

Mount Holly Chit Chat

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March 2025

Church Listing on back page "Who's Got It Locally?"

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

Mount Holly Museum-Open Jul & Aug Sat & Sun 2-4pm 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 802-259-2391

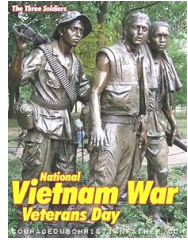
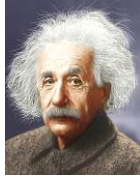
Town Lister Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Garage: 802-259-3179

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

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

1 st		Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Begins ~ Peace Corps Founded 1961	
3 rd	Town Meeting, MH School Gym	Alexander Graham Bell 1847	6:00 pm
		"Star Spangled Banner" made, US National Anthem 1931	
4 th	VOTE Town & School Budgets, MH Town Office		Polls open 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
5 th	MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office	Mardi Gras	6:00 pm
	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	Ash Wednesday	6:00 pm
6 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
		Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni 1475	
Sat 8 th		International Women's Day	
Sun 9 th		Day Light Savings Begins	
11 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		9:00 am
	Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom		6:00 pm
12 th	LMHUUS Meeting,		6:00 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Girl Scouts Founded 1912	7:00 pm
13 th	Fire Dept. Drill, MH Fire Station	Purim Begins	7:00 pm
14 th		Purim Ends ~ Albert Einstein 1879 – Pi Day Founded 1988 ~ Full Worm Moon	
17 th		St. Patrick's Day 1631	
19 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
20 th	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations	Spring Begins – Vernal Equinox	7:00 pm
21 st		World Down Syndrome Day	
Sat 22 nd		Civil Rights March 1965	
Sun 23 rd		National Diabetes Alert Day	
25 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	Seward's Day Alaska	9:00 am
26 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
27 th	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sat 29 th		National Vietnam War Veterans Day 1973	
31 st		Cesar Estrada Chavez US Labor Organizer 1927	



Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954	802-259-27700	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
MH Fire Warden – Jim Seward	802-786-3408	802-259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency	802-228-2880	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-793-2776
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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March Birthdays: 2nd-Doris Nelson * Donald Reiser * Nicole Reiser 3rd Violet Colm 5th-Morgan Coldwell * James Johnson 6th-Zoe Davis 7th-Elijah Teter 8th-Mike Dawley Sr. 9th-Hanna Colm 10th-Dennis Devereux 12th-Julie Parsells 13th-Elizabeth Manuel 1995 14th-Shawn Wortman 15th-Cassandra Parsels * Karen Ham 17th-William Palmer Jr 19th-Patrick Melvin * Andrew Garrow * Eureka Johnson 20th-Bill Jacobs 21st-Jeremiah Johnson 22nd-John Taylor * Rachel Manuel (1971) 23rd-Megan Carrara 25th-Nicole Griffin * Lucy Columb. 28th-Bessie Centini 29th-Nancy Columb 30th-April Melvin * Mary Nortunen * Brian Roberts



March Anniversaries: 26th-Raymond & Linda Tarbell

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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Window	Mon – Fri & 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 Sat 7:00 am – 11:00 am 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury	802-230-1996
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Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri Sat 6:30 am – 5:30 pm 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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Wallingford Post Master	– 802-245-6281



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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

ORGANIZATION SUPPORT: The Mount Holly Chit Chat has been published each month since 1974 and has been supported solely by donations until 2006 when readership was expanded as a public service to all who reside, vote, or own property in Mount Holly. The Chit Chat is supported by donations, advertisements, and appropriation from the Town.

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Helen R. Scarzello

Helen R. Scarzello, 94, longtime resident of Amherst, NH, died on February 11, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July 7, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Charlie Yuodaitis and Alexandria (Gadlauskas) Yuodaitis. Helen was raised and educated in Brooklyn, New York.

Helen had worked alongside her husband Leo where they owned and operated Leo Scarzello & Associates.

Helen was a worldwide traveler, who loved embroidery and playing cards. (More often than not, she had the winning hand!)

She was predeceased by her husband, Leo A. Scarzello; three sons, James Scarzello, Thomas Scarzello, Peter Scarzello and her grandson, Richard Louis Scarzello.

Family members include her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Barbara Scarzello of Highland Mills, NY; a son, Steven Scarzello of Haverhill, MA; a grandson, Tony and his wife Daisy Scarzello of Middlesex, VT; three greatgrandchildren, Luciana, Vitalia and Evalina.

Helen will be fondly remembered for hosting countless family gatherings both in NH and VT. One of her favorites being the large 4th of July fireworks event in Mount Holly, VT where all were welcome.

Helen loved all of God's creatures and they all loved her! She will be greatly missed.

There will be a celebration of life at the family home in VT, date to be determined.

Buona note, Mama. Ti amo sempre.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm Street, Milford. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please go to www.smithheald.com



Students Learn & Enjoy Their New Cooking Skills

Challenge achieved! Thank you to everyone for supporting 2024's Giving Tuesday-End of Year Campaign for the Expeditionary School at Black River. We are delighted to announce that the Matching Funds Challenge goal of \$10K (\$10,400 to be exact) was achieved, raising \$22,675 to date for this annual fundraiser. Additional donations and



TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY DOG LICENSE REMINDER

This is just a reminder to any dog owners that you will need to register your dog(s) by April 1, 2025, at the Mount Holly Town Office. Your rabies certificate must be current. The fees for licensing are as follows:

<u>Dog or wolf hybrid neutered</u> (male and female)	\$11.00
<u>Dog or wolf hybrid unneutered</u>	\$15.00

The Mount Holly Town Office is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The phone number is 259-2391 if you have any questions.

Carol Garrow-Woolley, Mount Holly Town Clerk



DOG & CAT RABIES CLINIC

<u>Date:</u>	Saturday, March 22, 2025
<u>Time:</u>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
<u>Place:</u>	Mount Holly Town Office
<u>Cost:</u>	\$25.00 per rabies shot
<u>Vet.:</u>	Carol Gifford, DMV Riverside Veterinarian Care



Please have your dog on a leash, and cat in a crate. Town Clerk will be present to register your dog.

pledges are still gratefully being received, and it would be a disservice not to express our gratitude as well for the additional \$15K outside of this fundraiser from an annual Angel Donor who has supported this cause since even before our first annual Giving Tuesday Campaign. Furthermore, ESBR is grateful to include an Epic Promise Grant of \$2,500 received this winter to aid transportation and technology funding. This winter yielded so much wonderful support and resources, we are happy to finally be able to share this update.

