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MOUNT HOLLY CHIT CHAT



January 2025

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

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

PC Administrator Office Hours: Tues 2 -3 pm or by Appointment 802-259-2391 administrative.orricer@mounthollyvt.org Town Library: Sat 9-1, Mon 10-2, Tue 1-5, Wed 2-4, Call 802-259-3707 http://mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com

Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays

Phone 802-259-2391

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Wed 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-239

Town Lister Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

10th

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

TRANSFER SITE: Sat. 8 am - 2 pm & Sun. 9 am - 12 pm

1^{st}	New Year's Day ~ Ellis Island Opens 1892 – Emancipation Proclamation Iss	ued by Pres. Lincoln 1863
2^{nd}	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm

6th Pan Am Airway Plane Completes 1st Around-The-World trip by a Commercial Aircraft New York, NY 1942
7th MH Snow Flyers meeting Via Zoom 6:00 pm

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	MH Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
	MH Conservation Commission	7:00 pm
	Mason Meeting, Mt. Moriah Lodge #96, E. Wallingford	7:30 pm
8^{th}	LMHUUS Meeting,	6:00 pm
	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm

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1st Meeting of The United Nations General Assembly 1946

13th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom 6:00 pm 15th 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

16th Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations

17:00 pm

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Sun 19th
20th
Inauguration Day ~ Martin Luther King Jr's Day – Elementary School Teacher Day
Wilderness Society Est 1935

22ndODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont7:00 pm23rdFire Dept. Drill, Fire Station7:00 pm

Briton Elizabeth Blackwell 1st Woman to Receive MD Degree in USA 1849 ~ National Pie Day 1986
To Celebrate Crisco's 75th Anniversary of Serving Foods To Families Everywhere
Sat 25th
Free Ice Fishing Day ~ American Airlines First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight 1959

27th Vietnam War Ends 1973 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2005

28th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont *US Vietnam Cease Fire 1973* 9:00 am 30th Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations 7:00 pm

Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-9	015-5954 802-259-27	700 911	Poison Control		(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross		802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Eme	ergency 802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-793-2776	802-773-9101
MH Constable NONE			Health Officer - Chad Farrar	802-259-3610	802-342-1366
MH Animal Control Officer Adam Kan	rle Cell	802-236-3656	Vermont State Police		802-773-9101

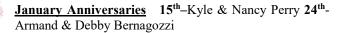
Send ARTICLES to: Diana Garrow, 3379 Shunpike Rd., Mt. Holly, VT 05758 Phone 802-259-2314 or E-Mail to chitchat@vermontel.net Check out Mt. Holly Web Site www.mounthollyvt.org

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<u>January Birthdays</u>: 4th-Jamie Ludwig Cotter 6th-Seth Rosen 8th-Andrew Flanders * Dannielle Bussino 11th-John Ryea (1983) 17th-Lori Cole * Robert Keen 19th-Rick Ludwig * Benjamin Taylor * Lisa Bussino (1962) 20th-Eric Ludwig 23rd-Thomas Osbourne * Jeff Columb 27th-Hannah Teter 28th-Chris Lombardi * Jahnava Jenkins 30th-Brian Keen 31st-Jennifer Parker * Cole Tarbell *

Tiffany 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.

Local Post Office Hours

New Phone Numbers

Mount Holly		802-219-1426
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am - 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am - 10:30 am
Belmont	802-259	-2790
Window	Mon – Fri	7:30 am - 9:30 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford	802-245	-6403
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am - 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am - 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shre	ewsbury 802-230-	-1996
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am - 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am -2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am - 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am - 11:00 am
Window Hours: N	Ion – Fri 8:30 am	– 5:00 pm
	Sat	8:30 am - 10:30 am





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

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

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-802-245-6281

Wallingford Post Master



John William Fyfe Miller

John William Fyfe Miller, 63 of Belmont Vermont passed away on November 24th after a short battle with a brain tumor.

John was born on August 19, 1961 in Rochester, NY. From Rochester, John's journey included Williamstown, MA, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Warren, Ohio and Brooklyn, NY, but settled in Hingham Ma as a young adult.

John moved to Vermont in 1989 to work in the ski industry and spend his spare time skiing. He got into ski photography and then horse photography and he was a natural. He started Spectrum Photography in 2001 and worked at Green Mountain Horse Association and the Myopia Hunt Club in Ma for decades. He also did freelance and portrait photography. He loved what he did!

John also loved music and was an encyclopedia about any musical subject. He played as a member of the local folk club and entertained family and friends whenever the opportunity came along. John's outgoing

personality fostered many lifelong friendships.

John leaves behind his former wife Linda, the mother of his children, his two sons, Ian Donald Fyfe Miller and Dustin William Fyfe Miller and daughter Andrea Marie Auld, and his grandsons Parker and Grayson. His Siblings Peter and Suzie plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is predeceased by his parents Lois and John and his sister Anne. A celebration of John's life will be summer 2025.



Edith Sullivan (Hewitt)

May 8th, 1958 - December 9th, 2024. Edith lost her long battle with cancer in the early morning hours at the Rutland Regional Medical Center surrounded by her loved ones. She leaves behind a husband of 21 years, Richard Peter Sullivan, three sons, a step son, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a large extended family. She dedicated her life to helping people in need in her personal life and her professional life. She worked for the state of Vermont for over 2 decades, finishing her career as District

Director for the Springfield Department of Economic Services. Services will be held at Clifford's Funeral Home 2 Washington St. Rutland, VT on Tuesday December 17th, 2024 from 2 pm to 4 pm

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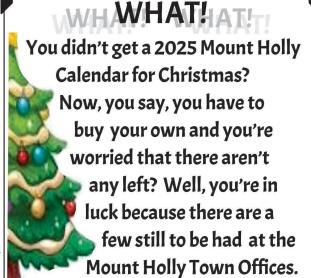
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Free Ice Fishing Day Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

Now we have found that excuse for you: a "Free Ice Fishing Day" on the last Saturday in January, every year. Saturday, January 25, 2025 is Vermont's next free ice fishing day - a day when anyone, resident or nonresident, may go fish legal Vermont waters without a fishing license.



