



Mount Holly Chit Chat

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November 2024

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

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November 2024



1 st			<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
Sat 2 nd		<i>All Souls' Day ~ Only Flight of Howard Hughes</i>	<i>"Spruce Goose" 1947</i>	
Sun 3 rd			<i>Daylight Saving Ends</i>	
4 th			<i>Will Rogers Day Okla</i>	
5 th	VOTE Election Day		Polks Open 10:00 am-	7:00 pm
	MH Conservation Commission			7:00 pm
6 th	MH PTG Meeting, MH School			6:00 pm
7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		<i>Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867</i>	7:00 pm
Sat 9 th			<i>Berlin Wall Opens 1989</i>	
Sun 10 th			<i>US Marine Corps Est 1775</i>	
11 th		<i>Veterans' Day 1947 ~ Signing of WW1 Armistice 1918</i>		
12 th	Community Guild Meeting, Community Center, Belmont			9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom			6:00 pm
13 th	LMHUUS Meeting,			6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		<i>Robert Louis Stevenson 1850</i>	7:00 pm
14 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station			7:00 pm
15 th			<i>Full Beaver Moon</i>	
19 th		<i>Gettysburg Address 1863 ~ Discovery of Puerto Rico 1493</i>		
20 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
21 st	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations			7:00 pm
22 nd			<i>John F. Kennedy 1917-1963</i>	
26 th	Community Guild Meeting, Com. Center	<i>Giving Tuesday</i> www.PVA.org/SupportVeterans		9:00 am
27 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont			7:00 pm
28 th			<i>Thanksgiving Day 1863</i>	



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MH Constable	NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-259-3610
MH Animal Control Officer 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 Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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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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	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
Window Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
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Phyllis D. Hendee

Phyllis D. Hendee, 84 of Fair Haven died Tuesday September 17, 2024 at her residence. She and her husband Elton lived in Mount Holly while raising their two sons. A complete obituary will be in at a later date. Services are pending with the Durfee Funeral Home.

Mount Holly Transfer Station

**FALL / WINTER HOURS
Begin**

**SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm
SUNDAY, 9 am to 12 Noon**

**Last Wednesday is October 9th
First Sunday is October 13th**

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

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The Vermont Farm and Forest Awards

The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program this week announced its 2024 grant awards to working lands entrepreneurs, totaling \$943,745 to support businesses improvements that enhance water quality. Additionally, 18 farm and forest businesses were awarded \$136,119 to complete projects that support business development and viability.

Among the 2024 Water Quality Grant Awards were: McKnight Farm in East Montpelier, \$50,000 for a manure storage structure; won Trapp Farmstead in Waitsfield, \$50,000 for a bedded pack system expansion; Robeth Holsteins LLC in Rochester, \$50,000 for a covered barnyard expansion; Bobolink Farm LLC in East Montpelier; \$43,000 for a covered winter barnyard; Critter Meadows Farm in Williamstown, \$43,000 for a barn

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Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

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Among the 2024 Implementation Grant Awardees; Blackbird Organics in Plainfield, \$7,940 for produce wash and pack facility; Lazy Dog Farm in Orwell, \$8,000 for an animal lean-to; and Papa John's Sugar Shack in Mount Holly, \$8,000 for Okemo State Forest expansion.



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December issue is
Wednesday
November 20th**

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HIKES INTO THE YALE FOREST

Hikes to be offered into the Yale Forest this fall. Mount Holly is home to 462 acres that are part of Yale's Forestry program. The land was given to them in 1922 by the family of Joseph Bowen. He was a graduate of the Yale School of Forestry who was killed when shot down over

France in World War 1.

The hikes will be held from the middle of October until early November. They are moderate walks along an early road. Learn about the

“Mount Holly Library”

Is seeking assistance with snow removal this coming season on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, prior to scheduled opening hours. Rate of compensation is \$20/hr. If interested or for more information please contact the library at 802- 259-3707.”

Thank you 2024 photographers!

In the twenty two years since the creation of the annual Mount Holly Calendar competition some 125 photographers have entered photos in the event. The names below represent the 24 who entered a total of 56 photos this year. Some of the names you will recognize from previous competitions, and some are new.

This year, despite wind driven cooler temperatures, the public turned out in large numbers for Cider Days 2024, and a record number of them voted in the Mount Holly Calendar Competition. (Please look for the results of that voting in the next issue of the Chit Chat). So, a giant **THANK YOU!** to all the photographers who this year entered and shared their beautiful photos of Mout Holly with us. They are:

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|----------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Dori Beardsley | Jeanmarie Fidzgerald | Linda Miller | Mary Surething |
| Tracie Burns | Gregory Higgins | Birgir Nilsen | Kathleen Thompson |
| Broder Cotter | Abe Leber | Randy Paz | Tracey Urbani |
| Susan Covalla | Kathleen Leber | Susan Presson | Mathew Weitzer |
| Carol DeVine | Mary Leonard | Deirdre Rogers | Alexandra Yuster |
| Madeleine Fay | Jennifer Marcus | Seth Rosen | Clay Zahler |

Now, on to next year. Your assignment is to get out and take those photos and add your name to the list of photographers, Like those above, who shared their works with us this year.

history of the area and visit the plaque that was placed in memory of the young pilot who did not come home.

The hikes are finalized a day or two ahead of time when more is known about the weather. Please leave a message at 802-259-2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net if interested. There will be several opportunities to join the hour and a half trek.

2024 MSJ Fall Open House

You are invited to join us at MSJ for our 2024 Fall Open House on Thursday November 7th from 5-7 PM. Teachers, Coaches, and Administration will be available to meet with you to talk about classes, sports, admissions and financial questions, and everything that makes MSJ the right choice for high school in the Rutland County region. To pre-register call the main office at 802.775.0151. We can't wait to see you! www.msjvermont.org



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Community Guild News

The Community Guild would like to thank all those who bought raffle tickets for our fall raffle and those who shopped at our booth at Cedar Days. We had a successful season and will be able to award two scholarships to graduating Mount Holly high school students who are furthering their education. We will soon be distributing funds to

community service organizations.

The winners of our raffle are: Quilt - Theresa Cole
 Watercolor Painting by Cindy Hinchliff - Maggaie Blanc
 Vermont Party Basket - Diana Garrow

The guild is always happy to welcome new members. If you want to learn new sewing/crafting skills and work with a group of community minded people we would love to meet you. We meet in the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Odd Fellows Hall

at 9:30 AM. For more information call Claire (259-2399) or Judy (259- 2443)

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY
FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday November 7th : 5-7 PM

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 Rutland, VT 05701
 802.775.0151

***** Hall Rental in Belmont *****

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ESBR Hosts Open House for Families

With six exciting weeks into the school year already, ESBR hosted an Open House on the evening of Thursday, October 10th to share with ESBR families what the students have been experiencing so far in the 2024-2025 school year. Head of School Michael Kell welcomed guests, expressing how this year's theme, "What Makes Vermont Strong," also represents itself within the school just amongst the students on a daily basis. Board Chair Patrick Pullinen reiterated this point, sharing inspiring journeys of students past and the early days of ESBR. Sean Whalen, ESBR's English Language Arts instructor, also offered insight, agreeing in a joint goal of not just teaching but also in discovering how to make something mundane "not boring" to learn or experience in the first place. A slideshow presentation accompanied the introductions, providing a further glimpse into the ESBR experience.

