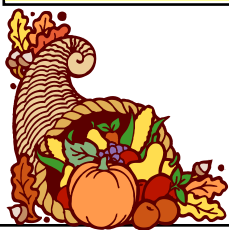


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Town Lister Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

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

November

Sat	1 st		<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
Sun	2 nd	<i>Daylight Savings Ends ~ All Souls' Day ~ Only Flight of Howard Hughes "Spruce Goose" 1947</i>		
			<i>Daniel Boone b. 1734-1820</i>	
	3 rd		<i>Launch of Sputnik 2 with the dog Laika</i>	
	4 th	MH Conservation Commission, MH Town Office	<i>Will Roger's Day Okla ~ Election Day</i>	6:00 pm
	5 th	MH PTG Meeting, MH School	<i>Full Beaver Moon</i>	6:00 pm
	6 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station		7:00 pm
	7 th		<i>Marie Sklodowska Curie 1867</i>	
Sun	9 th		<i>Berlin Wall Opens 1989</i>	
	10 th		<i>US Marine Corps Est 1775</i>	
	11 th	Community Guild Meeting	<i>Veterans' Day 1947 ~ Signing of WWI Armistice 1918</i>	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		7:00 pm
	13 th	Fire Dept. Drill, MH Fire Station	<i>Robert Louis Stevenson 1850</i>	7:00 pm
	14 th		<i>Deer Archery Season Ends</i>	
Sat	15 th		<i>Black Bear & Deer Season Begin</i>	
	18 th	MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom		6:30 pm
	19 th	MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	<i>Gettysburg Address 1863</i>	6:30 pm
		MH Community Association Meeting, Library	<i>Discovery of Puerto Rico 1493</i>	7:00 pm
	20 th	Fire Dept. Work Detail, Fire Stations		7:00 pm
Sat	22 nd		<i>John F. Kennedy Assassinated 1917-1963</i>	
Sun	23 rd		<i>Black Bear Season Ends</i>	
	25 th	Community Guild Meeting	<i>Giving Tuesday www.PVA.org/SupportVeterans</i>	9:00 am
	26 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont		7:00 pm
	27 th		<i>Thanksgiving Day 1863</i>	7:00 pm
Sun	30 th		<i>Deer Season Ends</i>	

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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	802-773-9101
MH Constable	NONE			Health Officer – Chad Farrar	802-342-1366
Animal Control Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.		802-775-8002		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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November Birthdays: 2nd-Amanda Smith Frank * Linda Fitzgibbon 4th-David Davis * Keith Hawkins 5th-Bruce Turco * Victoria Turco * Richard Darling 7th-Bridger Lillard 8th-James Proctor * Dave Venter 14th-Daniel Fitzgibbon 17th-Matthew Alberty * Catherine Carrara * Candence Taylor 18th-Sally Bussino (1956) * Jason Bussino (2012) 19th-Chad Devereux * Brayden McEnany 20th-Melinda Dawley-Pearson 23rd-Donna Lee 24th-Lizzie Emmons * Josh Bussino (1992) 28th-Jessica Lee 29th-Joe Turco * Jeremiah Johnson * Maryanne Bolalek * Ronald Blanchard (1966) * Jeffrey Bussino Jr (1989)



November Anniversaries: 15th-Wayne & Lori Wheelock

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
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	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
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	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
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Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
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Peter Frederick Garrow

Peter Frederick Garrow, 92 of Mt. Holly died Friday evening September 12, 2025 at his residence.

He was born on March 29, 1933 in Mt. Holly the son Peter C. and Ethel (Rabtoy) Garrow.

Peter grew up on the family farm that he continued to work on until becoming employed at General Electric where he was employed over 25 years until his retirement.

He truly enjoyed his retirement having many hobbies and interests.

Survivors include his wife Audrey (Stoodley) Garrow whom he married on July 14, 1957; 2 sons Scott and Fred and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by 3 sisters Dorothy Hawkins, Mary Hawkins and "Onie" Bumps.

Burial will be at a later date in the Maple Grove Cemetery in East Wallingford. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, 143 Maple Street, Rutland, VT 05701



Stanley Raymond Potter

Stanley Raymond Potter, 71 of Rutland died Tuesday September 30, 2025 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Jan 8, 1954 in Springfield the son of James Garfield and Cassie (Flanders) Potter

Stan grew up in Belmont and enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with his family, his Ford truck, and a drinking a cold Budweiser. He spoke his mind, and you knew where you stood with him.

He was employed as Truck Driver by the Teamsters working for Guy Wilson, Yellow Freight and Tomra until his retirement.

Survivors include his Wife of 46 years Susan, 2 sons James J. Potter and his wife Courtney of Rutland, and Mike Potter and his wife Brenda of Pittsford, a sister Jane Hill of Belmont, a brother Charles Potter of Hartford, NY, 4 grandchildren Aaliyah, Hank, Raymond, and Rhyla, and a niece Dianne "Dolly" Knipes.

He was predeceased by 2 brothers John G. Potter and Raymond Potter.

The November Full Moon is the second supermoon of the year—and the biggest of 2025! A [supermoon](#) is a catchy name for "perigee," the point in the Moon's orbit where it is closest to Earth. In this case, it will be 221,817 miles (356,980 kilometers) from Earth. Technically, the Moon is bigger and brighter than any other Moon this year. Fingers crossed for clear skies!

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@vermontel.net.

Animal Control in Mount Holly

The Select Board has contracted the Rutland County Sheriff's office to provide animal control services for the Town. The Sheriff's Office can be contacted at 802-775-8002.