The annual Mount Holly Photo Competition, and the resulting Mount Holly Calendar, is a project of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from the sale of the calendar go to help support the activities of the MHCA. Approximately one half of the purchase price of each calendar is tax deductible.





Mt. Moriah Lodge #96 Trestleboard For December

Next Meeting Tuesday 01/07th 7:30PM

Just a quick reminder to the Brothers coming to the meetings this winter...the water has been shut off.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Fraternally, David Seward W.M. & Buster Seward Sec'y

*** 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 .

#GI**≫**INGTUESDAY



Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever.

Expeditionary School at Black River

We are getting closer to our goal as donations continue to come in, but we still need more help to maximize the Matching Funds Challenge. A combined \$10,400 could be doubled to \$20,800 with your assistance. Remember, donations go directly to local education to benefit the students who attend ESBR and help keep this community thriving, it is an investment into the future of the community you are a part of in one way or another. We cannot do it ourselves, and every little bit helps. Thank you to everyone for their continued support, thank you to new supporters, and thank you to everyone else for any time, resources, contacts, funding, and support you might be able to provide and to help spread this message.

Best, Expeditionary School at Black River, 43 Main Street; P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT. 05149 esblackriver.org mselleck@esblackriver.org gblodgett@esblackriver.org mkell@esblackriver.org 802-228-3727

ESBR is a non-profit 501(c)3. If you can, please forward this email to friends and family as well that might be interested in helping.

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS JANUARY 2025

Welcome to 2025!

We have some new programs planned for 2025. In addition to author talks and the annual Manhattan Short Film Festival in September, we are going to launch a monthly movie offering we are calling Definitive Films. These will be movies both old and new that have become classics, beginning in January. There will be a mix of matinee as well as evening showings throughout the year, 1 movie each month.

January 18, 2025 2 pm: Casablanca with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman February 22, 2025 7 pm: The Philadelphia Story with Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn and Jimmy Stewart.

March 15, 2025 2 pm: Audience choice (watch for announcement in March Chit Chat for choices) SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES!!



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9' HC Fisher Minute Mount 2 Municipal / Contractor Plow Used Fisher Minute Mount 2 9' HC Municipal / Contractor Grade Plow. Fishers heaviest grade plow. 2 wire setup. Comes with rubber snow foil and recent cutting edge. Purchased in July 2020. In very good condition and working order. This was the towns' municipal backup plow. Push plates and truck side wiring NOT included. \$4500 Call 802-282-1607 or 802-259-3179 for more info or email for additional photos.

Remember that we have adult and kids snowshoes available for checkout

Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, VT 05730 802-259-3707 mthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com

Mount Holly Transfer Station

FALL / WINTER HOURS

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

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH



Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings 9:00 am

Community Center in Mount Holly Library For Weights and more information Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

Dear Neighbors & Friends

The Mount Holly Town Library has had a good year of bringing friends and neighbors together with new books to read and programs to share. We appreciate the support of the community with town support for slightly less than half our annual budget and the rest coming from fundraising and this annual appeal to you.

This year we had the book sale indoors, giving more people a chance to experience the beautiful library room. It is terrific to hear the positive comments. We are planning to use the room for more events, including a program of films and other events, such as those available through the Vermont Humanities Council.

Over the past year we had a joint family program with neighboring libraries that had an Iditarod dog musher and her dogs. Also the Vermont master storyteller, author and musician, Michael Caduto presented a children's program. There were several readings by local authors of their published works and the library hosts a community writers' group that meets monthly.

In addition to the family movie Hugo, we hosted once again the Manhattan Short Film Festival. We were one of only a few venues in Vermont to do this and each year, this event is more popular. In the coming year, we are also planning a series of classic films to be shown monthly.

library purchases books throughout the year and looks for input from the community about which books to order. It also obtains books from other libraries through the inter-library loan program. We have 24/7 Wi-Fi inside and computer availability and outside, copying.

Thanks very much for the financial support you provide for your library. The Mount Holly Town Library Board of Trustees 802-259-3707 Mount Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 92, Belmont, VT 05730

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Fletcher Memorial Library Presents Love Your Library 3rd Annual Online Auction WHAT: Staff's Annual Fundraiser WHEN: February 7th to 21st WHERE: www.32auctions.com **AUCTION Begins: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7@ 10AM** Ends: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 @ 3PM **DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Please join in the fun of our 26th Annual Auction!

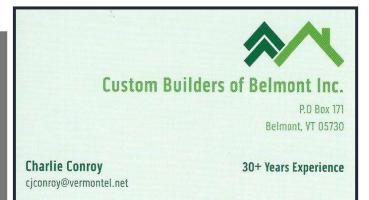
We Appreciate and Need your item(s) and cash donations.