Following this discussion, families broke off to see the Middle School and/or High School schedules and classes. Along with core courses, several other current classes include Graphic Arts, Spanish, and Health. Families were able to visit these classrooms and a few of the ESBR instructors were able to give interactive accounts of some of the projects they've been working on with students this school year. And, as seen in the slideshow presentation, the brick and mortar walls are not the only classrooms, as many field trips also occur to visit various Vermont landmarks and locations to learn about the local history and how they imparted on Vermont's strength. One of these recent expeditions was to the Bennington Museum, to witness the role the region played during the Revolutionary War and America's fight for its independence.

Families were able to finish exploring the school and speak with staff and Board Members who were in attendance. ESBR has come a long way, albeit it still has a long way to go, which makes it an exciting time to shape an educational experience that truly benefits young learners. As ESBR enters its 5th year, the feedback of students' growth is expressed by parents and guardians alike. Likewise, students share their genuine joy of being at school and connecting with one another. ESBR is honored to provide this environment and welcomes other students and families to inquire. Indeed, student enrollment has already increased since the school year began. As mentioned above, this is an exciting time of growth.

ESBR envisions further growth in welcoming more community members to reach out. Whether it is to inquire about attending this school year or next, information can always be readily shared. Choice Towns can utilize the designated average State tuition dollars at ESBR now. Volunteers are also welcomed; fundraising continues so as to provide extra programming (thanks to the Legion and other community members a successful Chicken BBQ earlier in September raised \$1,885 which will go towards transportation funds, technology, etc for the school; more fundraising to follow in the coming months). Community members have also been volunteering for the Wednesday lunch meal program, whereby a different community members preps a communal lunch time meal to bring in and share with the students on Wednesdays. Furthermore, anyone interested in joining the Board is also welcome to reach out. Board Chair Patrick Pullinen may be contacted at ppullinen@esblackriver.org and Head of School Michael Kell may be contacted at mkell@esblackriver.org or via the school phone, 802-228-3727. Thank you to everyone, ESBR continues to be forever grateful for all the support over the years to provide a viable school for the community.



Mount Holly Community Guild

The Mount Holly Community Guild is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to support our local community with aid for educational or civic projects.

The organization was established in 1919! We continue community efforts today. Wow! We are 105 year young!

We achieve our goals by fundraising. One activity is the Bazaar in August selling our crafts and at Cider Days in October. We also sell raffle tickets before each event with at least three prizes to be won. These items are made by some of us and also some are donated by our generous community.

One of our focused goals is award two scholarships to local students.

This scholarship is open to any student who lives in Mount Holly and who has graduated from the Mount Holly Elementary School.

If you have a senior who is graduating soon, have them apply. Please contact Judy Nevin 802-259-2443.

We are at this time a smaller group. New Members are always welcomed. Each of us have a different craft talent. We meet every second and last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am April to October at the Odd Fellows Hall. November to March meetings at the Community Center at the Library.

Com see what we are all about!



Reinbow Riding Center Thanks Supporters

Colorful leaves, colder weather and the fuzzy-coated horses signals it's time for the horses at Reinbow Riding Center to get a well-earned rest until green leaves and green pastures return next spring. Not so for their human companions. Now it's time for us to begin our work developing new programs, enhancing old programs and raising the funds to continue to provide lessons for all regardless of their ability to pay. If you are looking for something to do this winter and would like to get involved with a very worthwhile organization that serves your local communities, please email programs@reinbowridingcenter.org or janetupton@reinbowridingcenter.org

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!



News From MHCA

The leaves have fallen and the mountain sides are beginning to look a little bare as we transition from fall to winter. The month of October held some spectacular warm fall days with glowing colors all around. Soon we will have a fresh set of tourists pouring in for snow on the mountains. Let's take a moment to enjoy the quietness of stick season, the waning sun, and the warmth and smells of the woodburning stoves.

As always, this time of year, your MHCA Board of Directors are taking a collective sigh as we reflect on our major fundraising efforts and community celebration of the Cider Days Festival. The weather was generally cooperative this year and despite rain towards the end on Sunday, our little village green was hustling and bustling with the young and the old mesmerized by the old fashioned apple press, the melodies of musicians, the history of our town as they meandered thru the museum & blacksmith shop, supported local artists & agriculturalists, and celebrated all forms of the gift of the apple. Living in a small community and celebrating fall is just one of the best feelings!

We cannot begin to express our sincerest gratitude for the many volunteers who make this event possible but we do want to highlight the major players....

We have a spectacular cider press crew managed by Jeff Chase, Michael Huck and Gabe Vastola. These folks lovingly maintain the press, run a practice press to ensure everything is in working order, and coordinate the crew of folks to press all weekend long. Our one and only Jeb Porter manages the musical end of this celebration bringing us local artists who played thru wind, sun and rain entertaining the crowds. Thank you to the musicians: Tisa Van Dine, Tim Cairra, Jeb & friends, Claudine & friends, The Electrostatic Cats, The Mount Holly Ramble & Jenny Porter. Thank you Lisa Kelley for coordinating all things vendors and Alex Yuster for taking over volunteer recruitment! Thank you to Leah Knoll and Gene Jennings who managed the MHCA food tent all weekend long with a litany of very fun community members taking teamwork to the next level.

We had another wonderful photo competition for the 2026 MHCA calendar with 23 entrants and 56 photo submissions. Thank you Carig Tomkinson for all your efforts and witty advertising encouraging folks to share their artistic views of Mount Holly. There was a huge number of voters oohing and ahing over spectacularly captured seasonal views; one just needed to listen and observe voters to know how challenging it was to pick their favorites with so many choices. In addition, we had a silent auction of one of Penny Coldwells framed prints to raise money for the Penny Colwell Community Youth Art Fund which generated \$ 500.00!

Of course the Cider Days report would not be complete without reflection on...the famous cow plop! This year Team Bruce & Anderson brought a black and white holstein beauty named Sherpa as well as 5 of the most softest bunnies you can imagine. Miss Sherpa showed no signs of apprehension as she made her debut for the Mount Holly Cow Plop fundraiser. She grazed with confidence, moseying to and fro contemplating her performance strategy, having heard about her predecessors "refusal" shenanigans. Our newest heffer decided early on to fully commit and leave no doubt she would produce not one but three winners; my oh my, this little lady was a prolific pooper! Wowing her audience, Miss Sherpa's plops dropped in a single straight line over the course of four hours, four feet in from the back row. We cannot deny that there was some scuttlebutt and jubilation from cow plop players when the Devine Clan, who purchases a central block of squares each year -

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claiming victory two out of the last three years, did not win...but let us not relish in one's loss.

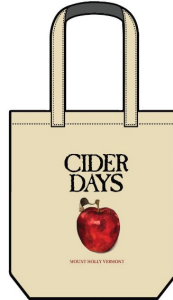
This year's grand prize winner was Paul Warren. Given Miss Sherpa's A+ efforts, no raffle was required for second and third prizes; both the squares of Mark Knoll and Cathy Corica received dutiful deposits for the remaining prize baskets. **Congratulations Paul, Mark and Cathy and thanks to everyone who supported MHCA by participating in the 2024 Cow**



Plop!! Thank you to our vendors who graciously supplied gifts for our winners!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to Team Anderson and Bruce for spending the day with us! Pictured left, brothers Carter and Daniel Bruce (masters of ceremony) with the support of their parents J Lynn Anderson & Steve Bruce. Thank you Miss Sherpa for your enthusiastic participation!

Thinking ahead to holiday giving, MHCA has some pretty nice T-shirts (adults \$25, kids \$20) large canvas bags (\$15), gorgeous hot/cold stainless steel tumblers (\$25) and the 2025 Mount Holly calendars (\$23) for sale. Don't wait til the last minute to get your calendars as supplies are limited. Reach out to us at mhcavt@gmail.com for your shopping needs!