As a non-profit 501©3, ESBR is able to fund many services and projects for students thanks to the charitable support from amazing donors; you all are prime examples of our generous supporters. These resources allow us to support our students and families who are the backbone of this Community and the surrounding area. Support also enables ESBR to potentially expand its opportunities, staffing, and student enrollment. Providing a viable, affordable, and intriguing education opportunity locally remains one of our top priorities. Thank you again to everyone for your support in this Mission, you all make such a difference for these students!

Support is always welcome, whether it be funding and/or volunteering. Everyone is invited to get involved. Interested students and families may inquire at any time as well.

Mount Holly Transfer Station

FALL / WINTER HOURS

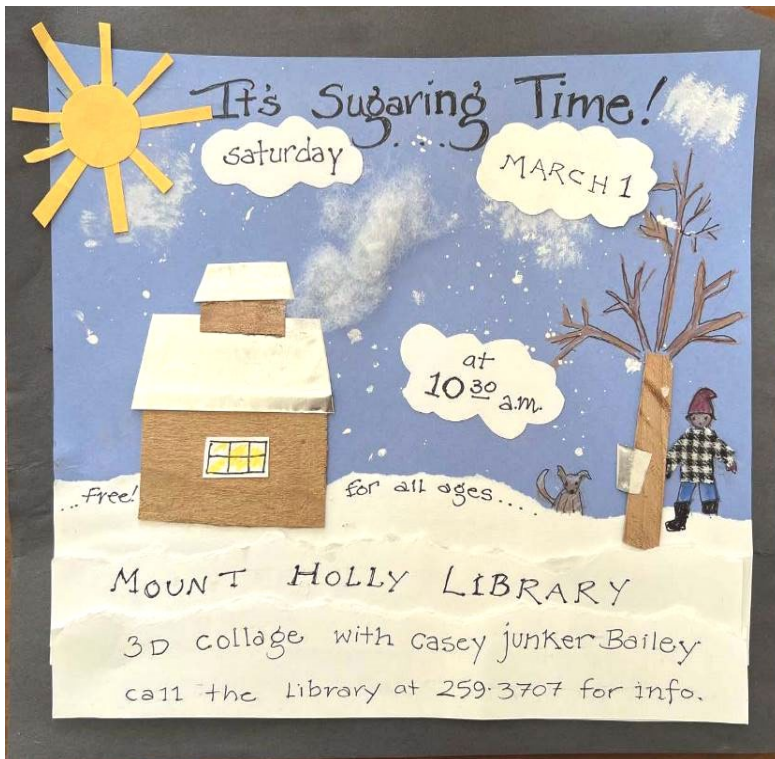
SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY, 9 am to 12 Noon

REMINDER: STICKERS ONLY, NO CASH

Mount Holly Library

"Arts program with Casey Junker Bailey is scheduled at the Mount Holly Library for Saturday, March 1st at 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome to participate in a hands-on project on sugaring and trees. Feel free to come join the fun!"



Open Call to Mount Holly Artists

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

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

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

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

Let's Celebrate Local Talent and Community!

February Trestleboard Mt. Moriah Lodge #96

Next Meeting Tuesday 03/11th 7:30PM

Just a quick reminder to the Brothers coming to the meetings this winter... the water has been shut off. This is our annual meeting, Brothers, lets have a good turnout.

The district will hold the Sap Bucket Degree again this year on April 5th. Mark your calendars early

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



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Vote Yes on School Budget March 4

The proposed school budget includes a substantial increase in spending, but almost all of it is out of our control. The biggest increase is tuition for high school students, but after Black River closed we must pay the tuition rates set by the State. The next biggest increase is for special education. For next year federal law requires us to follow the individual education plans for each student, though teachers are now working to find ways to help struggling students without using special education which will reduce costs in future years.

The only significant increase approved by the school board was to hire an additional teacher for each school to allow us to have one teacher for each grade. The principals and the teachers told us that with students struggling to overcome the experience of COVID, smaller classes with a single grade in each would make a big difference. That decision added 2% to our tax rates but I believe the modest investment is worthwhile.

I believe that State policy makers should make major changes in the way our schools are financed, but I do not believe that local voters rejecting their budgets will help legislators figure out how to protect our local schools while reducing the impact on property taxes. David Martin, I am a member of the Ludlow Mount Holly School Board but this letter expresses only my own opinion.



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MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY NEWS MARCH 2025



It's almost that time of year when the sap starts flowing. Join us on Saturday March 1st at 10:30 am for a program by Casey Junker Bailey, "It's Sugaring Time", including a 3D collage! This should be fun for all ages and is free!

Our March 15, 2025 2 pm movie is an audience choice: Cast your vote for the classic movie we'll watch in March, The choices are Star Wars: A New Hope (the first one) or Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark (the first one)

You can vote in person during the Feb movie at 7 pm on the 22nd, or via email at mthollylibrary@gmail.com put "movie" in the subject line.

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



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Mount Holly School

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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



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

Please bring the following:

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

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



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

News from the Mount Holly Community Association

It is a very dreary day as “our news” is being composed; Mother Nature can’t decide if her precipitation should be ice, rain or snow as she covers the skies with varying shades of gray. So, one looks for inspiration and sometimes you find a quote that just speaks to you....

In March winter is holding back, and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too ~ Jean Hersey

March is certainly a yin and yang month with winter and spring spooning each other as they contemplate the earth’s rotation with the lengthening of each day. For the sports fans we know March madness will swell the inboxes as brackets and bets are made with predictions of who will win this year’s tournament. And for the skiers, well they just hope winter can last another 2 months as they tally up their ski days for the season. But this March is extra special, why? It is the 50th anniversary of the Chit Chat! How lucky we are to have a monthly newsletter that is a collaborative community effort to keep us informed. Thank you to the dedicated chit chat board & editor for all your hard work!!

Upcoming events:

Arrangements are in the making for the **Spring Mud Fling Dance!** The ODD Fellows Hall has been reserved and event schedules have been double checked. We had a band booked but unfortunately, due to a recent health event with the lead singer, they had to decline. Needless to say we are on the hunt for a new band. Reach out if you know of anyone who might like a gig (mhcvat@gmail.com). **Mark your calendar - this year's dance date is MAY 3rd.** We know, we know...this is the first year the dance is not in April, but as it turns out the end of April is a busy time and we don't want to compete with other local events.

We are adding a **new event** this year to celebrate local artists, those hidden gems in our community who are creative and provide a window into the human experience through art! Mark your calendars for our **Pop up Gallery Show Sunday May 25.** This new event continues to honor our departed friend and board member Penny, as we support her legacy through the Penny Coldwell Youth Art Fund. We are looking for local artists, we know you are out there, who would like to share their talents for show or purchase. Contact Zhenia Dickinson Hadar for details at zhadar@hadarfamily.com.

Board of Directors updates:

It's official, we now have 13 board members!! Last month we had the pleasure of being introduced to Kathleen Smith. After meeting with the Board and undergoing our extensive vetting process (lol), we decided we liked her and mutually agreed it would be fun if she joined up.