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Questions - call us 802-228-8921 88 Main Street - Ludlow, VT www.fmlnews.org







Group







News From Your MHCA

Happy Happy New Year to you! Warmest of wishes and hoping you had a grand holiday. It is always surprising how quickly the year passes, and we find ourselves ushering in a new year. Reflecting on the last 12 months and dreaming about the ones ahead of us as we slow down and semi hibernate for the winter....in between all the shoveling, windshield scraping, shoveling, putting on and taking off snow boots, and shoveling some more. Such activities provide numerous opportunities to contemplate the present moment - it is better than fretting about pending weather or declining temperatures, all of which are out of our control. For your MHCA, we move into a brief lull of activities and start planning for the upcoming calendar of events in between our own search for snow removal services.

Did you hear the sleigh bells jingling, ring, ring, ring, ring-a-ling last month? MHCA celebrated the holidays with our favorite Christmas lector, Barbara Pallotta whose poetic reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas brings back fond memories of childhood. Homemade cookies, hot chocolate & cider made for a festive gathering as folks sang carols accompanied by local musicians Kevin Hollebeek and Marrianne McGee. Even Jolly ole Saint Nick dropped in with his big red bag of gifts for all the kiddos via the Mount Holly Fire Department, thanks to Billy Austin! Santa lamented that the reindeer crew were undergoing last minute fittings for their ice shoes, so he had to called in the locals to make his special appearance possible. Small mountain town celebrations are what Hallmark has based many a holiday movie on and we think ours ranks right up there. We are already planning to bring back the Mount Holly Holiday Players theater next year to add to our celebration - oh what fun that will be!

Thinking about small town gatherings...we are happy to provide a community room that offers a central hub for regular meetings, family gatherings, and individual school meetings. Here is a list of ongoing groups and contact information if you would like to get involved. If you'd like to make plans for an event, please reach out to us at mhcavt@gmail.com, we'd be happy to help you make arrangements for room rental. Members of the community association can rent the room for \$15.00 hr.; the non-member rate is \$25.00hr and nonprofits can utilize the room at no-charge.

Contact

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Bone Builders senior exercise class	Monday & Thursdays 9-10am	Judy Nevin jbnevin@gmail.com	
Community Guild art/crafting gathering bring your own project	2cd & 4th Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm	Judy Nevin jbnevin@gmail.com	
Conservation Commission Town subcommittee focused on Conserving natural, recreational, & cultural resources	1st Tuesday of the month 7-8:30 pm	Phil Crane mounthollycc@gmail.com	
Folk Club Informal musical gathering Bring your instrument or come sing along	Mondays 7-9pm	Claudine claudbanjo@gmail.com	
Green Mountain Neighbors Non-profit community organization focused on "aging in place"	2 nd Wed. of the month 3:30-5pm	Kathy Leber kleber@vermontel.net greenmountainneighbors.org	

Meeting time

Makers get together artm/crafting gathering bring your own project	Wednesdays 6-8pm	MaryJane Rando maryjrando@gmail.com	
Yoga with Tish yoga/resistance/mobility training	Mondays 4pm (starts 1/6) Wednesday & Sat.'s 9am	Tish Galley galleytish@gmail.co	•



Second mailings and e-blast reminders have gone out regarding our 2024/25 membership drive. Our continued thanks for those of you who choose to financially support the Mount Holly Community Association by partnering with us to provide a home for our town library, a community meeting space, and services that are necessary to keep the historical building operational; it takes a

village to make all this possible! Our sincerest thanks \□

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday! Stay warm and send love out into the universe - we all could use a little extra now and then. Cheers... Your MHCA Board of Directors

WHAT! AT!

You haven't taken any photos for the 2025 **Mount Holly Calendar Competition yet?** There's no excuse for that!

JUST DO IT!

Oh, you're still opening holiday gifts. Ok, that's an excuse. There's a exciting game on TV. Mmm, another good excuse. There's still some apple pie left? Excuse accepted. You broke your leg? Sorry, that one doesn't hack it. You still have anothe leg.

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Keith Hawkins

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PTONEWS

COMING SOON

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER, AND WE'RE THRILLED TO KICK OFF OUR HIGH MOWING SEED FUNDRAISER! > THE SEED CATALOG WILL BE ARRIVING SOON, AND WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SOME AMAZING PROGRAMS, INCLUDING WINTER SPORTS, OUR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM WITH TROY WONDERLEE, EXCITING SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS, AND SO MUCH MORE! LET'S PLANT THE SEEDS FOR A BRIGHTER **FUTURE WHILE SUPPORTING THESE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR** STUDENTS. GET READY TO GROW, GIVE, AND WATCH OUR COMMUNITY THRIVE!

HAVE YOU CONCIDERED PARTICIPATING?

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER
JOINING THE PTG AND HELPING TO
CONTINUE THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS
FOR OUR STUDENTS. AS CURRENT
MEMBERS TRANSITION OUT WITH THEIR
CHILDREN GRADUATING, WE'RE EXCITED
TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO CAN
BRING FRESH IDEAS AND ENERGY TO KEEP
THESE INITIATIVES THRIVING!

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SNEAKER
FUNDRAISER
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PAIRS
100
POUNDS
-75
-750
-500
-250
150 LBS

DID YOU KNOW

The Mt Holly PTG has a donation account at Brewfest?

When you bring and process your bottles for redemption you can apply all or part of your redemption to the Mt Holly PTG.

SNEAKER COLLECTION

We have successfully collect the goal of 100 pair of shoes. We will recieve statistics on our impact on recycling next month.

PTG MTG WED JAN 8TH





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Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes:

Looking ahead...

In 2025 The MHCC has plans for new and ongoing projects.

We hope to add another bottom barrier to the area of Star Lake around the beach. This should reduce the amount of weeds that infringe on the swimming area.