Lastly, we have begun planning for our December holiday celebration. Santa informs us we are definitely one of his stops again this year but his people and our people are still negotiating the details of his arrival. We will be celebrating inside this year so please watch the newsflash and next month's chit chat for more details.

Once again the Mount Holly Community Association's Board of Directors would like to thank our many volunteers who make Cider Days special for our community. We LOVE our town and appreciate your support! And that our friends is the MHCA news for November! To quote Garrison Keller "be well, do good work and stay

Mount Holly Writers' Group
The Writers' Group will meet again on Monday, November 4th at 2 P.M. at the Mount Holly Library. Thank you.
Joan Connor connor@ohio.edu

in touch". Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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"And what's that?"
"Duh...buying a 2025 Mount Holly Calendar."
"They're at the Mount Holly Town Offices at 5 School Street."
Thanks!
All calendar proceeds help support the many activities of the Mount Holly Community Association
Questions? Call: 802- 259-3947 or email to: mthollyphotos@gmail.com

PTG NEWS

THIS WEEK

All School Meeting

All parents are welcome to attend, as students share the weeks news and events. Every Friday 8:15am to 8:30am in the school gym. Sign in first, please.

HELP NEEDED TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25TH 5:30PM TO 7:00PM

If you would like to showcase your trunk sign up below. Trunk set up time is 5:15 to 5:30pm. Trunk or treating will be 5:30 to 6:30pm. With a haunted walk 6:45pm.

Click the below to sign up!



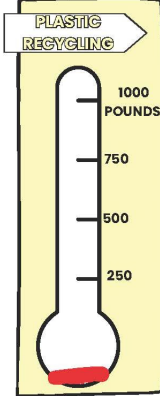
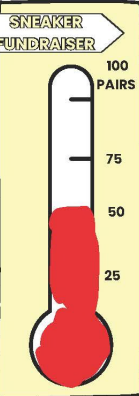
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COMING SOON

BOTTLE COLLECTION FUNDRAISING

The PTG has been given the chance to redeem all bottles collected at the dump. Which could raise us \$2 to \$3K annually. But we need help bringing the bottles to Brewfest.

Please consider signing up to take a couple of bags of bottles 2-3 times a school year to help make this possible.



BOTTLE REDEMPTION SIGN UP

PTG MTG WED NOV 6TH 6PM

In person or via zoom:
ZOOM LINK
Passcode: BKzjM3

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VT Sec'y of State Guide-

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/voter-guide/>
FOLA Forum 10/10/24- <https://okemovalley.tv/foa-legislative-candidate-forum>

Okemo Valley TV Election Information-
<https://okemovalley.tv/cablecast-categories/election-programming>

To The Editor

MORE BALANCE NEEDED

In this election we have an opportunity to bring some balance to the legislature. Governor Scott has asked for more moderate members to encourage compromise. I am not in favor of our state being run by the legislative branch and a governor of the same party. I saw how that worked when Governor Shumlin and his party were in control for six of my twelve years in the legislature. A supermajority does not have to compromise. Please vote to bring more balance to Montpelier. Dennis Devereux

Chit Chat Deadline

**December issue is
Wednesday
November 20th**

November 2024 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.



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**Where to look for info on your
House candidates:**

VT Digger's Election Guide-

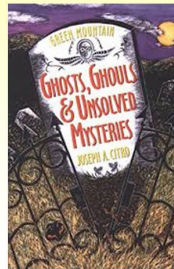
<https://vtdigger.org/2024-general-election-guide/>

Fletcher Memorial Library Presents

Green Mountain Ghost, Ghouls and Unsolved Mysteries

By Joseph A. Citro

**Book Discussion on
Mon 11/4 @ 6PM**



A book full of spine-tingling ghost stories, historical events as little-known as they are horrific, profiles of surpassingly outrageous Vermont characters, and numerous inexplicable happenings. A great read for autumn!

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Honoring Our Veterans

Veteran's Day Assembly

Friday, November 8, 2024

Presidential Hall

(LES gymnasium)

Ludlow, Vermont

9:30 am

Doors open at 9:10 am

Please join Ballard-Hobart American Legion Family Post 36, the students of Ludlow Elementary School, Mount Holly Elementary, and the Expeditionary School, as they come together with the community to honor our brave men and women of the armed forces.

NEVER FORGET... ALWAYS HONOR



Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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

STICKERS REQUIRED 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:

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

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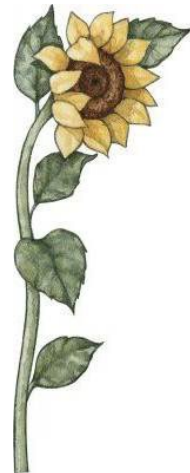
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Dear Editor, "Nothing Is Ever Sure!"

"The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" is a haunting hit tune from 1976 that chronicled the final voyage of that huge freighter in the cold waters of Lake Superior during a fierce November storm in '75. Canadian singer-songwriter, Gordon Lightfoot (1938-2023) sang "timeless songs about trains and shipwrecks, rivers and highways, lovers and loneliness." Lightfoot was inspired to write the song after reading "The Cruellest Month" in Newsweek. He agonized over possible inaccuracies in the lyrics prior to the examination of the wreckage until his lead guitarist suggested, "do what Mark Twain would advise: just tell a story." That story literally struck a chord, and he found himself scribbling away, very quickly:

The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down, of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee.

The lake, it is said, never gives up her dead when the skies of November turn gloomy...

The ship enjoyed 17 happy years ferrying taconite ore from MN to the iron works of Detroit, Toledo and the other Great Lake ports until... that evening of severe winds and 35-ft waves:

*The wind in the wires made a tattle-tale sound and a wave broke over the railin'
And every man knew as the captain did too 'twas the witch of November come stealin'*

The SS Edmund Fitzgerald became the Titanic of the Great Lakes being the largest ship to have sunk in those waters. The captain's last message? "We are holding our own." Only a week before the tragedy, the chief steward, Robt. Rafferty sent a postcard to his wife in Toledo, OH. He wrote, "I may be home by Nov. 8th. However, **nothing is ever sure.**" The irony of his words was noted by the Detroit Free Press in an article listing the names of the 28 other crew members taken deep into "the rooms of her ice-water mansion." Like an ancient folk song:

Superior, they said, never gives up her dead when the gales of November come early.

Even in the 21st century, there is something especially awful and grim about death at sea; it is certainly a sobering echo of how fragile and insecure *everything* is these days. Not a day passes without a reminder that our earthly life can be snuffed out at any moment. Whether it's a report on the evening news of a tragic plane crash, some fatal carjacking, hostages being killed, or the mute testimony of the obituary column, a single message comes through loud and clear: we are here today and gone tomorrow!

James, the brother of Jesus, expressed this truth when he wrote, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a moment and then vanishes away." A morning fog.

Is our only certainty, then, the frightening prospect that at any moment we may be thrust into eternity? No indeed! Christ is the anchor of the soul. On the cross, He paid the awful penalty for our wrongdoings, and if we admit our guilt before God, we'll receive forgiveness and eternal life through faith in Him. He has promised to be our companion, even in the hour of death.

The day after the wreck, Mariner's Church in Detroit (which is *not* "musty" BTW) rang its bell 29 times, once for each life lost. After the death of Gordon Lightfoot on May 1, 2023 the bell was ceremonially rung 29 times in memory of the crew, plus an additional ring for ol' Lightfoot himself who committed their deaths to posterity. *Life is uncertain, death is sure: Sin the cause, Christ the cure!* Pastor Glenn

Our hours have returned to normal while we prepare for our next event. Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we will be hosting a Reception at the shop. There will **FREE** food and drinks, raffles, Black Friday Sales **all weekend long** & giveaways! For more details, check out our Facebook Event page titled "Sip & Shop: Celebrate Small Business".