Interviewing folks who join the MHCA Board of Directors has a resounding theme that emerges over and over - they LOVE

Vermont and value the importance of community. It's no joke, time and again folks repeat the mantra that living in Vermont is like coming home - it's almost like our little mountain state has a magnetic pull once you have visited. Kathleen is no different, she fell in love with Vermont after friends invited her to come to Vermont with them. She described her visit to Shrewsbury “as if I had stepped into a Norman Rockwell scene”. Shortly after her visit she decided to pack up and move here. Work took her in and out of the state for a period of time and then the opportunity to settle down here in Mount Holly presented itself and she jumped. Kathleen, is one of Vermont’s many remote workers, she has had a long career in the Global Staffing Industry, and now she gets to continue to work in her field while being surrounded by nature - what a win win!

When asked about hobbies or interests, Kathleen had a list of them. She likes hanging out at the house, grilling, cars, live music & senior dogs - pretty sure there is a country song in there somewhere. She said New Orleans (aka Nawlins’) is one of her favorite places to visit citing the food, music, and culture. Something most people don't know about her, besides having a sweet tooth,...the girl has been to 39 Rolling Stone Concerts! Holly buckets - that is some serious fandom, wonder how many vinyl albums she has of theirs? If you meet Kathleen around town or at one of our events, please make sure to introduce yourself.

We will finish up with some food for thought, as Mister Rogers once said “There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind”. Let’s all practice some kindness, the world will be a better place if we do. And that, our favorite chit chat readers, is the new for this March. Your MHCA Board of Directors



Mount Holly School
**PRE-SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
8:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
By Appointment
(802) 259-2392

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

Please bring the following:

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

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

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

GREEN MOUNTAIN

-----NEIGHBORS-----

MOUNT HOLLY SHREWSBURY WALLINGFORD

Green Mountain Neighbors is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization that serves the residents of Mount Holly, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford, Vermont. We provide our members with a range of non-medical, volunteer-delivered supports that help them stay in their homes and communities as their needs change. It has been operating since mid-2023.

In 2025, Green Mountain Neighbors will host various types of events. A couple were held in February and one or two are in planning for March and will be communicated once the details are set.

In addition, a survey was sent recently to current members and volunteers seeking interest levels in an assortment of ideas we have had. These include some in-person events and some by Zoom or other video-conferencing means. Ideas include Paint 'n Sips, book discussions, exercise classes, wine & cheese socials, lunch out as a group and more. Several new suggestions have come in along with the responses. We hope to start planning more events based on the top preferences.

This has been a tough winter for getting together, as many of us know personally. One of our events had to be postponed and will be rescheduled in the spring because both the original and the backup date were snowed out! We hope that with the next turn of the calendar page we'll start having more clement weather.

If you are currently a member or volunteer and have not completed the survey, you can find a link to it in your email. A message was sent on Feb. 16.

If you are not currently a "Neighbor," but think this sounds fun and interesting, please contact

info@greenmountainneighbors.org. You can also leave a phone message at 802-417-2292. Kathy Leber, GMN

"CRAFT EVENTS ARE BACK!"

Saturday March 1st at 10am, we will be hosting an Embroidery Class for Beginners. Details for this event can be found on our Facebook page. If you like to craft and want to participate, suggest other lessons or even host, please email us. We'd love to hear from you!"

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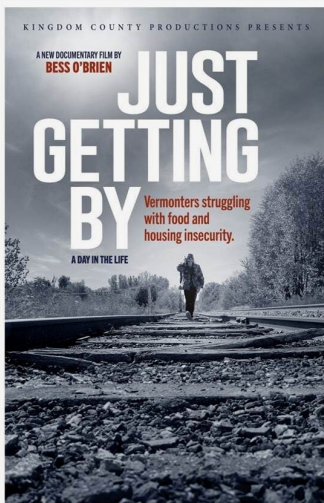
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Just Getting By

Film Screening at Ludlow
Town Hall Auditorium,
Depot St, Ludlow, VT on
Wednesday, March 26th
at 6:30pm.

This is a free event with support from
the Vermont Humanities Council.



Just Getting By explores the day to day challenges and incredible resiliency that low-income Vermonters bear witness to every day. Director Bess O'Brien will be part of a special Q and A after the film.

This event is hosted by Fletcher Memorial Library, Cavendish Fletcher Community Library, and the Mount Holly Town Library, with support from the Vermont Humanities Council.

For additional information please call Fletcher Memorial Library
802-228-8921.

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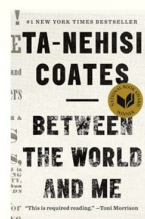
Fletcher Memorial Library Presents Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

For One Day of Freedom

By Blyden B. Jackson Jr.

**Book Discussion on
Mon 3/10 @ 6PM**



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After months of planning, Jubel prepares his escape. In two days, he will embark on a perilous journey to Canada to secure his freedom. And with the passing of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, there will be no safe place for him until he crosses the border.



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Had any desire to fly lately? Concerns over flight safety have been high these days after two recent deadly plane crashes. An American Airlines jet carrying 60 passengers and four crew members collided in midair in DC with an Army helicopter carrying three soldiers. There were no survivors. And in Philadelphia, a small jet on a medical mercy mission crashed into a busy neighborhood, killing seven people, injuring five. Then there was the flight that was evacuated after the engine sparked a fire on the wing of a Houston plane during takeoff. As I write this we are scheduled to fly (16 hrs.) to Thailand to care for medical missionary kids during a recertification conference (like Doctors Without Borders). It certainly makes you ponder your mortality and the brevity of this life. But it also does something else. It certainly still fills me with the awe and *wonder* of flight. To look out the window and marvel that we are able to soar through thin air in a gourd-shaped, metal tube at several hundred miles per hour is simply majestically magic. And to think it all began back in 1903 with two men who conquered controlled human flight. Others were experimenting with *powered* human flight but the brothers focused on developing a reliable method of *pilot control*, the key to solving “the flying problem.” But the Wright brothers’ journey to success was never easy. Milton Wright, a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, gave his kids distinctive first names, Wilbur and Orville being named after clergymen whom Milton admired. In elementary school, Orville was given to mischief and was once expelled. Their parents moved a lot, but the brothers always found them. 😊 Wilbur was hit in the face by a hockey stick wielded by a kid who later became a serial killer. (No joke!) He lost his front teeth and became withdrawn. Despite countless failures, ridicule, and money woes, the brothers weren’t stopped by the trials and testing they faced. Their flight tests required strong, often freezing headwinds. They suffered numerous bone-jarring and potentially fatal crashes. As Orville observed, “No bird soars in a calm.” The idea, according to biographer David McCullough, means that adversity can “often be exactly what you need to give you a lift higher.” Said McCullough, “Their joy was not getting to the top of the mountain. Their joy was *climbing* the mountain.”