The Ash Borer Mitigation program will also start back up, providing property owners a chance to protect the ash trees on their land.

Back at Star Lake, we also want to ramp up our efforts at landscaping around the beach area, pulling invasives and planting more native species. This is an area of work where volunteer assistance from the community is vital and we will provide more information on how to help out as the spring and summer draw closer.

As our Recreation Committee gets in gear, they will be developing a comprehensive plan for Star Lake improvements which may include a Bocce court, a gym for kids, as well as enhancements to the whole Star Lake park area. They are also working on providing a guide for trails in the Green Mountain National Forest, the Bowen/Yale Forest and other public lands.

We are now a member of The Vermont Association of Conservation Commissions, which can connect us with other statewide Conservation Commissions, as well as project funding opportunities.

We wish all our fellow Mt Holly residents the happiest and healthiest of New Years.







Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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

STICKERS REQUITED 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; Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Fall/Winter** – Saturday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Postage/handling	\$ <u>.75</u>
Total Enclosed	\$
Make Checks Payable to: P.O. Box 248, Mount	•



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, <u>www.okemovalley.tv</u> Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

Select Board Meeting Town Office December 10, 2024, 6:00 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Carol A. Garrow-Woolley, Dennis Devereux, June Capron, Christine Pratt, Stephen Michel, David Johnson, Elizabeth Karle, Zena Gates, Clinton Woolley, Chad Farrar, Sam

the Wednesday before the meeting.

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

Farrar, Wendell Perkins (Zoom), Alexandra Yuster (Zoom), Barbara Hazelton (Zoom), Steve Hazelton (Zoom), Karen Kotecki.

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 added an item to New Business re: Generator Installation for Homeland

Security Grant

4. Approval of November 12 Minutes. Diana Garrow made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mark Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

5. Reports

- a. **Highways & Transfer Station Report Clinton Woolley.** Mr. Woolley noted that the Town's new highway employee has been a welcome addition to the crew as they continue winter road maintenance. He reported that the new steel roll-off at the Transfer Station has been working well and does not pose any complications for plowing.
- b. **Treasurer's Report Elizabeth Karle.** Ms. Karle noted that it is now delinquent tax collection season; approximately 2-3% of properties are delinquent, which represents approximately \$200,000 in delinquent taxes owed, of which approximately \$50,000 has already been collected. Interest income on the Town's CDs is steady and over budget; funds have

Interest income on the Town's CDs is steady and over budget; funds have also been received from the PILOT program.

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

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

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY

A Permit Is REQUIRED for OutDoor BURNING

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Leave a phone number where Jim can call you back.
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SAFETY FIRST ALWAYS

- c. Fire Department Update Bill Austin. Tabled. d. Conservation Commission Update Alexand
- d. Conservation Commission Update Alexandra Yuster reported that a Recreation Subcommittee has been formed within the MHCC. She asked the Select Board's approval to join the state association of conservation commissions; the board approved.
- 6. New Business
- **a. FEMA Extension Requests for DR4720-VT**. Ms. Karle noted that two projects stemming from the July 2023 flood emergency have not been

completed and asked for Select Board approval to request from FEMA an extension of the deadline for completion. The projects in question are the Beaver Meadow Road Culvert and the Chadburn Lane Bridge Wingwalls. Mr. Turco made a motion to request the extension; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

- b. **Discuss Okemo Valley A/V Budget Request Wendell Perkins.** Okemo Valley TV Board Chair Wendell Perkins requested that the Select Board consider a \$1,000 budget allocation for audio-visual support, in addition to its annual \$750 social services allocation. The Select Board noted that it would take the request under consideration at its January budget workshop.
- **c. Discuss Utility Easement on Rte. 103S Green Mountain Power.** Karen Kotecki, contractor for right-of-ways and easements for Green Mountain Power, requested that the Select Board consider an easement to place a utility pole near Green Cemetery, on Route 103S near Greenstand Road. The Board asked that the proposed location of the pole and anchor guy be moved so as not to block the view of the cemetery and memorial. Ms. Kotecki agreed to review the proposed placement and to resubmit the easement request for the January meeting.
- **d.Set Budget Workshop Meeting Date and Time.** The Select Board agreed to set the annual Budget Workshop for January 6 at 4pm at the Town Office; members of the public may attend in person or via Zoom.
- **e. Set Town Meeting Date and Time**. The Select Board discussed the time of the annual Town Meeting on March 3, 2025. Mr. Turco made the motion to set the time for 6 pm at Mount Holly School; Mr. Chase seconded; unanimously approved.
- **f. Discuss PACIF Recommendation Re: Medical Certification**. The Select Board Clerk noted that PACIF, the Town's insurer for general liability and worker's compensation, has recommended that the Town require that employees subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations receive a DOT physical every two years and provide the relevant medical certification

Mount Holly Transfer Station

FALL / WINTER HOURS

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

REMINDER: STICKERS REQUIRED, NO CASH

for employee records. The clerk noted that the cost of the physical would be paid for by the Town, as indicated in the Town's existing Personnel Policy. Ms. Garrow made a motion to require the DOT physical of the Town's CMV drivers; Jeff Chase seconded; unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing & Old Business

a. **Review Warming Shed Quotes**. Two quotes were sought for the purchase of an 8x10-foot warming shed for the Transfer Station attendants: one for \$1,995 and the other for \$3,695. Mr. Turco made a motion to purchase the less costly shed; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

b. **Emergency Generator Installation**. Mr. Chase noted that the Town's request for additional grant funding to install an emergency generator was rejected by Vermont Emergency Management; these additional costs will need to be paid for by the Town. Quoted costs for purchase and installation of building-side components and electrician services are approximately \$3,300. Mark Turco made a motion to approve spending not to exceed \$3,300; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved.