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The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum
Fundraising Event

Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 7th

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Preview starting at 5pm

The Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont

\$5 Admission

includes 3 Tickets for Door Prize

Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments served

New and Vintage Items - Decorated Wreaths - Wine and Cheese Raffle

THE GIFT OF STORY,

By Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D.

...Whether you are an old family, a new family or a family in the making, whether you be lover or friend, it is the experiences you share with others and the stories that you tell about those experiences afterward, and the tales you bring from the past and future that create the ultimate bond.

There is no right or wrong way to tell a story. Perhaps you will forget the beginning, or the middle or the end. But a little piece of sunrise through a small window can lift the heart regardless. So cajole the old grumpy ones to tell their best memories. Ask the little ones their happiest moments. Ask the teenagers the scariest times of their lives. Give the old ones the floor. Go all around the circle. Coax out the introverts. Ask each person. You will see. Everyone will be warmed, sustained by the circle of stories you create together.

Though none of us will live forever, the stories can. As long as one soul remains who can tell the story, and that by the recounting of the tale, the greater forces of love, mercy, generosity and strength are continuously called into being in the world. I promise you...It will be enough.



Dear Voters

I am running for the Rutland/Windsor1 House seat. I am running because I think I have a great background to serve effectively in the Legislature on your behalf. I understand the many differing issues facing our 3 towns- I served as Auditor and Lister and serve now as Animal Control, JP, and Zoning Administrator. I understand how our schools function and how they are funded- I served for 20years on my local boards. I understand the many social problems that face our state- I serve as a Guardian ad Litem in the Family Court System.

I will:

- Support our public schools. Keeping our elementary schools in our communities. Will my opponent?
- Support sensible changes to our Ed Fund financing system.
- Support state funding for community sewage and water systems to encourage growth in our smaller villages and towns.
- Support rule changes to allow quick conversion of hotels/motels into apartments as well as rehabbing of our rundown housing.
- Support a state-funded revolving fund for this work.
- Support smart homeless prevention programs- we must house our vulnerable population. Does anyone want to see the chronically ill, kids, pregnant women living in tents?
- Support legislation that will make the lives of families with young children easier and more affordable. Will my opponent?

My promise is to listen to all sides before making any voting decisions.

I am proud to say that I am both Socially Liberal and Fiscally Careful.

Please consider giving me your vote on November 5 or before.

Sincerely, Adrienne Raymond

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**Kevin C. Winter for VT House representing towns of
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We're only days away from Election Day, November 5. Some of you have already voted but many may still be trying to decide or even wondering if it's worth taking the time and putting in the effort.....**PLEASE VOTE**; it's a privilege and billions of people around the world wish they had the right. I am a candidate, coming out of a very satisfying retirement because I'm a concerned citizen.

Why vote for the undersigned?

For a couple months now, since I decided to become a candidate, I've been using business cards, campaign "post-its", mass mailers, phone calls, voice mails, newspaper articles and in person conversations to ask "Tell me what you think!" and two questions continue to be voiced:

- How do we make Vermont affordable again? Do you remember - "it's the economy stupid".
- What can we do to return Vermont and especially our 3 towns to growing safe populations?

These are tough complex questions requiring wisdom, experience and a real love for people. Over 40+ years I've been responsible and privileged to be a father of a household of four precious people, manager of numerous industrial & commercial business teams, member of a district school board and Elder in my local church. As a pragmatic problem solver they all did well!

A couple principles have been consistently applied, WE:

- put together a comprehensive plan and then stayed within the budget and on schedule
- looked at and balanced ALL aspects of the proposed solution(s) with objectivity and fairness

If you elect me I will continue to sincerely ask "Tell me what you think!" because by working together in a balanced approach and by supporting Governor Scott we can, not only survive but, thrive in our beautiful state.

Paid for by KevinWinterForVT campaign - 802-245-4190 & Kcwinter5783@gmail.com



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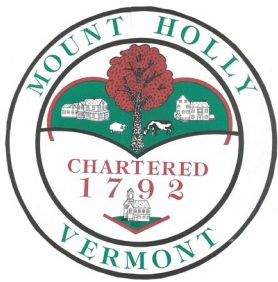
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Special Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office October 1, 2024, 4:30 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco (Chair), Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Clinton Woolley

1. Call to Order at 4:30 pm.

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

2. Discuss Highway Maintenance Worker Job Opening:

a. The Select Board noted that there was a job opening on the road crew following a resignation from a current employee.

3. Review Highway Maintenance Worker Job Description and Newspaper Posting

a. The Select Board noted a small edit needed to update the previous job posting, and decided to post the new opening to the Vermont Journal, Chit Chat, Newsflash, Vermont Job Link, and possibly Rutland Herald. Jeff Chase noted that he will send the listing to the Vermont Local Roads Newsletter. The Town will also put Job Opening signs out at Belmont and Route 103 and Tarbelville and Route 155.

b. The Select Board discussed a pay range of \$21-\$24 hr, based on experience and updated the job listing to reflect that pay.

c. The Select Board also agreed to establish a quarterly review process for all workers under the highway maintenance worker's supervision.

4. Adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Select Board Meeting Town Office October 8, 2024, 6:00 pm

Attendees: Mark Turco (Chair), Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, June Capron, Dennis Devereux, Liz Karle, Steffanie Bourke, Phil Crane, Steve Michel, Paul Barton, Chris Pratt, Jim Seward, Zena Gates, Gary Norton, Lori Norton, Tiffany Austin, David Johnson, Clinton Woolley, Katie Kleczkowski, Chad Farrar, Kevin Winter. Via Zoom: Donna Seward, Barbara and Steve Hazelton, Faith Tempest

AGENDA

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 added NEMRC Funding Contract to Reports, and Bottle Collection at the Transfer Station to New Business.

4. Approval of September 10th, 20th and October 1st 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 noted that ditching is in progress on Tiffany and Beaver Meadow. Mr. Turco noted that there were some resident concerns regarding the depth of ditching on Tiffany Road, but that if the ditches meet state specifications, no further work will be needed. Mr. Turco asked the road crew to check the grading against state specifications to determine whether further work is required. Mr. Woolley noted that the Town's newly purchased truck won't be ready until spring.

i. **Hortonville Culvert.** The Select Board instructed the road crew to clear the culvert of the beaver dam material to protect the road and neighboring property.

ii. **Beaver Meadow FEMA Box Culvert & Sawyer Hill VTrans Grant Box Culvert Status Update.** Jeff Chase noted that he had reached out to VTrans to see if the Town was required to use a PE-stamped set of drawings; if not, the Town will work with the manufacturer of the box culvert to come up with a design, and the Town will seek its own permits.

iii. **Winter Salt.** Mr. Woolley priced winter salt from Cargill and Appalache. The Cargill price is \$87.25/ton, inclusive of trucking. The Appalache price is \$93/ton inclusive of trucking. Mr. Woolley noted that he preferred the Appalache product due to higher quality. Jeff Chase made a motion to select Appalache as the vendor; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

iv. **Missing Road Signs.** Mr. Woolley noted that there have been 8 missing road signs in recent months; six have been replaced already; two are outstanding. He noted that the cost to replace road signs runs approximately \$90 each, including the cost of the signs and brackets,

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.

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2023 Real Estate Property Taxes are due
Monday November 4, 2024

After November 4, 2024 an 8% Penalty and
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Partial Payments are allowed.