PLEASE NOTE: it is a requirement of the State of Vermont and the Town of Mount Holly that **all dogs are registered** (which should be done at the Town Office) also a requirement of the State of Vermont that **all dogs are vaccinated against rabies**. Mount Holly Select Board

NOTICE

Mechanicsville Cemetery

Annual Meeting postponed

New date

Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont VT.

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Mount Holly Transfer Station

FALL / WINTER HOURS

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY, 9 am to 12 Noon

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event and bid on these one-of-kind wreaths as well as other exciting silent auction gifts for this holiday season. All proceeds will benefit local education, as ESBR continues to serve the community with a unique and accessible learning experience. Now in its 6th year of operation based on the Expeditionary Model, ESBR students learn through many hands-on project-based activities to complement their regular curriculum. Fundraising assists in assuring students have as many resources as possible to reach these learning goals. We hope all will join in this fun and festive way to support the students! Please reach out to Board Chair Patrick Pullinen at ppullinen@esblackriver.org or Board Secretary Marissa Selleck at mselleck@esblackriver.org for further information.

Mount Holly School Fundraising Event

Hello everyone! We are excited to announce an upcoming event.

Mount Holly School is fundraising for their music program getting new concert risers. We will be hosting a FREE concert on November 8th. The concert will be at 7 pm at Odd Fellows in Belmont, in Mount Holly. We will have three musicians performing along with free appetizers and desserts during the event. It will be BYOB and cash donations will be appreciated to help MHS reach their goal to getting new risers.

We would love if you all could share this poster via printed poster, sharing, or reposting on whatever platform you prefer. We will also be sending the students of Mount Holly home with these flyers next week.

Thank you so much for your support, Maddi Pannell and Craig Hutt Vater

ESBR 1st Annual Festival of Wreaths

Calling all area businesses and interested community members to help make this season EXTRA festive! ESBR is excited to announce its first annual Festival of Wreaths Fundraiser, in which local businesses and/or individuals are invited to decorate a holiday wreath to donate for a Silent Auction to be held on Saturday, November 29th, 2025 from 1pm-4pm at the Ludlow Community Center. All are welcome to attend the



HIKES INTO THE YALE FOREST

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

The hikes will be held from the middle of October until early November. They are moderate walks along an early road. Learn about the history of the area and visit the plaque that was placed in memory of the young pilot who did not come home.



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

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Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive

We are half-way to our 25-26 Goal!

Your membership donation helps MHCA to:

- Host Community Activities and Events
- Preserve our Town's Historic Community Building
- Foster Community Connection
- Support Local Arts and Culture

Thank You for Your Support!



Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings
 9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443

Fall Open House at Mount St. Joseph Academy

Join us for our Fall Open House at Mount St. Joseph Academy — where tradition meets excellence. Thursday November 6th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Discover how MSJ is forming students of character, competence, and compassion.

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THANK YOU PHOTOGRAPHERS!

In the twenty three years since the introduction of the Mount Holly Calendar Competition 125 photographers have entered photos in the yearly event. The names below represent the 30 photographers who this year entered photos. Some of the names you will recognize from previous competitions and some are new (welcome).

This year, in near perfect weather conditions, the public turned out in large numbers for Cider Days, and a record number of them voted (246) in the Calendar Competition. (Please look for the results of that voting in the next issue of the Chit Chat). So, a giant “thank you!” to all the photographers who this year entered and shared their beautiful photos of Mount Holly with us. They are:

Dori Beardsley

Parker Chase

Susan Covalla

Bob Crescas

Jeanmarie Fitzgerald

Jill Gates

Tom Gates

Ann Hansen

Andrew Haskell

Gregory Higgins

Elie Katz

Leah Knoll

Spencer Knoll

Karen Leonard

Bill Williams

Mary Leonard

Barbara Ludwig

Avery Osburn

Susan Presson

Deirdre Rogers

Patrick Rose

Jeanne Schneider

Alexandra Yuster

Faith Tempest

Kathleen Thompson

Tracey Urbani

Paul Warren

Mathew Weiter

Linda Weltner

Sheila Wickham

See you next year!

Community Guild News

The Mount Holly Community Guild wishes to thank everyone who supported our fund raising efforts this fall. Our fall raffle was successful and we will be able to donate to many community service organizations in town.

The winners of the raffle are as follows:

The Quilt -Carol Sterk
Charcuterie basket -Faith Tempest
Kathy Stone Pottery - Larry Pitts



The applications for our scholarships for graduating seniors will be available in January.

Our scholarships are for graduating seniors who wish to continue their educations. If you have any questions about the scholarships please contact Judy Nevin 259-2443.

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News from MHCA

Happy November and welcome to stick season. You might be surprised to know that there are many references to Vermont's stick season. Noah Kahan has a song named for it, there are websites, including Wikipedia, that highlight reasons one should consider traveling in Vermont during stick season and if you are a Vermonter you know its a transitional time as we finish last minute preparations for winter and enjoy a few moments without crowds. It's a brief pause but it helps one fortify for the onslaught skiers, snowmobilers, and seasonal tourists.

We had a very successful Cider Days this past month, it was in fact quite extraordinary! First off - it didn't rain. Although no rain has been our reality for the past 6 months, for at least the past five years or so, it has always rained at some point during Cider Days. Secondly, we ran out of cider both days. For many years we have ordered 150 gallons of cider which generally lasts the weekend. This year we sold out our entire order on Saturday and had to scramble to get more for Sunday - even then, we sold out again before the event ended. Same story for fresh pressed. It was remarkable. Lastly, we had the most prolific pooper ever in Miss Katniss, the star of our annual Cow Plop contest, which warrants a tribute to the little black and white heifer.....

