test so you know what is needed for next year. Tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and cabbage will do well if you follow a few basic tips to extend the season and keep them healthy. Late summer pests & diseases are appearing too so let's be alert.

Got wet soils? The recent rains have filled the soil with water and squeezed out vital oxygen that beneficial soil bacteria require to break down organic matter into plant nutrients. The result is that water soluble nutrients like Nitrogen and Potassium can be washed away and other nutrients are not available to plants. The resulting poor growth can be corrected with additional foliar fertilization to replace the missing nutrients. This is especially important for perennials that need to store nutrients for next year but also for our annual vegetables and flowers that need food right now. I have been giving extra granular organic fertilizer directly to garden plants (tomatoes, peppers, squashes, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) as well as side dressings of compost. Applied just before rain this replaces the lost nutrients needed for growth and disease resistance. A quicker remedy is to apply foliar fertilizer so the leaves can absorb nutrients that the waterlogged roots are unable to get. More details below.

Soil Testing is a simple and important task we all should do this time of year. Fertilizing your soil without a soil test is like taking medications without knowing what, if anything, is wrong. Bad idea and possibly a waste. The University of Vermont Extension service provides a good soil analysis and recommendations report. Get their simple directions online here, mail in your soil sample in a clean plastic bag with \$17 and they will send you the information by email or regular post to make your garden or lawn better.

What to Plant in September? Seeds or transplants of lettuces, arugula, spinach, kale, & radishes will do well. Keep planting those empty spaces!

Late Season Tomato care. August & September conditions generally are good for a plant's growth, but some plant diseases appear now. Plant diseases can't be cured, only prevented and managed. Most important is disease resistant varietal selection, but that's a discussion for January when we select our seeds.

Disease *prevention* is the most effective strategy. Healthy plants can resist pests and diseases and healthy soil is the best way to have strong, healthy plants. Of course, healthy plants are more nutritious to eat, so they contribute to our own good health too. Homemade compost supplemented with minerals like phosphate, calcium, and potassium, when indicated by a soil test (see below), are a great way to build healthy soil and reduce disease problems.

If your garden plants seem to be losing their vigor (slow growth, yellowed leaves, etc.), it's time to give them a nutritional boost. Foliar (leaf) feeding is quickly ingested and can extend the production of tired tomatoes, summer & winter squash, cucumbers, peppers, and many flowers that have used or lost the nutrients from waterlogged soil. Fish emulsion (available at most garden centers and online as a liquid concentrate) is a great fertilizer, best applied in the morning (when leaf pores, stomata, are open and can take in the food) and when no rain is expected. Spray it on with a tank sprayer or with a watering can with a sprinkler head. I'm also experimenting with fermented plant extracts and biofertilizers as foliar supplements to provide a balanced nutrient food for plants.

You can also apply a commercial liquid organic fertilizer when watering. Got compost? Make a simple "compost tea" with a shovelfull of mature compost in a 5gallon bucket and fill with water. Mix it well and repeat mixing a couple times for a day before watering your plants with this healthy probiotic tea. This provides a great boost of beneficial soil microbes plus some nutrients to feed your plants. Do not try to save it for more than a day or two, it can get pretty "ripe"!

It's also important to regularly remove all diseased or yellowing leaves/branches from plants. An infected leaf can produce millions of spores that quickly spread over the surface of healthy leaves as well as

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inside the plant via sap. Cut them off and discard away from the garden, not in your compost. Continue to pinch off "suckers" and harvest ripe tomatoes, peppers, cukes, etc. so the plant's strength can go to new fruits.

Finally, tomatoes and peppers are really sub-tropical plants and don't know that winter is coming so they are still trying to grow. Because it takes 50-60 days for a tomato blossom to grow into a ripening fruit, blossoms forming after Sept. 1 will not yield useable tomatoes but will take valuable energy away from the plant. Best practice is to snip off all newly formed blossoms after Sept. 1. Sad thing to do but it will direct more energy into the fruits already on the plant. Also, if your plants have outgrown their supports then cut off the terminal tips to stop excessive growth at the top.



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Pest Alerts.

Snails & slugs love these wet conditions and continue to damage plants and are laying most of their eggs for next year. Control them with coffee grounds, beer traps, slug baits (Sluggo, etc.), diatomaceous earth (DE), and hand picking. Hand picking also is effective. **Cabbage loopers** on broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, etc. will be very active in the cooler, fall weather. This white or yellowish moth can be controlled with Bt (Dipel) and a butterfly net (if you're quick).

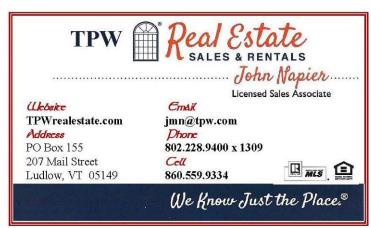
Get the Weeds! It's easy to let the weeds finally have their way in the garden. Do not stop now! Weeds are now producing their seeds for next year, and several years after that. Weeding now will yield benefits of reduced work in the future if you remove those plants, or at least the seed heads on top. It's an important goal, do not allow weeds to go to seed in your garden! Use the seed-free weeds as compost or mulch.

Make more Compost! This time of year we have an abundance of ingredients for the compost bins. Garden plants, grass clippings, fruit & veggie scraps, and autumn leaves (soon) all produce the best soil amendments. Here is a comprehensive website to all things compost.

Read all Vermont Home Gardener articles online at https://vermonthomegardener.com/

Perennials. September is a good time to dig up and divide oversized perennials (hostas, lilies, etc.). They will have enough time to reestablish some root growth to withstand winter. Dig them out and cut them with your spade or garden knife into moveable clumps for transplanting. Be sure to put a couple tablespoons of rock phosphate (or bone meal) into the planting hole before placing the plant. This will provide a source of this root stimulating nutrient for years to come. Top the soil with compost to feed them into winter and next spring.

Thinking ahead... now is the time to order your **fall bulbs** for October-November planting. If you haven't grown **garlic**, this can be the year you start. Order "seed garlic" from a local farmer, Johnny's Selected Seeds, FEDCO, Maine Potato Lady, or other online sources for late October planting. Supermarket garlic is probably the wrong variety and may be treated to inhibit growth so doesn't make good seed.

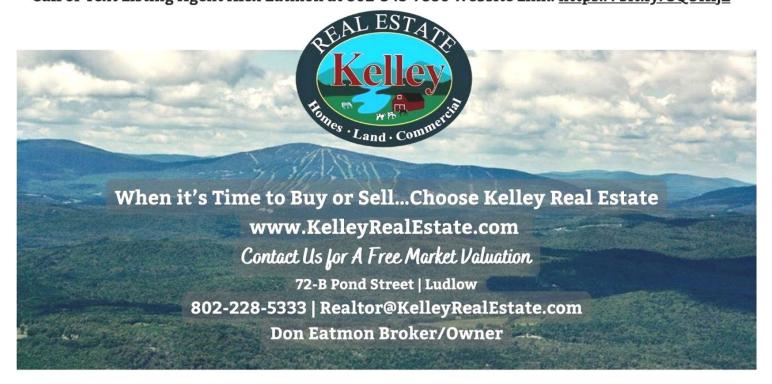




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Walkers make a difference, creating awareness, changing the conversation about mental health and putting a stop to this tragic loss of life.

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For caregivers, remember that the Community Health Alzheimer's support group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Community Health's Allen Pond location in Suite 403. Check our website for more

information https://www.chcrr.org/patient-education/what-is-alzheimers-disease/alzheimers-caregiver-support-group/.

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