Payments must be received at the Town Office or
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Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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and not including the cost of the post. He noted that he is securing road signs more aggressively in response to the presumed thefts.

v. **Warming Shed Cleaning.** The current warming shed has a mold issue; Mr. Turco will price out a new 8x10 shed for use by the Transfer Station attendants in the colder months.

vi. **Employee Vacancy:** Mark Turco thanked Chad Farrar for his service to the Town as a highway employee and during the emergency flooding of 2023, and noted that it was with regret that the Select Board accepted his resignation from the Town highway crew.

b. **Treasurer's Report - Elizabeth Karle.** Ms. Karle noted that there is currently \$4.8 million in the Town's General Fund; this is due to tax collection; the Town has collected 85% of the annual taxes, and 80% of this was paid by residents using the discount rate. To date, the Town has also received FEMA reimbursement funds for all requests to date. Solid waste label revenues are on track with the budget, as are salaries and benefits. The Town also received a \$5,000 grant for elections purposes; this will support training and other resources for the upcoming November elections.

c. **Fire Department Update - Bill Austin.** Tabled.

d. **Conservation Commission Update:** Mr. Crane noted that the MHCC had a productive meeting with a representative from the Wetlands Commission, who made recommendations regarding invasive species mitigation in Star Lake. Mr. Crane also noted that the emerald ash borer mitigation efforts were successful and were a net zero cost financially. The energy audit visits done under the auspices of the MERP Mini Grant have been completed as well. A new Recreation Committee has been formed by members of the MHCC as well, and early enthusiasm is encouraging.

i. **October Re-appointments:** Jim Corven and Phil Crane's terms have expired, and Phil Crane is seeking reappointment. The vacancies have also been posted in public places; residents are encouraged to register their interest with the Select Board. Mr. Turco made a motion to reappoint Phil Crane to one of the vacancies, for a three-year term, effective October 1; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. One vacancy remains.

e. **Animal Control Officer Update.** Mr. Karle has submitted documentation of calls received and responded to.

f. **NEMRC Assessor's Service Agreement FY25.** NEMRC's rate has not been raised from the previous year. Senior appraiser rates are \$145/hour and standard appraiser rates are \$95/hour. Mr. Turco made a motion to accept the contract as written; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

6. New Business

a. **Status of the Rutland Regional Plan Update - Steffanie Bourque.** Ms. Bourque attended the meeting as a representative of the RRPC. She noted that the update to the regional plan is at its midpoint; the Phase One work included successful community engagement in regional towns; results are available at the RRPC website. She noted that Phase Two includes community engagement events this fall in all 27 regional towns, and two feedback sessions, the next of which will be October 30, in person, at the RRPC office, or virtually; more information at the RRPC website. A second survey will also be launched, and residents are encouraged to complete the survey and to react to the draft plan. Survey respondents are entered in a drawing to win \$200 in tickets from the Paramount Theater.

b. **Emergency Management 50/50 Grant for Storage Container.** Mr. Chase noted that he sought pricing for a storage container for townwide emergency preparedness. The quote he received was for a 20-yard container, at \$3,800 total, of which 50% would be paid by the Town and 50% matched by Black River Good Neighbors. The storage container would be equipped with blankets and other supplies for use in the case of an emergency. Mr. Turco made a motion to purchase the container at the \$1,900 quoted price; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

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Mount Holly Listers Hours

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Mount Holly Town Office

Will be CLOSED the following dates:

November 11th, Veteran's Day

November 27th, Half Day Closed At Noon

November 28th, Thanksgiving

December 24th, Closed At Noon Christmas Eve

December 25th & 26th, For Christmas

January 1st, 2025 For New Years Day

January 20th, for Martin Luther King's Jr. Day

Mount Holly Transfer Station

**FALL / WINTER HOURS
Begin**

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY, 9 am to 12 Noon

Last Wednesday is October 9th

First Sunday is October 13th

REMINDER: STICKERS REQUIRED, NO CASH

TOWN SEEKS TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

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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.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS

Dear Mount Holly Voter,

For the November 5, 2024, Presidential Election, you should have received your absentee ballot in the mail. **DO NOT THROW AWAY, I REPEAT, DO NOT THROW AWAY.** The Secretary of State's Office mailed out the ballots September 25th to all current registered voters. This ballot also has on the reverse side the local Justice of the Peace ballot. **This is the ballot you must use to vote on,** I strongly urge you to review the ballot, make your choices and return it to the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible. Make sure you put your ballot inside the envelope for the voted ballot and sign, date and seal it. The ballot may be returned to the Mount Holly Town Office in person, by mail or by having a friend or family member return it. There is a blue drop box by the front door of the Town Office, you can put your ballots in if you want. It is imperative that it be received by 7:00 pm on November 5, 2024. The polls will be open 10:00 am – 7:00 pm on November 5th, 2024 if you would like to come in and put your ballot in the voting machine yourself.

Those of you who did not receive a ballot in the mail, please call the town office as ballots that could not be mailed do to wrong addresses may be there. Carol Garrow-Woolley, Mount Holly Town Clerk, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, Phone (802) 259-2635 email: mthollytc@yahoo.com FAX (802) 259-2635

invasive species mitigation in Star Lake. Mr. Crane also noted that the emerald ash borer mitigation efforts were successful and were a net zero cost financially. The energy audit visits done under the auspices of the MERP Mini Grant have been completed as well. A new Recreation Committee has been formed by members of the MHCC as well, and early enthusiasm is encouraging.

i. **October Re-appointments:** Jim Corven and Phil Crane's terms have expired, and Phil Crane is seeking reappointment. The vacancies have also been posted in public places; residents are encouraged to register their interest with the Select Board. Mr. Turco made a motion to reappoint Phil Crane to one of the vacancies, for a three-year term, effective October 1; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. One vacancy remains.

f. **Animal Control Officer Update.** Mr. Karle has submitted documentation of calls received and responded to.

g. **NEMRC Assessor's Service Agreement FY25.** NEMRC's rate has not been raised from the previous year. Senior appraiser rates are \$145/hour and standard appraiser rates are \$95/hour. Mr. Turco made a motion to accept the contract as written; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

7. New Business

a. **Status of the Rutland Regional Plan Update - Steffanie Bourque.** Ms.

Bourque attended the meeting as a representative of the RRPC. She noted that the update to the regional plan is at its midpoint; the Phase One work included successful community engagement in regional towns; results are available at the RRPC website. She noted that Phase Two includes community engagement events this fall in all 27 regional towns, and two feedback sessions, the next of which will be October 30, in person, at the RRPC office, or virtually; more information at the RRPC website. A second survey will also be launched, and residents are encouraged to complete the survey and to react to the draft plan. Survey respondents are entered in a drawing to win \$200 in tickets from the Paramount Theater.

Chase noted that he sought pricing for a storage container for town wide emergency preparedness. The quote he received was for a 20-yard container, at \$3,800 total, of which 50% would be paid by the Town and 50% matched by Black River Good Neighbors. The storage container would be equipped with blankets and other supplies for use in the case of an emergency. Mr. Turco made a motion to purchase the container at the \$1,900 quoted price; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

c. **Confirm Fuel Vendor.** Mr. Chase made a motion to maintain Cota & Cota as the liquid propane vendor and Marcell Oil as the on-road diesel and #2 heating oil vendor; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

d. **Discuss BCBSVT Renewal.** The Select Board made an initial review of the 2025 BCBSVT plans for small-group employee health insurance and will make a decision regarding renewal of the plan at a subsequent meeting.

e. **November Planning Commission Reappointments:** There are two vacancies arising in November for the MHPC. Jim Seward and Andrew Seward are seeking reappointment, and the vacancies will be posted publicly; interested residents are encouraged to submit interest.

f. **Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission Heritage Partners.** Dennis Devereux has been in communication with the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission regarding Mount Holly becoming a partner in its activities.

g. **Bottle Collection at the Transfer Station.** Ms. Karle spoke as a representative of the parent teacher organization at Mount Holly School and requested the Select Board transfer responsibility of the bottle collection shed, and its proceeds, from Rainbow Riding Center to the Mount Holly

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.