The apostle James taught a similar principle to the persecuted early church about “How can I rise above troubles?” He told them, “Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced up into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.” Peter shared the same idea in stating, “Don’t be surprised at the fiery



Orville (left) and Wilbur Wright in 1905

ordeal that has come on you to test you.” This wasn’t a denial of suffering’s pain. Both men knew that hope in Christ grows our trust in God. James suggests that a proper mindset is essential in that we must see the end result and realize the tests are not bad for us. They produce patience, endurance and maturity.

As the Wright brothers’ character was hailed by their biographer, may others see God’s loving character at work in us. Rather than “white-knuckling the armrests” we can rest in the knowledge that He uses our adversity to raise us up to new heights. As the song goes, “You raise me up... to more than I can be.” *Pastor Glenn*

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Greetings Again From The Vermont State Legislature

Hello again from the Vermont Statehouse. I am writing this on Feb 16th so there could be some movement on bills and issues by the time you read this. One thing of note about this session is how slowly bills seem to be moving. To date, only one bill has passed both the House and Senate and was assigned into law by Governor Scott. It will allow municipalities to choose whether to elect all or some of their officials by a floor vote on Town Meeting or by Australian (secret) ballot.

There have been some bills introduced in committee but not yet having advanced to the floor for a vote. At the start of the session, there were important topics that needed to be addressed. Education reform, Public Safety, Housing, and the connection to Act 250 reform and Energy policy all rose to the top.

In terms of Education reform, the Governor has proposed several major changes to the way we fund and operate our education system. A reduction in the number of school districts, a formulation formula, minimum class sizes, and an increase in teacher salaries are part of the proposal. The Vermont Superintendent's Association has proposed a minimum class size of 15 students for grades K-5 and 18 students for grades 6-12. This is a lot different from our current class sizes which average around 10.2 students. They also believe the ideal district size should be between 2-4k students. Also, let's not forget that \$115m in projected school budget increases were projected in December and that the Agency of Education has revised that number upward by \$12m based on what they are hearing from school budgeting processes. We simply cannot continue with the current path. Something structural needs to happen. The full overview and analysis of the proposed changes can be found here from the Campaign for Vermont website:

https://www.campaignforvermont.org/scott_education_proposal?utm_campaign=feb_15_2025_leg_update&utm_medium=email&utm_source=campaignforvermont

As far as the question of public safety, the Burlington Free Press has summarized the administration changes this way: "the administration intends for the bill to target people who repeatedly commit crimes while awaiting trial by clarifying rules around bail revocation. The bill would increase potential punishments and criminal liability for older youth and young adults. The bill would also repeal the last stage of Raise the Age, an initiative the Legislature approved in 2018 that increases the age at which people who commit most crimes — minor and nonviolent offenses — are treated as adults. Currently, the law requires that age to increase April 1 to a person's 20th birthday." The Governor wants the legislature to delay that next stage. Other aspects of the governor's proposal include replacing the expungement of criminal records with sealing them and limiting the ability of courts to suspend sentences for violent crimes.

In terms of both housing and Act 250 reform, we hear from developers that the lengthy appeals process delays projects and drive up costs. Also, because of inflation, the cost of materials continues to rise, and the shortage of labor is impacting both the cost of doing business as well as construction times. Cost of financing development is also expensive. The Act 250 exemptions that came with the passage of Act 181 last year do appear to be working, but I think even more reform is needed. Those in what are now known as Tier 1 locations are able to develop with far fewer Act 250 rules, but there are lots of other places where development is desired by those living there but who still face barriers. We are not even close to the goal of 7000 new units each year. In fact, less than 2500 permits for new construction were issued in 2023. No data for 2024 is available yet.

One of the loudest concerns I heard during the campaign back in the summer and fall was the desire of the great majority of my constituents to repeal the Clean Heat Standard and some provisions of the Global Warming Solutions Act. There are bills in both chambers to do that but so far, they remain on the wall and no action has been taken. I believe there are enough votes to repeal the provisions that concern most Vermonters, and I do think that before the session gets too much further along, a bill will be passed.

We also heard the Governor's recommended budget and highlights

of that can be seen here: https://www.campaignforvermont.org/fy2026_budget?utm_campaign=feb_15_2025_leg_update&utm_medium=email&utm_source=campaignforvermont

The last thing I will mention is that I have again sponsored a bill which would exempt all military retirement pensions from the State income tax. I have been trying to get this passed for the last decade. It is in the Governor's recommended budget, and I have

20 other Senators who are sponsors so I think if we can get it to the Senate floor, it will pass.

Thanks for reading this and please let me know of your concerns or questions. You can leave a message on my home phone at 802- 773-1365 (I am home only on weekends and otherwise stay in Montpelier) or email me at bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us

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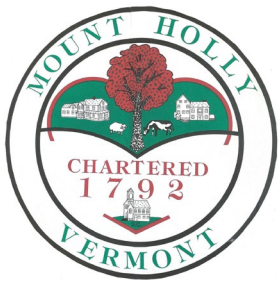
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Mount Holly Town News

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Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office January 27, 2025 4:00 pm Minutes

Attendance: Mark Turco (Chair), Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Carol A Garrow-Woolley, David Johnson

1. **Call to Order** at 4:00 pm

2. **Select Board Sign Town Meeting Warning:** The Select Board reviewed the warning and did not have any comments or questions. Mr. Turco made a motion to sign the warning as drafted; Diana Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Board signed the Warning and returned to the Town Clerk.

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3. **Adjourned** at 4:02 pm.

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.

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office February 11, 2025 6:00 pm

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Jeff Chase, Caitlin Boyle, Elizabeth Karle, Clinton Woolley, Stephen Michel, Zena Gates, James Seward, Carol A Garrow Woolley, Linda Lampert, Lester Lampert, Dennis Devereux, David Martin, June Capron, Barbara and Steve Hazelton (via Zoom).

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** at 6:01 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda.** Mark Turco noted that one addition regarding Select Board Clerk Hiring would be added to NewBusiness.

4. **Approval of January 6th, 14th and 27th Minutes.** Diana Garrow made a motion to approve all minutes as drafted; Mr. Turco seconded; unanimously approved.

5. Reports

a. **Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley.** Mr. Woolley noted that the Town can work with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to bring its Municipal Roads General Permit up to date. Mr. Woolley also noted that two Town trucks had a hydraulic line failure in the past week; the hoses were repaired. Mr. Woolley purchased dies, hoses and fittings to make the repairs in-house in the case of a future problem. Mr. Woolley also noted that he was concerned that residents may have trouble getting to the Transfer Station on Sunday due to the expected snow storm. Ms. Garrow suggested that the Town pre-emptively close the Transfer Station on Sunday. The Clerk agreed to post the closure information on the News Flash. Mr. Woolley will ask the Attendants whether they are able to work an extra hour on Saturday to offer more hours prior to the storm.