A tribute to Miss Katniss

Let me tell you the story of our lil holstein gal
Who won Jr Reserve Champion with Carter Bruce, her 4H pal
Our Miss Katniss's ascension to fortune and fame
Was quite different than her namesake from the Hunger Games
From runway modeling at the county fair
To hanging out in Mount Holly breathing fresh mountain air
The pressure to win was less arduous - more like a walk in the park
But like her namesake, this little heifer set a new benchmark
Trotting right into her makeshift pen she needed no rest
It was clear from the beginning Katniss was ready for her Cow Plop test
She bellowed a few times, declaring her arrival
And began eating grass as if critical to her survival
Just FIVE minutes in to her rockstar debut
Our lil holstein heifer began to poo oo oo oo
Not once or twice or three times but FOUR
Onlookers wondered..."OMG can there possibly be more?"
She outdid her rivals and was dubbed "the prolific pooper"
Setting a new record, Miss Katniss was an amazing cow plop trooper!



Thank you to the Anderson Bruce family for making the Cow Plop contest a reality!!

Congratulations to the winners:

Maria Fortier (Mount Holly) - Grand Prize

Leah Hocking (New York City) - Poop #2

Jason Barnes (Mount Holly) - Poop #3

Upcoming events:

Halloween, October 30th - MHCA will be participating with the PTG for trick or treating. Stop by the community center for treats Thursday evening from 5:30-7:00pm

Holidays in Mount Holly - mark your calendar for a visit with Santa on December 13th at the library. More details to come in next month's edition.

And that, our devoted chit chat readers, is the MHCA news for November. We will leave you this quote to consider "may you discover paths untraveled, friendships unexplored, and joys untasted" (mumsinvited.com). Happy Thanksgiving to all, gobble gobble.

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Cider Days ... the unsung hero's

The Mount Holly Community Association extends our immense appreciation to the many volunteers that make Cider Days possible at the Merchandise Gazebo, the Food Tents, and the Photo Exhibit:

Dana & John Ackerman, Karen Anderson, Julie Campbell, Emily Clifford Jackson, Susan & Wilson Converse, Rae Crescas, Sandy Diamond, Laurie Doig, Madeleine Fay, Jeanmarie Fitzgerald, Jay & Linda Fournier, Jill Gates, Tyler Hadar, Mary Haskell, Leah Hocking, Tom Jakositz, Cindy Kleeman, Chelsea Knoll, Rebecca Kolstrom, Abe & Kathy Leber, Amelia & Josh Lesser, Nico Mantione, Flien Moes, Barbara Pallotta, Alexa Patenaude, Randy Paz, Hayden Reiss, Kathleen Smith, Dottie Stanley, Sue Starr-Adams, Chikako Sugimoto, Monique Szechenyi, Marcy Tanger, Faith Tempest, Craig Tomkinson, Rick Weintraub, Alex Yuster, Zhenka Zeman, Carol & Finn Zimmer.

The Cider Press Crew: Jeff Chase, Gabe Vastola, Michael Huck, Dale Campopiano, Kevin Hollebeek, Eric Manley, Jess Alberty, Emma Vastola, Parker Chase, Neva Vastola, & Craig Tomkinson

Thank you to our Music Coordinator Jeb Porter

Thank you to the Belmont General Store for our cider storage

Thank you to Rick & Barbara Ludwig for trailering apples/crates

Thank you to Donna DeAngelis for providing the cow plop pasture

Thank you to the Anderson Bruce family for making our Cow Plop Contest possible

Thank you to the Belmont Volunteer Fire Department

Thank you to the Mount Holly Library

Thank you to the Mount Holly Museum

Thank you to all of our Baker's: Laurie Doig, Madeleine Fay, Leah Hocking & Dan Hicks, Milliecent Johnson, Lisa Kelley, Pam McLaughlin & Kathleen Smith

Thank you to Crowley Cheese for cheese & Stewart's for Ice Cream

Thank you to Grand Union, Hannaford's, Market 32, Shaw's & Walmart for their donations.

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Mount Holly Calendar

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Ludlow Community Center
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Thursday, November 6
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I have knee replacement on
Friday November 21st



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Live Auction 5:30pm

Preview starting at 5pm

The Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont

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Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments served

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Our well-known local auctioneer, Paul Nevin, promises to be in fine fettle as he leads the evening live auction starting at 5:30. As usual there will be an amazing collection of local treasures from area merchants as well as six traditional holiday wreaths artistically crafted by our local talent. Lastly auction items will include special gifts from generous Mount Holly home donors. If you have a loved treasure in good condition you no longer need or use, we will gladly receive it. Arrangements for someone to pick up your item(s) or a date and time for you to bring your item(s) to the Perkins House needs to be completed by Wednesday, November 19th. For assistance please call Carol Serravezza at 802 259 2785 or Sue Covalla at 802 259 2042.

Come at 5:00PM, review the auction items, enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres and holiday drinks and sociability with neighbors and friends and at the same time support this significant Mount Holly Historical Museum fundraiser.

We thank you in advance.

NEWS BITS:

The Museum Community would also like to thank the Rutland Magazine for featuring our Museum in the Fall issue. Pick up a copy at a Rutland store and enjoy some interesting facts about the Museum in general, and in particular, our claim to fame, the Vermont State Official Terrestrial Fossil, the woolly mammal. Professor Nathaniel R. Kitchel of Dartmouth College offers several historic insights about the animal and the geologic environment.