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the draft policy and solicited feedback from the public. The Clerk noted that one possible addition to the draft would be to bill property owners for the cost of time and labor in addition to materials, in cases when a private road sign needs replacement. Mr. Truck made a motion to adopt the policy as drafted and with the additional provision suggested by the Clerk; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

8. Citizen Comments.

a. Mount Holly Katie Kleczkowski noted that there was an open school board position pursuant to David Martin stepping down from his role. Ms. Kleczkowski noted that she has been involved in school board issues since last spring. Her background is in both UX for website design, and in copywriting for Blackrock, a major financial institution, and she is versed in communicating complex financial information to those without a financial background. She seeks the Select Board's support as she seeks to fill the remainder of Mr. Martin's term.

b. The Select Board noted that it had received one application for the job opening on the road crew. It advised the Clerk to purchase an ad in the Rutland Herald to promote the opening of additional applications are not received within two weeks.

9. Announcements

a. Town Office Closures: Indigenous People's Day: October 14; Veteran's Day: November 11; Thanksgiving: November 27th at noon - November 28th; Christmas: December 24th at noon- December 26th; New Year's Day

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel: Mr. Turco made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel compensation items; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved. During the session, the board discussed Transfer Station attendant compensation and approved partial reimbursement of employee training expenses for a Town employee.

12. Adjourned at 7:32 pm.

PTSA. Diana Garrow made a motion to shift the bottle collection responsibilities and proceeds to the Mount Holly PTSA; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. Vote on Using Paving Reserve Fund for Shunpike Paving Project. Jeff Chase made a motion to use the Paving Reserve Fund for the Shunpike paving project; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

b. HSGP Generator Grant - Electrician Bid. Mr. Chase received one bid for an electrician to install the generator purchased under the auspices of the HSGP grant; the pricing will be variable between \$1200-\$1800. Mr. Chase will integrate this pricing into the project scope and will update the Select Board at a subsequent meeting.

c. Discuss and Approve Private Road Sign Policy. Mr. Turco read

Town of Mount Holly

Seeks Highway Maintenance Worker

The Town of Mount Holly seeks an experienced highway maintenance worker to join its road crew starting immediately. A valid CDL is required. The Town of Mount Holly offers competitive pay with starting pay ranging from \$21-\$24/hr and benefits including municipal group health and dental insurance, paid time off, and retirement pension plan (VMERS). A detailed description of the position and employment application can be found by visiting www.mounthollyvt.org and navigating to Announcements->Job Openings and Employment. Paper copies of the job description and application can also be picked up in person at the Mount Holly Town Office at 50 School Street in Mount Holly.

Interested candidates should submit questions and letters of application to the Mount Holly Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com or can mail letters to Mount Holly Select Board at PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Applications can also be hand-delivered to the Town Office.

Town of Mount Holly Conservation Commission Has One Vacancy

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

Letters of interest may be dropped off at the Town Office at 50 School Street; mailed to PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05757; or emailed to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. Selectboard Clerk, Caitlin Boyle

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Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes

Star Lake Updates:

Working under a grant from the Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Michael Lew-Smith of Arrowwood Environmental has completed field work at Star Lake, inventorying plant species at the Lake, as well as conducting sediment tests. Additionally a water sample was tested for phosphorous. Based on the results it doesn't not appear that the Lake is in eutrophication, (excessive nutrients in a lake or other body of water, frequently due to runoff from the land, which causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen.). Rather the lake is in a kind of feedback loop, with the ongoing growth of aquatic plants resulting in the slow buildup of organic substrata and the shading out of other aquatic plants.

He also noted that there had been some success at the beach area in hand pulling the invasive curly leaved pondweed - success, it should be noted that is due to the dedication of volunteers who do the, literally, dirty work of pulling out this and other invasives. Michael also gave positive feedback to the possibility of harvesting and composting vegetation from the swimming and outlet areas at a scale large enough to make a difference.

Via Zoom, Zapata Courage, District Wetland Ecologist from the State of Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation, appeared before the MHHC and others to give a presentation on the State's view of Star Lake, and both the constraints and possibilities for the town going forward.

- The State Dept of Environmental Conservation considers Star Lake as a "shallow warm water lake" that is reverting to what it was before it was dammed in the 1800s - "one of the largest swamps in the region, if not in the entire state of Vermont." Such a wetland area has already provided and will continue to provide flood protection, water filtration, natural habitat for mammals and



fish as well as rare and native plant habitat. And as such, this body of water is strictly protected by the state in terms of chemical and mechanical efforts to control aquatic weeds, whether native, invasive or locally introduced.

- However, given the history of the Lake as a recreational site for the town, it is possible that site specific projects to maintain or even increase that focus would be considered. Ideas that were mentioned included but weren't limited to; using some mechanical harvesting to create water 'trails' on the lake for boaters and fishing; a board walk, as has been done in other Rutland County ponds and lakes, that could provide additional access and recreation at the lake.

- Ms Courage stressed that the department doesn't want to just say 'no' to ideas to improve the recreational usage and overall appearance of the lake. And that specific projects can always be broached, discussed and negotiated. Of course, any and all such projects will require investment from the town and local residents to go forward. And what and how those may evolve remains to be seen.

In other MHCC News, following the Energy Audits which were enabled via money raised at MHCC's energy fair, (Funded by a State of Vermont Municipal Energy Resilience Program mini-grant.), quotes for building weatherization have been completed for the Community Center/Library and Odd Fellows Hall. The goal is to reduce heating costs for these important community buildings.

The Recreation Committee held its first meeting and exchanged ideas about providing more recreational opportunities in Mount Holly. More ideas and volunteers are welcome! Send your thoughts to mounthollycc@gmail.com,

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Dear Select Board Member/Municipal Official,

In 2020 the State of Vermont – Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) – Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) started receiving funding through HUD’s Support Act funding, Recovery Housing Program due to Vermont’s opioid death rate. It’s a five-year HUD pilot program to help individuals in recovery from substance used disorders (SUD) become safely housed. ACCD works with various stakeholders and the Agency of Human Services (AHS) each year on an action plan which outlines the use of the funds and allows Vermont to access the funds. This funding is to support the creation of transitional housing for Vermonters suffering from SUD and safely house them for up to 2 years.

Seeking Comment on 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD for Vermont’s Recovery Housing Program

The report is due to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year by October 30, 2024. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) staff have written the **DRAFT 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Vermont’s Recovery Housing Program (CAPER-RHP)**. The report is in the format required by HUD. The report includes activity from

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024. To learn more about the 2024 CAPER-RHP go to DHCD’s website: <https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/vcdp/recovery-housing-program>. The DRAFT 2024 CAPER-RHP report will be available on **October 11, 2024**, on the website.

Send questions or comments to Cindy Blondin at Cindy.Blondin@vermont.gov or call 802-828-5219 or toll free at 1-866-933-6249. Written comments are due by **October 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** Mail to DHCD, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501, ATTN: Cindy Blondin.