8. Citizen Comments. June Capron thanked Bob Knight of the town road crew for his assistance in getting her car unstuck during the last snow storm, and noted that the road crew had assisted her last year as well. Jeff Chase and Mark Turco added that residents should take special care when driving in winter road conditions.

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.

9. Announcements

a. Town Office Closures: December 24th-December 26th; New Year's Day b. Dog Licensing Renewal Begins January 1

Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

December 24th ~ 26th, 2024 For Christmas Holiday

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 For New Years Day

Monday, January 20th, 2025 for Martin Luther King's Jr. Day

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel. At 6:49 pm, Mr. Turco made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel compensation issues; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. Items

discussed in executive session included possible hiring and compensation of an Assistant Treasurer for additional hours, and scheduled pay raises for road crew employees in 2026.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm. Respectfully Submitted By Caitlin Boyle

Town of Mount Holly Winter Parking Ordinance

Be it ordered by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Mount Holly, State of Vermont as follows:

SECTION 1. Authority. This civil ordinance is adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Mount Holly under the authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. §229(4), 23 V.S.A.

§1008, 19 V.S.A. § 437 and Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 80.9.

SECTION 2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is t promote public safety, provide effective traffic flow, and assist the Town in the maintenance of Town streets and highways.

SECTION 3. WINTER PARKING. No person, owning, operating or controlling a motor vehicle shall park or cause to be parked said motor vehicle shall park on any street or highway within the Town of Mount Holly from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., inclusive, from November 1st to April 30th inclusive.

SECTION 4. Enforcement. Motor vehicles so parked or standing on the streets or highways may be removed or caused to be removed from the street or highways by the Town Constable or the Road Foreman or employees of the Town who are under the supervision of the Road Foreman, to a place of storage and the person owning or controlling said motor vehicle shall be liable for all costs of removal and storage under this section

SECTION 5. Penalty. Any violation of Section One will result in a fine of twenty-five (\$25) for each offense.

Any fine assessed for a parking violation under Section One of this ordinance that is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of the violation then the amount of the fine will be doubled. Any fine not paid within sixty (60) days of the violation, said violator may be subject to court action.

SECTION 6. The Town Constable and Road Foreman and employees who are under the Road Foreman's supervision shall be exempt from any damages incurred to the motor vehicles removed under this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. **Effective.** Effective upon passage.

Dated at Mount Holly, County of Rutland, State of Vermont, this 2/28/18 Board of Selectmen, Ted Crawford, Timothy Martin, Ronald Tarbell



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES AND MAILBOX DAMAGE

The Mount Holly Highway Department's Winter Maintenance Guideline is based on "safe roads at safe speeds", as we do not have a "bare roads", policy. This means roads are maintained to allow safe travel at reduced speeds, but that drivers should expect to see snow on the roadways. Most travel takes place during the day, so the majority of our resources are focused on those hours. Motorists should anticipate reduced coverage and varying road conditions and should drive accordingly.

There are many variables effecting winter maintenance operations such as type of precipitation, air and pavement temperature, traffic volume, wind, time of day, and even the day of the week. Type and volume of traffic and road gradient are the primary factors in determining the order of winter maintenance service. Therefore, during periods of time when school is in session, top priority is given to clearing roads utilized by the school bus and by parents providing school transportation.

Emergency service buildings shall receive necessary maintenance to provide

for emergency personnel to arrive and for vehicles to depart and return safely. As necessary, snow and ice control equipment shall be redirected by the Road Foreman from assigned routes to assist emergency response vehicles in reaching their destination. Roads heavily used by commuters and hills are next in priority.



Shrewsbury VT

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

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

of interest to the Select Board at mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com.

Mailboxes And Other Structures Within The Highway Right-Of-Way

Occasionally mailboxes or other devices are damaged by snow plowing operations due to poor visibility, the mailbox being buried in a snow bank or the weight/volume of the snow being plowed. Mount Holly Road Crew is not responsible for damage and does not repair, replace or re-erect boxes that are located within the highway right-of-way unless physically struck by a Mount Holly plow truck. In these cases, Mount Holly will replace the mailbox at no cost to the property owner with a generic United States Post Office approved box and basic post if necessary.

All mailboxes must conform to the guidelines of the United States Postal Service; the **bottom of the mail box should be 48**

inches above the road surface and as far out of the roadway as possible, which protects both the mailbox, and the carrier delivering mail. The USPS suggests using a semi-arch or extended arm-type support. This allows snowplows to sweep near or

802-492-2151

under boxes without damaging supports and provides easy access to the boxes by carriers and customers. For information on these guidelines contact your local post master/mistress. The Town will not be held responsible for any damage done to a mailbox that does not conform to the USPS guidelines.

Any damage to a mailbox caused directly by a town snow plow MUST be reported to the Town Office within 48 hours. Report any damage to 802-259-2391 or mthollytc@yahoo.com or mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com. The mailbox will be inspected by the Road Foreman or a designated representative to confirm the damage.

It is the job of the Road Crew to remove snow from road surfaces, and snow being pushed from the plow is unavoidable. The Town will not be held responsible for damage done to a mailbox by snow or slush thrown from a plow blade.

If it is determined by the Road Foreman that a mailbox has been directly damaged by a snow plow, the Town will replace the mailbox with a standard mailbox and post, which the citizen is responsible for installing according to USPS guidelines. Custom mailboxes and/or posts will not be replaced in kind.