The Museum Board also conveys gratitude to the Ludlow Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce for mentioning our Museum in their October newsletter. The Crowley Cheese Factory and the Museum Board joined for a gathering at the Blacksmith Shop with the Okemo Regional Chamber of Commerce for a wine and cheese Mixer event. Both groups shared their outreach activities. Galen Jones from the Cheese Factory provided an interesting history of small cheese factories in America of which Crowley Cheese passes them all in longevity, maybe even in the world.



Mount Holly Snow Flyers Ready Trails for Winter Riding; Early-Bird TMA Discount Ends December 15th

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers are gearing up for the upcoming snowmobile season! The leaves are falling, green grass disappearing and the club has been hard at work behind the scenes, ensuring the local trail system is in pristine condition for winter riding.

Over the past few weeks, dedicated volunteers have held **two intensive "work bee" days**, focusing on essential pre-season prep. Their efforts included **cutting brush back** along the trails and **inspecting the entire system** to identify and address any potential issues. These volunteer hours are crucial for safety and for maximizing the enjoyment of every rider.

"Our volunteers' dedication is what makes our trail system one of the best," said a Steve Howlet, club Trail Master. "We're excited to offer our members and all riders a top-notch experience this winter, and that starts with the hard work we put in now."

Action Items for Riders: TMA Discount and Club Membership

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers urge all prospective riders to **purchase their Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) Trail Maintenance Assessment (TMA) before December 15, 2025**, to take advantage of the **early-bird reduced rate**.

When purchasing your TMA, please be sure to select the Mount Holly Snow Flyers as your primary club. A significant portion of the TMA fee is returned directly to the local club you select, providing the essential funds needed for continued trail maintenance, grooming equipment, and insurance.

Save the Date: Winter BBQ at the Stone House

Mark your calendars! The Mount Holly Snow Flyers are planning a special mid-winter **BBQ on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at the Stone House**. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and camaraderie! The menu will feature delicious **burgers, hot dogs, and a variety of desserts**. More details on time will follow closer to the date.

A Note of Gratitude: Thanking Our Landowners

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers extend their deepest gratitude to the generous **landowners** who allow the use of their private property for the club's trail system.

"Our trails simply would not exist without the incredible support and cooperation of our landowners," VP John Napier stated. **"We ask all riders to be respectful, stay on marked trails, and appreciate the privilege of riding on this private land."**

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers look forward to another great season and seeing everyone out on the trails!

Contact: Mount Holly Snow Flyers at www.mounthollysnowflyers.org or email us at mounthollysnowflyers@gmail.com. Kim Lampert, Sec. Mount Holly Snow Flyers



Mechanical Weed Harvesting Coming Next Spring!!!

The MHCC applied for and was granted a permit from the state for limited mechanical harvesting of aquatic nuisance weeds on a portion of Star Lake. So next spring, this weed muncher, crafted by Robert Mojeski, will ply waters on the Lake to enhance the boat launch and swimming areas.



meeting will be Nov. 4th, 6pm at the Town Office. Agenda and Zoom information will be at the Mount Holly and Belmont Posts offices and on the Newsflash and at www.mounthollyvt.org Susan Presson

Our
next

The trails near the Old Syria farm off Shunpike Road are now marked and signs directing visitors have been posted. The MHCC will host a walking tour of the trails on Sat. Oct. 25 at 1 pm. We hope you can join us then near the junction of Syria and Shunpike Roads. Park in the field on the north side of Shunpike 100 yards west of the junction with Syria road. Map and directions are on the Commission website <https://www.mounthollyvt.org/conservation-commission/>

It was great to chat with so many townspeople about the Commission at Cider Days. Thanks to The Conservation Trust for sharing their space with us.



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- **To Our Prize Donors:** The fantastic array of prizes added excitement to the day's competitions and raffles. Your contributions made the event memorable for every participant.
- **To Our Golfers:** Thank you for coming out, hitting the links, and supporting the club! Your participation made the day fun and successful.

A special thank you also goes out for the **great food** enjoyed by all participants, capping off a perfect day of golf and fundraising.

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Looking Forward to Next Year

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers are already planning to make next year's event even better!

"The Annual Golf Outing is a highlight of our off-season, bringing our community together for a great cause," said VP John Napier. "We appreciate the immense support from our sponsors, donors, and all the golfers. We hope to see everyone back on the course next year for this fantastic **annual event!**"

For more information on the Mount Holly Snow Flyers, trail updates, and next year's events, please follow us on social media or visit our website.

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or Middle School which is not in our supervisory union.

However, it is possible that we will not lose local control or school choice. The redistricting commission is charged with proposing up to three options, one of which would merge supervisory unions instead of school districts. Currently the Two Rivers Supervisory Union provides our district with business office services, special education, professional development, facilities management and other services but does not manage our schools. If the legislature adopts this option and Two Rivers SU merged with other supervisory unions, then the LMHUUSD board would continue to make policy decisions for our schools and our students could continue to choose their high school. It is also possible that the legislature will not agree on any redistricting plan and the whole issue will be deferred. However, the Commission could recommend that our district be merged with neighboring districts and we would lose both local control and school choice if the legislature agrees.

The LMHUUSD Board approved a resolution to the Redistricting Commission asking that our district maintain its own board and not be merged with neighboring districts while stating that we have no objection to the Supervisory Union being enlarged if the current level of services can be delivered at a lower cost.

The redistricting commission is required to issue its recommendations no later than December 1, 2025. The Commission welcomes public comments at this email address: ADM.Redistricting@vermont.gov.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at David.martin@trsu.org.