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

i. **Monthly Income and Expenses Report.** Ms. Karle noted that the Town has received the additional 15% federal cost share due to the Town for FEMA’s reimbursements of 2023 flooding repairs. This payment covered current and past reimbursements and was just shy of \$100,000. Funds were also received for last year’s State highway grants-in-aid grant program. Ms. Karle noted that the Town had also accepted FEMA’s cost estimate for the Beaver Meadow road repair project; this amount has now been obligated and 90% of that federal payment will be received within the month. Ms. Karle noted that these funds will be put in a subaccount to be segregated for the purpose of the Beaver Meadow Road repairs. Ms. Karle also noted that she is still searching for a new hire for the Assistant Treasurer position, and that David Johnson had been performing those duties in the meantime.

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

i. **Grand List Certificate of No Appeal.** Mr. Johnson noted that there were no appeals to the Grand List this year, and the Town will file a Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending. In addition, he submitted a new Tax Map Maintenance Contract for the Select Board to sign. The Board signed both documents as presented.

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Conservation Commission Update. David Martin noted that the State had encouraged the MHCC to apply for a permit to expand the area where a bottom barrier could be installed in Star Lake, and to apply for a permit for some mechanical harvesting in Star Lake to allow for kayak or canoe travel across the lake in the summer. The MHCC will pursue those permits and report back to the Select Board if the permit is issued. Mr.

Martin also asked for the Select Board’s permission to apply for an AARP grant to provide some playground equipment in the Star Lake beach area. It is a \$25,000 grant and no matching requirement for the Town. The Board noted it had no objection to the MHCC applying for the grant.

6. New Business

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a. **Town Highway Grant Program/Documents FY26/CY25.** Mr. Chase noted that this is the typical annual paperwork that must be filed if the Town wishes to apply for State highway grants. Mr. Chase recommended applying for a paving grant for Hortonville Road, in the amount of ~\$300,000. The area in need of paving would be on Hortonville Road between Shunpike Road and the Townline.

b. **2025 SAM Renewal Update.** The Select Board Clerk noted that the SAM Renewal has been completed. Further entity name verification was sought by the CAGE program; Clerk will complete the verification.

c. **Required Annual Open Meeting Law Training.** Mr. Turco noted that he would take the new state training required of Select Board Chairs regarding the changes to the State's Open Meeting Law. Resident Dennis Devereux noted that the training could be posted in other public places, including the News Flash, the Chit Chat and the website, so that other citizens could also take the training if desired.

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

d. **Select Board Clerk Hire.** The Board met on February 7 to interview two candidates for Select Board Clerk. Mr. Turco noted that both candidates were strong. Mr. Turco made a motion to offer the position to William Notte due to his superior qualifications for the position; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Clerk will send the offer letter with an anticipated start date of Tuesday, February 18.

7. Old Business

a. **Sign Revised Purchasing Policy.** The Board discussed the revised Purchasing Policy and indicated that it wished to increase the amount of spending requiring Select Board approval from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Turco made a motion to adopt the Purchasing Policy as drafted, including that change; Ms. Garrow seconded; unanimously approved. The Select Board Clerk noted that she would make the final edit and circulate for signing.

8. Citizen Comments.

Resident Linda Lampert of 440 Howland Farm Road in MountHolly re-expressed her concern from the November 2024 Select Board Meeting regarding two large ash tree limbs that she observes extending over her road. She asked that the Town limb the tree so as to prevent possible danger. She provided mapping documentation in hard copy and via digital maps that she believes indicate that the road ends in a different place than is documented elsewhere. She believes that the tree is in the Town's right-of-way. She noted that there are maps that show conflicting road information. Mr. Turco noted that the Town can cut the two limbs in question and will ask the two contractors who typically do tree work for the Town to provide quotes to complete the job.

9. Announcements

a. Town Office Closed for President's Day, Monday, February 17.

b. Dog License Registration Deadline April 1.

c. Dog Rabies Clinic will be Saturday, March 22, 9 am to 12 pm. The cost is \$25 per vaccine.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. **Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed)**

12. **Adjourned at 6:46 pm.** Respectfully Submitted By Caitlin Boyle

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.

Reminder File HS-122 Homestead Declaration

Homeowners are required to file with the State of Vermont Department of Taxes form HS-122 to declare their property as a homestead each year. The form can be found on the Department's web site <https://tax.vermont.gov/document/2021-form-hs-122> The due date is April 15, 2025.

Filing on time is especially important if property taxes are paid by a property owner's mortgage company.

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On **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, to vote by **Australian ballot** at the **Mount Holly Town Office**, polls will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to vote on the following articles, viz.: **1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10**.
 Articles may be discussed on Monday evening.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers as the law directs. (Australian ballot)

Article 2: To act on the Town Officers' Report.

Article 3: Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2025 - 2026, to be raised by tax?
 A. General Fund (net) \$ **582,685**
 B. Highway Fund (net) \$ **532,950**
 Total A & B (Australian ballot) \$ **1,115,635**

Article 4: Does the Town vote **\$80,000** for the Asset/Equipment Fund for fiscal year 2025 - 2026, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 5: Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of **\$87,000** for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of **\$75,000** for a total of **\$162,000** to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 6: Does the Town vote **\$12,000** for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 7: Does the Town vote **\$2,000** for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 8: Does the Town vote the following for Community and Social Services totaling **\$8,635** to be raised by tax. (Australian ballot)

A	American Red Cross	\$ 500
B	BROC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont	\$ 550
C	Rutland Mental Health Services	\$1,302
D	VNA & Hospice of Southwest Region	\$1,313
E	RSVP & The Volunteer Center	\$ 100
F	Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 400
G	Regional Ambulance Service, Inc.	\$ 620
H	Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 500
I	Black River Good Neighbor Services, Inc.	\$1,000
J	Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
K	Marble Valley Regional Transit District	\$ 300
L	Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 100
M	Green Up Vermont	\$ 150
N	Child First Advocacy Center	\$ 400
O	NeighborWorks	\$ 500
P	Okemo Valley TV	\$ 750

Article 9: Does the Town vote **\$2,500** for the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 10: Does the Town of Mount Holly vote to fund the afterschool program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of **\$6,500** in FY 2025 - 2026, to maintain state grant funding, to be raised by tax? (Australian ballot)

Article 11: To transact all other necessary and proper business.