Any mailbox and/or post will NOT be replaced if the post shows any sign of dry rot, being unstable, or was placed too close to the roadway.

The Road Foreman or a designated representative is authorized to use reasonable discretion in resolving matters involving unusual circumstances.

The replacement of a mailbox or support does not take priority over snow plowing sanding, salting, and other high-priority maintenance operations and a postal customer may have to pick up mail at the Post Office until the mailbox is back in place.

This policy was adopted by the Mount Holly Selectboard on December 12, 2023, Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day & New Year's Mass Schedule & Services St. Patrick's in Wallingford 4:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th 11:00 am Christmas Day December 25th 5:30 pm New Year's Eve December 31st Christ The King in Rutland 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Christmas Eve December 24th 7:30 am & 9:30 am Christmas Day December 25^{th} 4:00 pm New Year's Eve December 31st 7:30 am & 9:30 am New Year's Day Fanuary 1st Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Ludlow 4:30 pm Christmas Eve 9:00 am Christmas Day 4:30 pm New Year's Eve 9:00 am New Year's Day

The Town of Mount Holly Seeks a **Transfer Station Attendant**

The Town of Mount Holly Seeks a Transfer Station Attendant to provide support to customers at the Transfer Station during its open hours. The ideal candidate will be able to lift up to 50 pounds and can provide prompt and courteous customer service to residents and guests using the Transfer Station.

Duties include greeting residents and guests, ensuring that residents and guests follow all state and local solid waste disposal guidelines and protocols, and assisting with the sorting and collection of materials, including mixed solid waste, construction debris, wood scrap, metal scrap, singlestream recycling, and donated items.

additional hours. In the winter, hours are Saturdays 8 am - 2 pm and Sundays 9 am to 12 pm. In the summer, hours are Saturdays 8 am - 2 pm and Wednesdays 4 pm- 7 pm. An hourly wage is paid weekly via the Town's payroll.

Interested parties should write a letter of interest, indicating relevant experience and reasons for applying, to the Select Board.

Letters emailed mounthollyselectboard@gmail.com, mailed Mount Holly Town Office, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758, or hand-delivered to the Town Clerk at the Town Office at 50 School Street in Mount Holly.

Mount Holly Town Auditors Request For The Town Report

On or Before April 1, 2025, = \$15.00 After April 1, 2025, = \$19.00 ANIMAL LICENSE The position is 9 hours per week, with occasional Town of Mount Holly, Vermont NO THIS CERTIFIES that _ _____, the undersigned, is the owner or keeper of an animal kept at _

> Telephone: and described as follows: NAME ___ SIZE: _ SEX: ___COLOR: ____ BREED: __ AND IS THE ANIMAL DESCRIBED IN EXPIRATION RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE NO. _____DATE_ to

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

DATED:

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN CLERK

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

SIGNATURE OF

OWNER OR KEEPER: _

Notice Dog Owners

Dog Licensing will begin Thursday Jan 2, 2025, they must be paid by April 1st, each year. If your dog is no longer living please call the Town Clerk at

802-259-2391 so she can remove them from the list. The registration fee

Please note this is a State of Vermont Law

NEUTERED / SPAYED

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

After April 1, 2025, = \$13.00

UNNEUTERED OR UNSPAYED

remains the same and must be paid on or before April 1st, 2025.

For The Town Report Mount Holly Town Auditors are requesting all organizations who submit articles and or budgets for the Mount Holly Town Report to have your articles typed single spaced and mailed or dropped off to the Town Office no later than January 8th, 2025. Anything received after that date will not appear in the Town Report. All articles mail to the Town Office at the following address: Mount Holly Town Office, Attn: Auditors, P.O. Box 248, Mt. Holly, VT 05758 or E-mail to them at this address mthollyauditors@gmail.com

If you have any pictures of your organization or the Town of Mount Holly that have occurred in town this past year and wish to have them included in the Town Report, please send them to us for our consideration. We can scan the photo and return it to you. For more information, call the town office and leave a message for one of the Auditors. Thank You, The Mount Holly Town Auditors

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The WISDOM of SOLOMON

As this New Year begins, wouldn't it be wonderful if you could wave a magic wand to see what opportunities to seize and traps to avoid ahead? If you'd been able to foresee COVID you would've invested in masks and Zoom! Imagine getting some advice, not from "the smartest person in the room" but from the wisest man who ever lived? Imagine being able to ask this wisest man what

he understood to be the meaning of life? We'd want him to answer questions like: Why am I here? Where am I going? What does the future hold? How can I be happy? I believe Solomon has already answered in the book he wrote called Ecclesiastes in the Bible. In that book he grappled with the most troubling issues facing humanity and his ultimate conclusion- is still true today- much of life is beyond our comprehension or ability to manipulate.

For much of his life Solomon was trying to discern the ultimate riddle of human experience - discovering the purpose of life itself. Through his experimental journey of hedonism, human achievement, the pursuit of knowledge... it all led to the same conclusion. Life, in and of itself, seems to be meaningless and unpredictable. Solomon would smile and say to us, "I ask you, if that's true, how does one live wisely in that kind of world? *I*, the Teacher, finally realized we need to submit to those things we can't control - things like human government. That's why I wrote 'Obey the King' (Eccles. 8:2). We also need to submit to God. After all, 'the actions of godly and wise people are in God's hands' (Eccles. 9:1). Those two principles don't always harmonize, and we can't follow a government that demands we sin against God. But most of the time, I've found life will go better if we follow the laws of a just land, and live according to God's Word. Our choices have consequences. Life might be uncertain, but criminals still get caught and punished for their crimes (ultimately)."