Possible Changes for Mount Holly Students

Act 73 signed by the Governor this spring could force the Ludlow Mount Holly School District (LMHUUSD) to merge with districts as far away as Springfield and Bellows Falls and eliminate families' ability to choose the high school their children attend, though much is still uncertain.

The Act established a redistricting commission charged with recommending mergers of school districts and/or supervisory unions to create units with 4000 to 8000 students where practical. If Ludlow, Mount Holly and Chester merged with Springfield, Bellows Falls and Westminster we would still have less than 3300 students. If we merge with a district that operates a high school, then students would be required to attend that high school. Any merger with another district would eliminate local control of our school and at some future time could result in members of the new board voting to close Mount Holly School over the objection of Mount Holly board members and residents.

School choice is particularly important for Mount Holly residents because there is no secondary school close to our town. Many families choose a high school based on where the parents work so that it is possible for them to attend school events and drive students home afterwards. Currently 48 of our 82 secondary school students attend the Mill River High School

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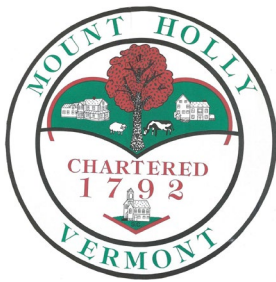
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Mount Holly Town News

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

Select Board Special Meeting Mount Holly Town Office September 23rd, 2025 4.30 pm MINUTES Attendance:

Mark Turco, Jeff Chase (via Zoom), Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Clinton Woolley, Carol Garrow Woolley.

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

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

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda: none
3. New Business

a. Grant opportunities: VTrans SFY 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program (MHSMP) - application deadline Nov 7th. These provide the potential to support design or other works in relation to storm water issues and curbing, both issues which have been discussed in relation to the Belmont Village. Jeff Chase responded that he will review the grant details and also talk to RRPC to see if they are able to support such work; he proposed further review of options and discussion at the next regular meeting.

4. Old Business

a. Mount Holly Beer Liquor License application: a revised application was submitted by Opportunity Capital Management LLC. Diana Garrow moved to adopt the liquor License application, seconded by Jeff Chase. Approved. Mark Turco recused himself, though noted that he does not have any business relationship with the applicant. Jeff Chase asked to ensure that all the restrictions previously stipulated were applied.

b. Select Board members took the opportunity to review progress on current highway improvements. Clinton Woolley noted that the work on the Shunpike Road bridge repair is completed and the road is now open. Jeff Chase reported that the Chadburn Lane wingwall repair is under way. Clinton Woolley raised again the proposal to hire a man lift for tree removal, at a cost of \$4220 per month including delivery and pick up, and including a safety demonstration. Select Board members reiterated their agreement as long as funds are available.

5. Meeting Adjourned 4.45pm.

Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office Oct 14th, 2025 6:00 pm MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Clinton Woolley, David Johnson, Andy Schulz, Stephen Michel, June Capron, Christine Pratt, Jim Seward, Donna Seward, Carol Garrow-Woolley, Ron Unterman, Zena Gates, David Martin, , Dennis Devereux, Savannah Baker (via Zoom)

Animal Control Rutland County Sheriffs

All Animal Control issues will be handled by the Rutland County Sheriff's Department. They will handle all calls concerning domesticated and farm animals, including Animal Cruelty concerns. For more information or to make a report please

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1. Call to Order 6.06
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda. Mark Turco added item 7e, School District/Supervisory Union changes.
4. Approval of 9th September and 23rd September meeting minutes. Mark Turco moved to approve, Diana Garrow seconded, approved.
5. Reports

a. Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley

- i. Winter Salt** - Two companies provided quotes (Apalachee \$115 per ton, Cargill \$115.50 per ton); American Rock Salt was asked to quote but has no salt. These prices are approximately 30% higher than last year. The Select Board agreed to continue the contract with Apalachee. The Highway Department has removed 32 dead or damaged trees. The Department is still looking for additional Highway Maintenance Worker.
- ii. Warming Shed electrical hook up:** Replacing the warming shed requires disconnection/reconnection of the electric supply; Jeff Chase will ask Wirenuts Electrical to undertake this. Clinton Woolley noted that he has asked Casella for a 30 yard container for tires; the cost of this is the same as disposing of them at Hubbards.
- iii. Hortonville/ Shunpike intersection.** Weather depending, the intersection paving will be completed this week. The Shunpike Bridge has been repaired and should last for several years.
- b. Town Treasurer Update - David Johnson** (in Elizabeth Karle's absence)
- i. LMHUUSD Payment:** Mark Turco outlined the schedule of payments for FY26, with a total of payment by Mount Holly of \$5,101,010, \$1.1 million more than the previous year, with a payment by Ludlow of \$4,699,201. 52% of enrolment is in Mount

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Holly, and 49% in Ludlow. Diana Garrow moved to make payments according to the schedule, seconded by Jeff Chase approved unanimously.

- ii. There is one more month of tax collection, with the two largest tax payers still to be recorded in the balance sheet. Interest income is better than expected, solid waste ticket sales continue to be strong, and the second payment of State Aid for Roads has been received. There is nothing out of the ordinary in general expenses.

c. **Planning Commission Update** - Andy Schulz

- i. There are three pending subdivision applications, one of which, to amend conditions of a previous subdivision, is scheduled for a hearing next week.