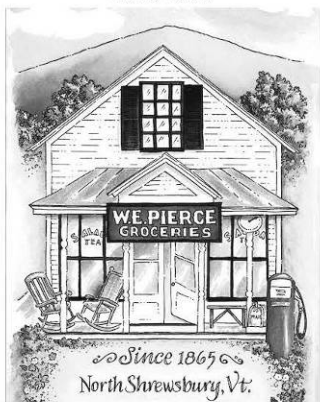
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Mount Holly Elementary School
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:00pm

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- Article 1:** To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2025.
- Article 2:** To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2025.
- Article 3:** To elect a Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2025.
- Article 4:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for each of its School Board Directors at \$2000.00 per board member and \$1,500.00 for Board Chair?
- Article 5:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$125,00?
- Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District approve the annual honorarium for the Treasurer at \$1500.00?
- Article 7:** Shall the voters of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?
- Article 8:** To hear and act on the reports of the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2024.
- Article 9:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

Board of Directors:

Kaitlyn Benson
Kaitlyn Benson (Ludlow)

Maria Gambino
Maria Gambino (Ludlow)

David Martin
David Martin (Mount Holly)

Jenny Michaelke
Jenny Michaelke (Ludlow)

Jamie Dickey
Jamie Dickey (Ludlow)

Katie Kleczkowski
Katie Kleczkowski (Mount Holly)

J. McKenzie
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Kelly Tarbell
Kelly Tarbell (Mount Holly)

Ulla Cook
Ulla Cook, District Clerk

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WARNING

LUDLOW-MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting By Australian Ballot

LUDLOW TOWN HALL and MOUNT HOLLY TOWN OFFICE

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025
10:00am to 7:00pm**

The legal voters of Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District, consisting of the towns of Ludlow Town and Mount Holly, are hereby warned to meet at the respective polling places on Tuesday, the 4th day of March for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

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

Article II: Election of School Directors.

Approved at a Duly Warned Meeting on January 15, 2025.

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RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
And
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
MARCH 4, 2025

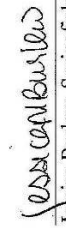
Dated at Springfield, Vermont, in the County of Windsor, on this 3rd day of January 2025.

River Valley Technical Center Board of Directors


 Robert Flint, At-Large Member
 Board Chair



 Lois Periah, Green Mt. USD Representative

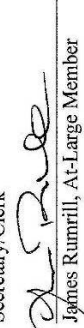

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 Chris Hodsden, BFUHS Representative


 Andrew Pennell, At-Large Member
 Secretary/Clerk


 James Rummell, At-Large Member


 Lyza Gardner, At-Large Member


 Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, RVTC School District

WARNING
RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Expeditionary School at Black River, Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

ANNUAL MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned to meet in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to Tuesday, March 4, 2025, on which date the voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following article by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 4, 2025

ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million, four hundred eighty thousand, one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$3,480,129) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the aforementioned Australian ballot article on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the RVTC Café, Rm. B106 at the Howard Dean Education Center, immediately following the business portion of the School District's Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2025-2026 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

Robert Flint, Chair	Lois Periah
Jessica Burtlew, Vice Chair	James Rummell
Andrew Pennell, Board Secretary/Clerk	Kelly Tarbell
Lyza Gardner	Sara Vogel
Chris Hodsden	Brenda Blodgett, Clerk, RVTC School District



**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.

SAMPLE BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR TOWN MODERATOR	FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	FOR AUDITOR
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE
ANDREW TANGER (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	DENNIS DEVEREUX (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	TIFFANY AUSTIN (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN CLERK	FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	3 Year Term Vote for not more than TWO
CAROL GARROW-WOOLLEY (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	PETER PERRINO (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	DAVID MARTIN (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR TOWN TREASURER	FOR TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD
1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	1 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	1 Year Balance of 3 Year Term Vote for not more than TWO
ELIZABETH L L KARLE (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	DAVID H JOHNSON (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	KATIE KLECZKOWSKI (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
FOR SELECTMAN	FOR LISTER	KAITLYN BENSON (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE	FOR LMHUUSD SCHOOL BOARD
DIANA GARROW (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	MARY SURETHING (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	2 Year Balance of 3 Year Term Vote for not more than ONE
TOWN ARTICLES		
Article 3. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote the following budget for fiscal year 2025 - 2026 to be raised by tax?		
A. General Fund (net) \$582,685.00 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
B. Highway Fund (net) \$532,950.00 YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		
Article 4. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$50,000.00 for the Asset/Equipment fund for the fiscal year 2025 - 2026 to be raised by tax? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>		

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote to the Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. an operating budget of \$87,000.00 for the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year, and Vehicle Replacement Fund of \$75,000.00 for a total of \$162,000.00 to be raised by tax? YES NO

Article 6. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$12,000.00 for the Mount Holly Town Library, to be raised by tax? YES NO

Article 7. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,000.00 for the Mount Holly Chit Chat, to be raised by tax? YES NO

Article 8. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$8,635.00 for the Community and Social Services, to be raised by tax? YES NO

Article 9. (Town Warning) Does the Town vote \$2,500.00, for Mount Holly Community Historical Museum, to be raised by tax? YES NO

Article 10. (Town Warning) Does the Town of Mount Holly vote to fund the Afterschool Program at the Mount Holly School in the amount of \$6,500.00 in FY 2025 - 2026, to maintain state grant funding, to be raised by tax? YES NO

LUDLOW MOUNT HOLLY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER

Article 1. Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of three million, four hundred eighty thousand, one hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$3,480,129) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations? YES NO



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Mount Holly Conservation Commission Notes

Feeling a little worn down by our relentless winter? Maybe a spring and summer preview will help.

The MHCC has studied the draft Arrowwood Report, (commissioned by the Mount Holly Conservation Trust) and gleaned valuable information for reducing the weed population at Star Lake. The report, and other input from State agencies, has helped clarify where hand weeding, increased use of bottom barriers, and possible mechanical harvesting would be most productive and within mandated guidelines.

To help fund those endeavors we are exploring various grant-based funding sources, including a possible grant from AARP, which requires plans for community support and involvement for a successful application, and which would focus on the Star Lake Recreation area. A playground area, bocce court, and an increase in available shade are among the ideas that are under consideration.

But all of this and more hinges on community input and involvement. To that end, we hope to organize, perhaps in conjunction with other Mount Holly civic



groups, an open community meeting to both provide information and gather ideas from town residents as to recreational opportunities at Star Lake and other town sites. Stay tuned for time and place.

The next MHCC meeting will be at 6pm on Wed., March 5, at the town office. Look for Zoom access information on the Newslash and postings at the Mount Holly and Belmont Post Offices.