Where then, you ask, is meaning and happiness to be found? Solomon finally found the answer. They are found in a Person. He concludes his visit with us: "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them' (Eccles. 12:1).

Solomon had no crystal ball but what he *did* give us is his lifetime collection of gathered wisdom. He'd be stroking his beard as he spoke to us. "Yes, I failed in my attempt to 'figure out' life and I fell back on some simple advice: 'Honor God and obey Him, no matter how things seem to you. In essence, I concluded in favor of a life of faith."

So, if you want to thrive in 2025 (no matter *what* comes your way) gain godly wisdom by learning God's Word, by carefully selecting those who journey with you: "Whoever walks with the wise," says Solomon, "becomes wise..." And then the Scripture tells us to *ask* for godly wisdom. God wants us to have His wisdom. He's delighted to give it when our hearts are set to receive it. When we're committed to trusting Him (a new year without fear) and obeying His Word, He pours out His wisdom on us. May this be a year that we all don't just grow older, but *wiser!* For a truly "Happy New Year" resolve that Jesus, the very personification of Wisdom, will be your Savior, Lord, and Master. Live for Him and you can have a happy new *life! Pastor Glenn*

Expeditionary School at Black River's Giving Tuesday

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Expeditionary School at Black River's Giving Tuesday-End of the Year Campaign! Due to your generous donations, we are at \$8,525; just \$1,875 shy of our goal. Remember, these funds will be matched up to \$10,400 so right now our grand total is \$17,050. Help us break that \$20K goal! Your donation provides so much value to the students we serve at ESBR, which further enriches this Community.

Take a moment and listen to students and some of the staff by clicking the link just above to tell how they are grateful

for your donations and why they embrace ESBR.

If you haven't already donated, you can still help us below towards our goal. Any size donation is helpful and sincerely appreciated.

On behalf of everyone at ESBR, thank you for your kind donation. You make a difference in these students' lives.





Mount Holly Dairy-Aire Farm 1004 Hortonville Road Mount Holly Open Monday - Sarday 9 am - 3 pm 802-259-2386 pappynmammy@vermontel.net Local - Mount Holly Produced Fresh Raw Milk, We are a Tier 1 State Inspected Farm Fresh Cage Free Eggs, Fresh Cage Free Poultry Homemade Baked Goods Visit Us On Facebook

Vermont Career Training Grant - Registration Information - Funding Available Now!

We're excited to announce that funding is now available for qualified Vermont Residents via the VSAC Career Training Grant! I'm reaching out to you specifically because we believe that everyone should have access to quality career training, and we appreciate your help in making this possible. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in applying for this grant and potentially enrolling in any one of our career training programs, please share this information with them.

This opportunity potentially allows

Vermont State Residents to enroll in our online, self-paced, career training programs at NO COST. This grant not only pays for your entire tuition (*up to \$3,000 per student*), but also covers all essential textbooks and certification expenses for sought-after roles in Allied Health, Business, Data Analytics, IT, Cybersecurity, Logistics/Freight, Trades, and more!

VSAC Career Training Grant Information:

Eligibility and Stipulations: Vermont State Resident - Not currently enrolled in High School - Students may be eligible for up to \$3,000 each.

Host Partner School: Vermont State University - Online Education - All courses are 100% online and require no on-campus attendance.

Eligible Courses: This grant can be applied to any program included in the Vermont State University online career training catalog: <u>Link to Catalog https://careertraining.vermontstate.edu/training-programs/</u>

Application Process: In order to participate in the Vermont VSAC Career

Training Grant Program, please complete the following registration form: <u>VSAC Grant Registration Form</u>

If you have any questions or would like assistance getting started, feel free to reach out directly or schedule a consultation with me below.

Schedule a Consultation: Click here to book a time that works for you.

https://calendly.com/career_training_programs/consultation?month=2024-12 Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to take the first step towards your dream career!

Warm Regards, **Alex Mujica**, **MBA**, Grant Program Specialist, Ed2Go | Cengage Learning, Phone: (951) 221-8402 PST, Email: alex.mujica@cengage.com Schedule a Consultation https://calendly.com/career training programs/consultation?month=2024-12



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Vermont Home Gardener: January Gardening

Despite the winter season there's plenty to keep a gardener occupied. If you haven't ordered your garden seeds yet, start by listing seeds you have leftover from last year. Look at the short list of local seed companies that I list below (or any others that you like). Browse online catalogs from the comfort of home. Don't delay, the best varieties sell out early. In this article I suggest a few winter tips and easy-to-do ideas that will make the coming garden season more productive. If you can't wait and want to grow something in midwinter, consider micro-greens or sprouts to have freshly grown salad greens right now.

Winter Garden Tips...

- Repurpose your **Christmas tree**. After Christmas your tree and evergreen boughs can still be useful. One option that I use is to cut off the tree boughs and use them for winter mulch protection. The boughs can be laid over perennials, providing some additional protection from desiccating winds. Place the boughs right on the snow over where the plants or bulbs are. Alternatively, if you put the whole tree near small trees or bushes it will provide great winter shelter for small birds on cold windy nights. Do <u>not</u> burn your tree in your wood stove, the resins can produce a fire hazard in your chimney.
- What can I grow in Vermont winters? Seed sprouts are very easy, tasty, and a nutritious addition to salads, sandwiches, or as a side dish. Here is a quick video to help you get started with a homemade sprouter. I use a simple Bioset sprouting tray from Johnny's Seeds that keeps fresh sprouts coming in but there are several other types available online, including a screen cover for your own mason jars. Seeds for sprouting are offered online by High Mowing Seeds, Johnny's Seeds, and many other seed companies. The most common seeds used for sprouting include alfalfa, mung beans, broccoli, radish, kale, etc. Mixes of these are available and provide great flavor and nutritional diversity.
- There are many good seed sources nationwide but if you prefer to buy locally, as I do, here are some suggestions.