6. New Business

a. **US 250th anniversary celebrations** - **Dennis Devereux**. Various plans are being made, and the Town has been approached by an organization in New Hampshire about planting a Liberty Tree. 2027 means more to Vermont as the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the State. Mr Devereux will get more information about specific and detailed proposals for celebratory activities.

b. **Emergency Shelters generator question** - **Dennis Devereaux**. Mr Devereux noted that neither the School (the first shelter) or Oddfellows Hall (the second shelter) has a generator, and asked that this be considered, including through grant funding if available. Jeff Chase responded that both Fire Stations have generators, and that the LHMP update due shortly will address this, along with work to ensure appropriate hook up.

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.

7. Old Business

a. **Land records system**: Carol Garrow-Woolley. Cott Systems has provided a revised contract with a lower cost and which may be cheaper than NEMRC, although NEMRC provide more support and are more responsive to problems than Cotts; NEMRC can also provide records services beyond land records. A key issue is the transfer of data, which NEMRC could do but at significant cost. Ms Garrow-Woolley proposed signing with Cotts for the three year period, during which she and others could upload land records to the NEMRC system.

She also mentioned a number of different aspects of the costs of each system. Andy Schulz noted that the State requires some portion of recording fees to be set aside for ensuring additional databases and asked what portion of funds are put aside? Ms Garrow-Woolley responded that of the \$15 fee per page, \$4 is kept aside for this, but she is not sure how this is handled in the Town budget. Mark Turco asked for a clear statement of the different services provided by each entity, along with the cost. Ms Garrow-Woolley stated that it's not a legal requirement to have the records online. Andy Schulz noted that there is a level of convenience to being able to access online. Jeff Chase sought clarification that switching to NEMRC would mean losing the record scans in the Cotts system, confirmed by Ms Garrow-Woolley. Stephen Michel questioned some of the NEMRC costs, including training, and also asked why records which are already in a database and which are the property of the Town would need to be uploaded manually when there is software to do this automatically. Jeff Chase moved to extend the Cotts Contract for \$2210 per year for 3 years, and extend the warranty on the scanner for \$310, seconded by Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

b. **Dog Licensing**. Mark Turco noted a spate of dog biting incidents by unregistered and unvaccinated dogs, stating that penalty actions outlined in the Town dog ordinance should be enforced. Mark Turco proposed updating the ordinance to consider any changes and update penalties. Carol Garrow-Woolley asked that a license fee raise is discussed at the next meeting agenda.

c. **Animal Control**. Mark Turco proposed the SB meet with the Sheriff to clarify the expectations of the Town for Animal Control

d. **Grant opportunities**: VTrans SFY 2026 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Municipal Highway and Stormwater Mitigation Program (MHSMP) - application deadline Nov 7th. Jeff Chase noted that he already has many grants in hand and does not have the capacity to make this application; he asked Faith Tempest to put together an application for the TAP grant.

e. **School District/ Supervisory Union changes**: David Martin provided data in response to the Select Board's request at the previous November 2025 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc.

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For more information, check the Town of Mount Holly website <http://www.mounthollyvt.org/town-services/planning-commission/>

Term runs until November 2028.

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Monday November 3, 2025

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Mount Holly Town Office

Will be **CLOSED** the following dates:

Tuesday, November 11th Veterans Day
Wednesday & Thursday November 26th & 27th Thanksgiving
Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve
Thursday December 25th Christmas

Wednesday December 31st New Year's Eve
Thursday January 1st New Year's Day

meeting, specifically where children attend after 6th grade. Of the 82 children in Mount Holly, 48 attend Mill River, 11 at Long Trail School, 4 at Expeditionary School at Black River, 1 at Green Mountain, the remainder across eleven additional schools. Mr Martin reiterated the request of the School Board that the Select Board send a letter to the redistricting commission making three points, that the school is important to the Town, that we want to maintain local control (including whether to continue it or not), and to maintain school choice. Stephen Michel stated that it seems more logical for Mount Holly to join Rutland school district, and for Ludlow to go with Chester as a district.

Dennis Devereux asked if the commission would consider dissolving the School District – it is understood that if they expand the District it may extend to Bellows Falls and Springfield. Mark Turco asked why the Board did not make a recommendation on changing the district, David Martin said it was mainly because of the services provided by the Twin Rivers district. Ron Unterman noted that administrative relationships should not supersede the issue of the best education for the children and parents. David Martin agreed that since Mount Holly is not in the Mill River District we have no influence, but by moving into that district Mount Holly would lose some autonomy because there are many more schools in the district (rather than currently just the two of Ludlow and Mount Holly). Jeff Chase noted that joining Mill River would mean less choice. Jeff Chase preferred to wait to weigh in until there is more clarity on specific proposals. Dennis Devereux noted that if we were silent then legislators would not know how town residents fee. Any Schulz stated that given that the current situation allows choice, maintaining the status quo seems to be better. Jeff Chase thanked David Martin for keeping the Town informed. Jeff Chase stated that it would be useful to send a letter supporting school choice.

8. Citizen Comments: Ron Unterman asked for clarification about the ability of the Select Board to make changes to the agenda. Mark Turco said yes, it is possible.

9. Announcements: Town Office closed Tuesday November 11th; dog owners are reminded to ensure their dogs are registered. Taxes due Monday Nov 3rd.