In the meantime, think spring! Susan Presson

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust Raising Funds to Protect 49 Acre Parcel

The Mount Holly Conservation Trust (MHCT) has their sights on protecting an important parcel of land surrounded by the Green Mountain National Forest. The parcel with beautiful woods and wetlands which offers great habitat for beaver, moose, deer, bear and many other species, is for sale. Our goal in



purchasing it would be to preserve it for its natural beauty while still allowing public access activities including hunting, fishing, birding, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

To prevent the loss of this important habitat, MHCT is mounting a fundraising campaign to raise \$110,000 to protect the land from development and pay other costs. If you are interested in helping to protect this important parcel, contributions can be made as described below. For further information about the project email us at info@mounthollyconservationtrust.org or call Brigid at 802 259-2274.

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

Contributions can be mailed to: Mount Holly Conservation Trust, PO Box 85, Belmont, VT 05730 Or by going to our website at [Mount Holly Conservation Trust](http://MountHollyConservationTrust) Thank you for your support.

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Vermont Home Gardener: March Gardens!

As March begins, there are many garden tasks for us to do. February snow has buried any sprouts peeking up from the ground but the good news is that the snow means more water availability come spring. As the days get longer there are indoor and outdoor garden preparations we can be doing now, including planting, pruning, and feeding!

If you haven't yet pruned your **fruit trees** (apples, pears, cherries, etc.) or shrubs use a mild day to get that pruning done before they break dormancy and buds swell. Basic pruning is the removal of dead, diseased, and downward growing limbs. Also cut off vertical "suckers" growing up from branches and trunks. [UVM Extension has helpful videos online](#) to show the basics of good pruning practices. I will cover pruning of woody bushes (raspberries, blackberries, hydrangeas, etc.) in the April edition. After pruning, give fruit trees a first spray of Dormant Oil to smother the over-wintering eggs left by last year's pests. Cover all the trunk and branches well.

Longer days stimulate early growth on indoor plants so now is a good time to prune and feed them. If you have geraniums, fuchsia, peppers, or other outdoor plants held indoors over winter give them a serious pruning now. Remove any lanky, long branches and re-shape the plant before new growth begins. Re-potting into larger containers with a fresh soilless starter/compost mixture (not commercial "potting soil"!) is often helpful if that hasn't been done for a couple years. When you re-pot plants root pruning to match top pruning is helpful to maintain balance. An early feeding with fish emulsion or other good soluble plant food will

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stimulate growth. Give them your best southern exposure for sunlight or artificial lights. (see previous article).

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In early March you can plant **onion** seeds (I like Ailsa Craig and Cipollini) along with **Wave Petunias**. Refer to last month's article for details about general seed starting. These plants are slow to start and require a long head start before transplanting out in late May so now is the time to sow them indoors. Onion seedlings produce better & bigger onions and are much less expensive than sets (small bulbs grown from seeds last season) and come in better varieties than sets. You can also buy young onion seedlings ready to plant from many seed companies and garden stores later in the season but they are expensive. Most other seeds (vegetables & flowers) should wait until early April before starting. More on this in a future article.

Commit to **Composting** as it's one of the most important jobs every gardener can do. It's great for your soil and plants, keeps climate warming carbon out of the atmosphere, and avoids the expense of hauling of stuff away. Winter composting can include coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells, cotton dryer lint, fruit & vegetable scraps, and used napkins. Add it to the top of your frozen compost bin or pile and it'll be ready to go.

Read more at VermontHomeGardener.org

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Ludlow Rotary Prepares for Upcoming Annual Penny Sale

While the annual Penny Sale sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) may be several months away, members of the club have already begun preparations for this major event. The Penny Sale is the major fund-raising event sponsored by the LRC to support its annual scholarship awards to graduating area high school seniors. The LRC has awarded over a quarter of a million scholarship dollars to graduating seniors. This, the 67th annual Penny Sale sponsored by the LRC, will feature hundreds of gifts donated by area businesses and individuals. As evidenced by the concentrated efforts of LRC Rotarians in the photo, club members are busy contacting area businesses to request donations of gifts or financial awards. For more information, call

event co-chairs Kim Lampert 802-228-4000 or Jim Rumrill 802-228-8866.

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When Irish eyes are smiling
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Healthcare: A Relational Crisis

Too?

According to and quoting *Megan Brennan, of Gallup*, Americans' rating of the quality of U.S. healthcare has fallen to the lowest reading in 24 years, and views of healthcare coverage nationally remain broadly negative. These views likely play into the belief that the U.S. healthcare system has major problems or is in a deep state of crisis. Cost is named as the most urgent healthcare problem in the country. Despite their widespread negativity when it comes to healthcare in the U.S., Americans largely rate their own healthcare positively. Fortunately, today I too can say the later, based on recent experiences at VOC/RRMC, and over the years with other dynamic regional players.

I often remark that one can package anything; however, one cannot buy raw talent and that's what we have in this Region & State in every direction and for that we are very fortunate. It's good to remind ourselves of that from time to time. Given my life's work, I am partial to say that's especially true of health care/promotion, which can often take a real trouncing. Interesting to overlay, that David Brooks, Author and NEW YORK TIMES Columnist often mentions that with declining civility, we are in a relational crisis; resulting in some cases, practitioners leaving the field of healthcare because of the unwarranted abuses they are taking. On another note, when any one of us might feel: Oh now I have to do this test, do therapy or get this or that procedure ~ perhaps we could re-frame it in that we still, for some or the most part, get too! For one day, these very services might not be available / or as accessible. At least that's what I encourage at our Thrive Center, to our patrons.

Paraphrasing and quoting the *NIH - National Library of Medicine - Pub Med Central*, since the 1980's, polls have shown that Americans are dissatisfied with their current health care system. However, the public's views on how to change the current system are more conflicted than often suggested by individual poll results. At the same time, as stated above, roughly 45 years later, Americans are both dissatisfied with the current health care system and relatively satisfied with their own health care arrangements. As a result of the conflict between these views and the public's distrust of government, there often is a wide chasm between the public's support for a set of principles concerning what needs to be done about the overall problems facing the nation's health care system and their support for specific policies designed to achieve those goals.

There is no doubt that our current healthcare system is a conflicting can of worms regarding coverage for services vs. access to services, as well as, the negotiation of rates between insurance companies and providers of care. Sadly, patient ~ practitioner relationships can be eroded too, based on coverage outcomes – a lot of which is not always known because crystal balls aren't an included feature. Some might say, even pet insurance seems more straightforward. So pull one and expose 500 more...Handy while fishing, but not here.

All that said, I positively believe Vermont is a small & creative enough State to do better and possibly be a model for the rest of the country. Given all the listening and Legislative sessions, etc. attended over the years, I / we would love an opportunity at impacting betterment. You know the phrase all right: "We threw the kitchen sink at it". Well, I think we need at least forty ~ probably more, but only thoughtful ones. Submitted by: **Lisa M. Cuzydlo-Donohue, MA, LMT, Certified Health & Lifestyle Coach** Thrive Center of the Green Mountains, Wallingford, Vermont 05773 802-446-2499 uthrive@vermontel.net

Notice Dog Owners

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

Please note this is a State of Vermont Law

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

After April 1, 2025, = \$19.00

ANIMAL LICENSE

Town of Mount Holly, Vermont

NO.