<u>High Mowing Seed Company</u> - Vermont based, all organic seeds, great selection.

<u>FEDCO Seeds</u> - based in Maine, good seeds, supplies, & tools, lower prices.

Johnny's Selected Seeds - based in Maine, organic & non-organic seeds, huge selection

<u>Vermont Bean Seed Company</u> – beans, vegetables, fruits, and more.

<u>Vermont Wildflower Farm</u> – wildflowers, perennials, bulbs, and veggies.

Maine Potato Lady - specialize in potatoes & onions



- Caring for Poinsettias. Remove any decorative pot cover to allow drainage. Place your plant in a location with bright light (6 hours/day, or more) and temperatures between 60-70°F. Allow poinsettias to dry between watering but not wilt. The plant is ready to be watered when the soil is dry to the touch and, when the pot and plant are lifted, it will feel relatively light. One of the most common issues with poinsettias is root rot, so avoid overwatering by letting the soil dry out thoroughly in between waterings. Given favorable conditions the colorful flowers (bracts) will retain their color through the winter and the plant will grow over summer to become a colorful plant again next winter.
- Too early to fertilize. House plants can begin to look very tired and weak at this time of year but resist the temptation to give them fertilizer. It's best to not stimulate new growth until daylength gets longer and plants can grow stronger. If your plants have become too tall or lanky due to low light levels, they can be pruned back now in preparation for the new grow phase that will begin when daylength gets over 10 hours/day (late Feb.). Don't be shy with your pruning shears. Removing 30-50% of the tops will stimulate the roots to regrow strong, new roots for the spring. Even outdoor plants brought indoors like geraniums, fuchsia, petunias, and begonias will respond well to this pruning.
- Got Bugs? Inspect your indoor plants regularly for any signs of small bugs such as aphids or white flies. They get started slowly but can build up fast when tender new growth (triggered by fertilization) appears on the plants. Both can be easily removed with finger wiping & squishing or with a cool (not cold!) shower while the plant is held sideways. After the plant leaves have dried apply insecticidal soap spray or neem oil weekly. Spray all the plant leaves, top and bottom, to control them. Do this spraying in the shower or bathtub to avoid getting soap residues on your windows or furniture. Amazing Fact: Baby aphids are born pregnant so they increase in numbers very fast so repeated treatments every week or two may be essential. Got scale? Scrape off the hard adults with your fingernail and then wipe the whole leaves off with an alcohol soaked cloth to get rid of any young "crawlers". If you find a leaf heavily covered with scales cut it off and dispose of outdoors.
- **Birdhouses** can serve as temporary shelters during winter storms. Leave last summer's nesting materials inside to provide some comfort for birds seeking refuge. Clean them out thoroughly <u>after</u> the last winter storms have passed.
- Young **fruit trees and shrubs** become winter food for hungry deer and rabbits so now is a good time to apply a repellent such as Deer Away, Plantskydd, or your own homemade deer repellent to the smaller branches and stems. A recent report from UVM says that whole milk is as good a deer repellent as any commercial product! Be sure to coat the tips completely and re-apply every 4 weeks to prevent deer and rabbits from chewing tender new stems and tips. A visual inspection now will help prepare for pruning that we do in January-February.
- **De-icers** can damage nearby plants from runoff. Most deicers are salts, some worse than others. Sodium & Calcium chloride are the most toxic to plants. Potassium chloride and magnesium chloride have less potential to damage plants, but it is still possible, especially with overuse. Use as little as possible for safety. Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) is another option that is often used in environmentally sensitive areas. Consider using plain sand that improves traction instead of salts for melting.
- **Keep on Composting!** No reason to stop now. Bears should be hibernating! Sure, the compost pile/bin is frozen solid, but so what? Keep adding your kitchen scraps (egg shells, coffee grounds, paper napkins, etc.) so that come spring your compost will be well fed and ready to become active.

"Hang in there, within 4 weeks the maple sap will be flowing. Within 6 weeks, the earliest migratory birds will begin to arrive. Within 8 weeks, the early spring wildflowers will emerge from the Earth. You will feel the warm sun on your face again." ~ Nick Stow

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Shriner Hospital For Children

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



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

New Year's greetings from Community Health, your medical, dental and behavioral health care provider in Rutland and southern Addison counties. Community Health Express

<u>Care</u> (https://www.chcrr.org/services/#express-care) offers primary care for minor injuries or illnesses when your primary care provider is unavailable. Express Care Castleton and Rutland are open 8am-8pm daily 365 days a year.

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

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

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Dear Editor,

"BAH - HUMBUG"

Let me say "BAH-Humbug" to some of the business establishments on Route 103 here in Mt. Holly who have displayed no Christmas decorations or festive lights this "Most Wonderful Time of the Year"! It certainly doesn't cost too much money or take much effort to hang a string of lights and a few decorations in order to bring some holiday cheer to the community. Back in the day, most businesses took pride in doing this, but like so many other nice traditions, it's slowly becoming a thing of the past. Could it be possible that the Grinch came by and stole all of their lights and decorations? Have a Great Day, Virginia Ward

Thank you to my amazing clients and their kind words!



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