10. Review & Sign Orders

11. Executive Session: Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – Personnel

12. Adjourned Respectfully Submitted By Faith Tempest

Mount Holly Transfer Station

FALL / WINTER HOURS

SATURDAYS, 8 am to 2 pm

SUNDAY, 9 am to 12 Noon

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Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 16, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present: Jon McCann (Chair), Jim Seward (Vice Chair), Andrew Seward, Andrew Schulz (Secretary via Zoom), Stephen Michel

Also present: Ron Unterman, Charlie Baker, Savanah Baker, and Kathy Leber

A video recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://okemovalley.tv/mount-holly-planning-commission-916-11>

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Changes to agenda

Chair proposed adding the following items to the agenda: add to subdivisions, the not-yet complete application from the Kelleys for their property on Bowlsville Road; add to reports: a letter received by the Town Clerk regarding the minutes from last month's meeting. There were no objections to adding these items.

3. Approval of minutes

a. The minutes of the August 19, 2025 regular meeting were approved without objection.

4. Reports & Announcements

a. **Administrative Officer.** Chair read the Administrative Officer's written report, a copy of which is attached.

i. The Commissioners discussed the status of the Administrative Officer's request for an Act 250 Jurisdictional Opinion regarding the Belmont's Store, and the work being done at the store.

ii. The Commissioners discussed the unsuccessful efforts to deliver a letter by certified mail to the owner of camper in flood zone area.

iii. Charlie Baker one of the owners of the former Blue Spruce Inn reported that they have submitted the FHA application and have been in touch with Kyle Medash of the State.

iv. The Commissioners discussed Kathy Leber's letter expressing concern about the Planning Commission's perceived reliance on an anonymous letter. The Commissioners agreed that an anonymous complaint cannot be ignored but also should not be credited without independent investigation and then consideration of what, if any,

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action should be taken. The anonymous complaint in this case was handled properly, in that the Town Clerk forwarded it to the Administrative Officer, who made inquiries to determine whether there was a factual basis for the complaint. It was also noted that someone might have had a good reason to remain anonymous, such as, for example, for fear of some kind of retaliation.

v. The Commissioners discussed whether a BCR had been filed in connection with the work being done near the bottom of Sawyer Hill Road.

b. Planning Commission Chair

Chair noted that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission has sent out its final land use map, but has nothing more to report. The Commissioners discussed the changes that the RRPC had made to the map in response to the Town's feedback.

5. Correspondence

a. Subdivision proposals

i. Before the next meeting date (10/21 at 6:00 pm) there will be a hearing on the Siegardner subdivision amendment. The Administrative Officer has either sent out notice or is about to do so.

ii. **Kelley Subdivision.** The Chair read a letter from Lisa Kelley, which appeared to be following the checklist in the subdivision regulation. Discussion ensued concerning the information provided, following which the Commissioners agreed that the Administrative Officer should follow up with Lisa Kelley as to a number of questions, and that Lisa should come in and meet with the Commission to review their plans and the subdivision requirements.

6. Email / Other

The Chair reports to Kathy Leber the Commissioners' discussion about the anonymous complaint (Ms. Leber arrived after the Commissioners had discussed her letter).

Chair has no other correspondence or email to report.

7. New Business

Garrow sub-division: The Commissioners discussed the proposed fire pond easement prepared by Mr. Garrow's attorney, and agreed to request certain specified changes.

8. Unfinished business

Commissioners discussed the need to begin work on revisions to the Subdivision Regulations.

9. Public comments

Chair describes a comment that Allissa Chronert made to the Administrative Officer. Ms. Chronert apparently took exception to how the Chair described a meeting that he and Commissioner Schulz had with Quin Mann regarding the Belmont Store's cooperation with the State with respect to Act 250 jurisdiction. Chair and Commissioner Schulz reviewed their conversation with Quin Mann, and agreed that the Chair's characterization of that conversation was accurate.

10. Upcoming meetings

October 21 at 6:00 pm hearing, followed by regular meeting

11. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:17 pm For the Commission, Andrew Schulz, Planning Commission Secretary

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NOVEMBER 2025

Here's what's happening at the Mount Holly Library OCTOBER 25TH 7 PM

Movie: "Men in Black" with Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones

Our November movie will be a tribute to the late Diane Keaton: "Baby Boom"

Special not only for its star, but also because it was filmed in Vermont. A lovely way to ease into the holiday season and honor a great actress,

Date and time TBA

Watch for the date and time in the Newsflash and on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Manhattan Short Film Festival. Over 80 of you watched this year's 10 finalists and chose the best film and best actor that won globally!

Below is a list of some of the great kids books that have recently arrived:

"Refugee: the graphic novel" by Alan Gratz

"Roswell Johnson saves the galaxy!" by Chris Cofer

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Ludlow Rotary's Chili-Off Major Success with All

The 34th Annual Chili Cook-Off this past Holiday weekend was a major success. The weather was perfect, hundreds of “taste testers” were treated to a large variety of chilis, and the many chili providers were happy with the reception of their unique brands of “real” chili. Additionally, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) gained resources to continue providing assistance to local projects.

“We had over 20 chilis to taste and be judged by well over 700 eager customers,” commented Kevin Barnes, LRC President. “There was everything from Thai chili, venison, vegetarian, and even white bean and chicken to sample. At times, the line to get into the chili tent circled around the block and down Main Street”. Barnes noted that “every kind of chili you can imagine was offered at the cookoff from very hot, veggie, and everything in between. It truly was a chili-lovers festival!”

Kathy Burns, one the chili providers noted “It was so fun to participate. Thanks for the push in all the years I added this great fun filled event to my check list. Very nicely done!”