Ludlow Rotary Awards Community Service Award



Ludlow Rotary awarded their 2024 Community Service Award to the Glidden Family in honor of their many years of service to the area communities. Pictured left to right are Deputy Chief Bob Glidden, Jr., Rotary's Immediate Past President Tom Ray, Chief Bob Glidden, Sr., and Firefighter Karlene Glidden. Firefighter Miles Glidden is not pictured. Brigid Sullivan

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Vermont Home Gardener: Time to Plant Garlic & Test Your Soil

Garlic is an easy crop in New England and it's great to have something to look forward to for next year before winter arrives. You will never accept store bought garlic after you've had fresh garlic from your own garden. Mild temperatures have caused me to delay planting this year but now through mid-November is the time to sow your garlic, along with other bulbs for next spring. Let's look at a few tricks to have a successful garlic crop year and some tips about soil testing.

As with anything we grow the first decision is which variety to select. We should always try to get the best varieties for our local conditions. Garlic includes over 10 varieties and it can be divided into two major groups, "[Hardneck](#)" and "[Softneck](#)". Both are good and can be grown in Vermont, but most people favor Hardneck for its hardiness and great flavor. Softneck garlic is the principal garlic grown commercially in California and stores very well. Personally, I've had best luck with Hardnecks but you can try either.

Garlic doesn't produce reliable quantities of seeds so is propagated "vegetatively" from the cloves. That means the genetics of the next generation will be the same as the parents and if you have a variety that does well, and you like the flavor you can stick with it by keeping some of your own bulbs to plant for next year. A good rule of thumb to estimate quantity needed to plant is that a pound of garlic bulbs will have up to 50 cloves. Not all the cloves will be large enough to plant (eat the smallest ones!) so you may end up with 40 cloves to plant. That's enough for a 20 ft. row. Bigger cloves produce bigger, more vigorous plants. Do not try to plant supermarket garlic because it may have been treated with an anti-growth chemical to extend shelf-life (it's not fresh!) and some garlic has even had its roots cut out to hide any diseases it might carry. Source your seed garlic locally to get started and then save your own each year.

Saving your own garlic for re-planting year after year is economical but also makes great garden sense. Every garden has a unique set of conditions including soil, micro-climate, and biology. If you select and save the biggest heads of your own garlic for planting, you will be taking advantage of natural selection to improve your own garlic each year. I have been saving my own best garlic for over ten years by selecting out the biggest, best-looking bulbs for planting. I have seen rewarded with ever larger plants and bulbs that are now over double the size of the original garlic with fantastic flavor. Just as my "Fenn Selection" is best suited for my local conditions, your garlic will become a superior cultivar adapted to your own soil and microclimate.

Whether you purchased "seed garlic" or saved some of your own late October & November is planting season. I've read that you can plant garlic until the soil starts to freeze or is snow covered. What's important is that the bulbs get just enough time to begin growing their roots but not enough time to send a shoot above the ground that gets frozen and dies back. The small roots will give the garlic a head start come early spring and the over wintering provides the necessary cold treatment garlic needs to form bulbs next summer.

Alliums (onions & garlic) are all heavy feeders so do best in deep, fertile, well-drained (never water-logged) soils. As with all root crops, the deeper soil provided by a raised bed will encourage better growth. A soil pH of 6-7 is ideal so a soil test is recommended (see the details below). Since garlic is an early spring grower, it's best to put the essential nutrients in the soil when planting. My practice is to apply a layer of compost (1-2 inches deep) over the bed surface. No need to work it in, nature will take care of that over the winter and create rich organic matter that garlic needs. I plant a double row spaced about 1 foot apart in raised beds by digging two parallel long trenches with a hoe or trench tool to a depth of 4-5 inches. *Before* planting I then apply a sprinkled layer of [rock phosphate](#) or colloidal phosphate plus [azomite](#) (for micronutrients) mixed 50-50 along the trench bottom to make the soil snowy white. [Bone meal](#) would do the same plus provide some nitrogen. These are organic, slow release sources of phosphate, potassium, and calcium needed for early growth in spring.

Plant the selected cloves, pointy end up and the flat, root end down (yes, it matters) spaced about 6 inches apart. Too close and your bulbs will tend to be smaller as each plant needs root space. Cover the planted trench with soil and gently tamp it down. The top of each clove should be about 1-2 inches below the surface when covered. Mark the ends of each row with visible stakes so you will know where to watch for the first shoots of spring. Finally, cover your garlic bed with about 4-6 inches of straw mulch, very gently tamped down so fall winds don't blow it away. The straw is very important to prevent freezing and heaving of the cloves during winter plus it will suppress the spring growth of weeds and keep the young plants moist during their critical early summer growth.

By the way, the same mix of rock phosphate & azomite or bone meal is an excellent way to boost any other bulbs you plant in the fall. Give each bulb (tulip, daffodil, crocus, lilies, etc.) about a level teaspoon of this starter and they will have the nutrients for strong roots and vigorous growth for several years to come.

Soil Testing Fall is the best time to enrich soil but it's important to know what your soil condition is before adding anything. The key soil characteristics of soil pH (acidity) soil nutrients are vital to healthy, productive soil and can be best improved before winter so everything will be ready to go in the spring. It's the way Nature does it with leaves!

Do a basic soil test to learn the nutritional status of your soil. Once you know about your soil pH, chemistry, etc. then you will know what additives will be most effective. Do not assume that adding some lime and any fertilizer will work; it could be harmful and wasteful. I don't recommend using the inexpensive little soil test kits or electronic meters sold in stores. Soil testing is best done by a soil lab because their methods are more accurate, and they provide specific recommendations for what you want to grow.

The University of Vermont testing lab offers a basic garden/lawn soil analysis for just \$17 and includes pH, macronutrients, and other characteristics. You may use their kits available in many garden centers or simply download their order form and instructions [HERE](#).

You will need to send them about ½ cup of air-dried soil in a sealed plastic bag along with the completed order form and payment. Results will come back by mail or by email within 1-2 weeks and provide recommendations for what and how much to apply. Please follow their instructions for How to Collect a Soil Sample, very important.

Don't overlook the value of **compost** for your garden and yard. Mower-shredded leaves plus kitchen wastes make a great compost. See details in the previous article. Here's a new [short video](#) to help you get the most from all those leaves.

Finally, November is a good time to reflect and review what happened in your garden this year. Take a walk and look around your yard & garden. What did well, what didn't do so well. Observe what your garden is telling you. Make notes for next year. **Read all articles and subscribe FREE at <https://VermontHomeGardener.com>**



Ludlow Ambulance Service
September 1, 2024- September 30, 2024

Total Calls

September 2024: 73 Calls **September 2023-** 55 Calls

Ambulance Calls
2024

September

• Ludlow	39
• Cavendish	5
• Proctorsville	12
• Plymouth	
• Mount Holly	10
• Chester	4
• Shrewsbury	
• Andover	1
• Reading	
• Weston	1
• Londonderry	
• Springfield Hospital/ Springfield	
• Rutland Hospital	
• Mount Ascutney Hospital	
• Mutual Aid received	1

Transport

Springfield Hospital	31
Dartmouth	
Landing Zone	
Mount Ascutney	
Rutland Hospital	12
No Transports/Stand by Coverage	30
Gill Home	
Cheshire Medical Center	
Home	
Valley Regional Hospital	



- We have just hit our year anniversary of taking on Mount Holly! In that year we have covered 112 calls in Mount Holly alone.
- Our EMS Chief Stephanie Grover is currently out on maternity leave! Congrats to Stephanie and her family on welcoming her new addition, Mom, baby, and family are all doing great!



“The Turkey’s Opinion”

“What do you think of drumsticks?”

I asked a barnyard bird.

He grinned a turkey grin and then

He answered me this word:

“They’re good to eat, they’re good to beat,

But, sure as I am living,

They’re best to run away with

The week before Thanksgiving.”