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SIZE: ___ **SEX:** ___ **COLOR:** _____ **BREED:** _____

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SIGNATURE OF

DATED: _____ OWNER OR KEEPER: _____

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On Common Paths

End of life topics can feel like taboo, “we can’t talk about that.” If we do it might be in whispers, so as not to offend anyone.

“There’s no good script, after all, for how to talk about things no one wants to even think about.” - K. Timpf: You Can’t Joke About That

Everyone is on the same common path. In the end, we all die, transition, and graduate from this existence.

My first experience with death was my Uncle Charlie. I had spent the night at my grandma’s “camping out” in the living room. Just waking up,

we started our morning with coffee perking (yes, a percolator), the drapes were opened, pop tarts were cooking in the toaster, and the news was on the local AM radio.

The phone rang as usual. The sisters, Gramma, Aunt Mary, and Aunt Nicki, called each other every morning just to check in. Gramma started whispering in Italian, hung up the phone, and closed all the curtains in the house. She let me know Uncle Charlie had passed; that was all. Then she went to work and started to “prepare”.

Today, some 50 years later, I continue in my Journey with Death as an End-of-Life Doula, providing “non-medical, non-judgmental support and guidance to individuals and families through times of critical transformative life change.” NEDA

Throughout life, I have learned to support and assist others to fully embrace living, while preparing to die well. Working in partnership with your team of supporters, the Doula compliments services that are directed by you.

I can assist with respite and community referrals, final plans, advanced directives and how to properly file them, as well as legacy projects and sitting vigil.

It is a sacred calling and an honor to witness, to guide, to facilitate, to work through tough decisions, or simply lend a listening ear. With Grace, EOL Doula Tracie Lynne, Connect with me at (802) 236-8696 Call or Text Email

Withgraceoldoula@gmail.com



SERVICES PROVIDED

Advance Care Planning to assist with Advanced Directives and other legal documents

Companionship and Respite

Professional and Community Resource Referrals

Medical Advocacy

Legacy Projects and Life Review

Sitting Vigil

Post Passage Bereavement Support



CONNECT WITH ME

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please leave a message

DOULA TRACIE
LYNNE

WITH GRACE

End of Life Doula Care



The essence of Doula care is to provide non-medical, non-judgmental support and guidance to individuals and families through times of critical transformative life change.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

At the

MOUNT HOLLY TRANSFER STATION

Saturday, April 12th & June 21st, 2025

8:00 am to 10:00 am only

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

Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance.

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Brake Fluid
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Automatic Trans. Fluid
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Paint (Latex, Lead & Oil Based)
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Paint Stripper
Varnish & Stains
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Grout
Caulk Tubes

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Herbicides
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Community Health

It's National Nutrition Month, and at Community Health, heart-healthy meal planning is a top priority. Planning your meals can be as easy as checking your pantry or freezer. If you've stocked them with the essential ingredients for heart-healthy meals, you can prepare nutritious dishes without needing to go grocery shopping.

Start by reading food labels and choosing products with the lowest amounts of sodium, added sugars, and saturated fats. Additionally, select items that contain no trans fats. Here are some staple items to keep in your pantry and freezer:

- Dinner basics: canned or dried beans (such as kidney, pinto, black, butter, and navy) and canned proteins like tuna, salmon, and chicken
- Low-sodium canned or frozen vegetables for quick side dishes
- Frozen fruit for smoothies or snacks
- Whole grains, including brown rice, quinoa, whole-grain pasta, and bread
- Nuts, seeds, and nut butters to enhance stir-fries, salads, or as snacks
- Broth (fat-free and low or no-salt varieties)

Maple Hutch for Sale
70 inches tall 54 1/2 inches wide. \$200. Call Paul 802-259-2443

For more heart-healthy meal planning ideas, check out the American Heart Association's Healthy Eating Essentials <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/cooking-skills/meal-planning/heart-healthy-kitchen-essentials-for-meal-prep>. To learn more about Community Health, visit our website <https://www.chcrr.org> or call our patient access center at 802-779-9169 for details about our high-quality, accessible, and affordable healthcare services.



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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.

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

Name

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Phone Email

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

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

Also Check
www.mthollynewsflash.blogspot.com

To see all daily emails of the NewsFlash compiled in one place for all community news and events.

Kevin Plew is the primary NewsFlash attendant and Stu Berry is backup attendant at stuberly1@gmail.com



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Catering - Restaurants - Stores

Harry's Café, Trip & Deb Pearce III www.Harryscafe.com 802-259-2555
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Annunciation, Ludlow, Mass Sat 4:30 pm, Sun 9 am
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E. Wallingford Baptist – PS 9:15-10:00 am SS 10 am, Worship 11 am
Pastor Kevin Miner 802-259-2831
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Pastor Dave Bentley 802-446-2020
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, Rutland SS 11 am & 3 pm
Until May 11 am & 6 pm 802-779-0300
Ludlow Baptist Church, 9:30 am SS, 10:30 am Music Fellowship,
11 am WS, 6:30 pm Evening PS, Wed 6:30 pm PM & BS
Pastor Jerry Scheumann jfscheumann@gmail.com 603-439-0803
Rutland Jewish Center office@rutlandjewishcenter.org
Rabbi Shemtov rabbishemtov@rutlandjewishcenter.org 802-773-3455
St. Patrick's, Wallingford, Mass Sun 11 am
Rev Msgr Bernard Bourgeois christthekingprsh@gmail.com 802-446-2161
Village Baptist Church-Worship 9:30am, Coffee Hour 10:45 BS Tue 7 pm
Wilderness Friends Meeting (Quaker) Sundays 10 am
Shrewsbury Library, Cuttingsville 802-259-2803

Electrical Services

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

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Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency # 802-228-2880 911
Stephanie Grover NRP Chief Cell 802-380-2635 sgrover.las@tds.net
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Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

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Behavioral Health – Patient Access Center 802-779-9159
Express Care Rutland - 802-773-3386
Dr. Joseph P. Donohue – Chiropractic Care, Thrive Center 802-446-2499
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Calm Moments Message Studio – Irene Berry 802-228-7772
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Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 802-446-2499

Metal Fabrication

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

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

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Security

Countryside Alarms – Mike Blais www.countrysidealarms.com 802-259-2213

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kevin@belmontseptic.com

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It is a good idea for all of you to check your listings to be sure everything is correct and if it isn't drop me an email at chitchat@vermontel.net Thank You for your help. Diana Garrow