By Mr. Tom Turkey

Submitted By,

Virginia Ward

Happy Thanksgiving!

2020

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum is busy preparing for the Festival of Lights.

Board Members are collecting items for the auction from our neighboring cities and towns. As usual we will have a fine variety of auction items, as well as some treasures from our locals artisans.

We are also counting on Mount Holly Community Members to contribute some quality items for the auction. It can be surprising what wonderful treasures might be hanging out in your house that no longer bring a sparkle to your home, but might provide a joyful presence to another home! Be on the lookout! We ask, if you have a gift to share, please be mindful the gift is not cracked or dented and is in good, working condition. Also please, no big items!

For details concerning your contributions, please contact: June Capron: 802 259 3473 OR Carol Serravezza: 802 259 2785

Please save the date and join in this holiday celebration!



The Nite' Fore Deer Season



T'was the nite before Deer Season;
 And cold in the shack.
 The guns had been polished, and lay in the rack.
 The Hunter were nestle, all snug in their beds.
 With visions of "8 pointer", dancing in their heads.
 I in my overcoat, gloves, boots and cap
 Had just settled to a four-hour nap.
 When out from the woods there arose such a clatter.
 I sprang from my bedroll to see what was the matter.
 Out of the door I flew like a flash;
 Stumbled and fell; tripped over some trash.
 The moon on the crest of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear
 But a little old man out jacking deer.
 The flurries of snow made it fairly hard to see;
 But he lay out a salt lick; and perched in a tree!
 To the top of the tree, to the top of the limb
 He seemed quite assured no deer could see him.
 Back at the shack, I was turning around
 When he fell from the tree, and sprawled on the ground.
 He was dressed all in wool; from his head to his toe
 And his clothes were all "soggy" with the water of snow.
 A stock of a rifle he held in his hand.
 It was then I whistled and shouted, "Get off my land!"
 He said not a word, he went straight to his work.
 Brushed off his clothing and turned with a jerk.
 He ran like the wind right past our shack
 And then he sped off in a new Cadillac.
 But I heard him exclaim with a voice full of cheer
 "What a miserable night to be out jacking deer!!!"
The moral is this: If you're going to jack a deer,
 do it on your own land!!!

Submitted by Bob Buswell for the B.R.V. Senior Center
 November Newsletter.

I received this from Gus Muguira from California in December
 2007 and have kept it just for the November publication of the
 Chit Chat.

Mount Holly Snow Flyers

Our club is pleased to report a successful golf outing was held in
 September. We would once again like to thank all those businesses who
 donated to our event and to those who golfed with us. Fox Run did an
 excellent job with the tournament and the food was spectacular!

We are pleased to report we held one of our trail work-bee days on
 Saturday, October 19th. Our next trail work-bee will be this weekend
 October 26th. For more info, please contact Steve Howlett at 802-558-
 1013. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the trail system.

TMA's are on sale now until 12/15/24. Be sure to have your valid
 registration in hand to purchase your TMA. And do not forget to select
 Mount Holly Snow Flyers as your club! We appreciate all of those who
 select the Snow Flyers! Your support helps our club with the trail system,
 groomer and community donations.

We will be awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior in 2025. This
 will be a new scholarship program for our club. We will have an
 application available for a Mount Holly graduating senior to complete.
 More info will be posted in the spring. Keep watch for this!

This year will mark our 3rd year for our sign board project. We have
 about 20 businesses who currently sponsor a sign on our board. We will
 be moving our sign board to the RTE 103 trail crossing. This will allow
 for great business exposure. We welcome new businesses to join this
 project also. For more information email us at
mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com.

We will soon be snow dancing! December 15th the trails will open
 upon our trail master's approval. Our new club groomer that arrived last
 March only went out two times last season due to the lack of snow. If you
 see Ziggy the groomer on the trails this season, give him a thumbs up!

We hope to have a ride-in BBQ in 2025 with the Shrewsbury Sno
 Birds. Stay tuned! As always, we sincerely appreciate all landowners and
 their willingness to work with our club and know that it is a privilege to
 ride on your land; not a given right.

Our club continues to sell clothing apparel. Visit us online for options.
 Follow us on Facebook. Our website is:
www.mounthollysnowflyers.org.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Our club
 meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Zoom options are available.
 Please consider joining in on one of our meetings to see what is going on!
 It takes many volunteers to be successful and we are fortunate to have
 many helpers in our club. Mount Holly Snow Flyers, Kim Lampert,
 Secretary

Thank you from the Mount Holly Snow Flyers

September 27th we enjoyed a fun and successful golf tournament at Fox Run Golf Club in Ludlow VT. Mother Nature granted us perfect weather, the sponsors donated amazing prizes and gifts, the players brought their generous support, Calcutta's provided a delicious meal and the volunteers worked tirelessly to get it all done. It is with the support of our sponsors, members, volunteers and community that allows us to maintain your trails and promote the sport we enjoy. Please support our generous sponsors!

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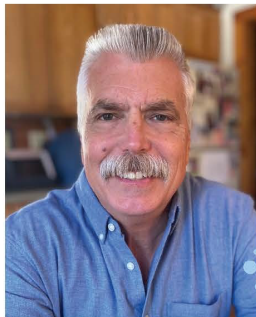


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State spending has increased 43% since COVID, causing taxes and fees to skyrocket. For many Vermonters like me, a retiree, a deep hole has been dug, made worse by inflation. Now, progressive legislators are proposing to add \$1.79 to \$4.00 per gallon to home heating fuel. This madness needs to stop.

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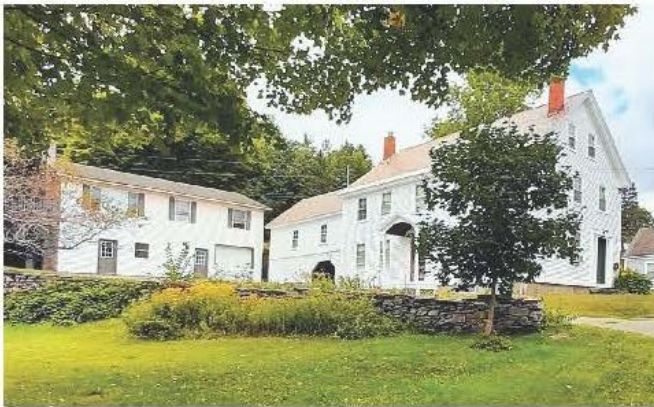




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Community Health's Diabetes Educators on a Mission

Each year in November, Community Health joins other healthcare organizations and the American Diabetes Association to observe [American Diabetes Month](#), a time to rally against the diabetes epidemic and empower individuals, families and communities with knowledge about diabetes.

How will you observe American Diabetes Month?

Here are some things you can do during American Diabetes Month:

- Talk to your Community Health primary care provider about diabetes and find out if you are at risk.
- If you are diagnosed with diabetes or pre-diabetes, inquire about Community Health's diabetes education program.
- Take the risk test <https://diabetes.org/diabetes-risk-test>.
- Attend and bring a friend or family member to Community Health's diabetes support group on the second Wednesday of the month.

Community Health and Rutland Regional Medical Center's Diabetes & Endocrinology Center have joined together to offer two Diabetes Support Groups:

- 1-2 PM at the Rutland Diabetes & Endocrinology Center
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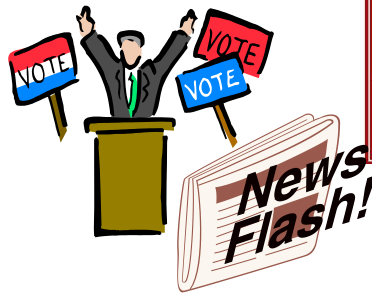
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