Some of the winners of the tasters voting were no strangers to winning at the cook-off”, Barnes noted. As a result of the voting by the many “taste testers”, the recipients of the People’s Choice awards were:

1st. Chili Con Carlos - Carlos Inglesias **2nd.** Birds Nest - Shelli Steinfeld **3rd.** Contractor Approved - Contractors for Christ **Honorable mention.** Saylor Family Chili - Chris Saylor

The Judges for the following awards were three area educational leaders: they include Ema Vastola - Cavendish Elementary principal, Lisa Marks - Ludlow 4th Grade, and Zoe Trimboli – Green Mountain Paraprofessional/After School Program, decided the following winners in these categories:

Best in Show. Thai Curry – Stemwinder **Team Spirit.** Singleton’s Best - Singleton’s Store **Spiciest.** Saylor Family Chili - Chris Saylor

Barnes expressed the club’s thanks to the many businesses and folks who made the cook-off possible. They were:

Cayenne level: William Raveis Vermont Properties, Mary W. Davis Realtor and Associates, Master Plumbing and Heating, Servpro-Ryder Restorations, Cota and Cota Plumbing and Heating, Green Mountain Fireside, Main and Mountain, Jeff Milligan Builders, Wright Constuction, Belmont Septic, High Country Contractors

Chili Pepper: Ted Stryhas Builders, Black River Mechanical, HB Plumbing and Heating, Burns and Associates, Sue Star-Adams, Diamond Point Wealth Partners, James Young Attorney at Law,

Jalapeno level: Wine and Cheese Depot, Gassetts Group Builders,

In Kind: Benson’s Chevrolet, Shaws Supermarket, Wilcox Dairy, Ralph Pace, Okemo Mountain Resort, The Castel Inn, DJ’s Restaurant, Frank Ellison, The Hatchery

The proceeds from the cook-off will be used by the LRC to continue its programs of aiding local groups and schools.

Pictured above are four of the Chili providers at the Ludlow Rotary Club’s 34th Annual Chili-Cookoff. Over 20 different chilis were offered to over 700 taste testers under a warm Autumn sun. Ralph Pace



Ludlow Rotary Club Hears from Phill Gatenby of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society

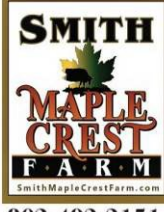
At their recent meeting, Ludlow Rotary heard from Phill Gatenby, an Englishman in Vermont, who had never seen or even heard of a covered bridge. Phill now has a series on Okemo Valley TV chronicling each of Vermont's 100 covered bridges, a project he undertook when he kept finding them as he explored Vermont. Ludlow Rotary was treated to hearing about his quest to visit and document the history of all of Vermont’s remaining one hundred covered bridges and the water courses they traverse. You may watch the series to hear Gatenby's delight in exploring each one's different color, size and shape as well as the stories of trying to get under each one. The link to the series is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-9rLhTYIb8> [Vt Covered Bridges](#)

In addition to Phill speaking to the Club, Rotary President Kevin Barnes accepted a flag from Uli Burkhard, a Rotarian visiting from Germany. Other visitors included Jan and Ken Grack, Rotarians from Berthoud, Colorado.

Anyone interested in attending a Ludlow Rotary Club meeting to check it out may do so by contacting Kevin Barnes at 802 558 0479 or any Rotarian. They are welcome to our weekly luncheon meeting held most Tuesdays at DJ’s Restaurants.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Barnes of Phill Gatenby talks about Vermont’s Covered Bridges recently at the Rotary Club. Brigid Sullivan





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FOLA Plans Special Song and Story Fest for Christmas Holidays

While Christmas may still be months away, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) have begun planning a very special Christmas program for everyone,

The program, entitled "A Christmas Wassail", will take place on Saturday, December 13 at 7 PM< in Heald Auditorium of Ludlow's Town Hall.

The Gypsy Reel and author Jon Clinch will be featured in this evening of holiday songs and stories.

The Gypsy Reel will feature Camille Parker on mandolin, Claudine Langille on banjo, Graham Parker on fiddle. According to Parker, the audience will be treated to "modern Christmas favorites, beloved carols, traditional Celtic instrumentals, and a few unexpected surprises.



Special guest, Jon Clinch, will share a favorite passage or two from Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol and his own Marley, just to make sure you leave full of good cheer.

FOLA Chairman, Jim Alic, added that "everyone should mark this on their calendar to get into the holiday spirit, especially the younger folks."

The event is free to everyone. Doors will open at 6:30 PM. Call 802-228-3238 for information.

Photo credit Gypsy Reel, pictured are members of the Gypsy Reel who, along with Jon Clinch, will be featured in FOLA's Christmas program, "A Christmas Wassail", on Saturday, Dec. 13 in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow's Town Hall. Ralph Pace

VSO Trio Visits Ludlow for Concert Nov. 2

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra comes to the Ludlow Auditorium for an afternoon of delightful chamber music from across the globe on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 2 PM in the Heald Auditorium of the Ludlow Town Hall..

Featuring violinists Jane Kittredge and Brooke Quiggins Saulnier along with cellist John Dunlop, this time-traveling program covers all musical eras, including a Sonata de Chiesa by Corelli, a quaint Haydn London Trio, Borodin's romantic g minor trio. The program

concludes with a medley of contemporary works from Canada, Scandinavia and the United States.

Shelburne-based violinist, teacher and curator Jane Kittredge can be seen and heard performing with numerous ensembles across the northeast. A graduate of the Mannes College of Music (BM, MM) she co-founded the contemporary string quartet, Skylark, and performs with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, and is a sought-after ensemble leader and member. An avid educator, Jane is the Violin Professor at the University of Vermont, and maintains a small private studio in Shelburne. Jane is a Board member for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and the Lake Champlain Chamber Music Festival, and is the orchestra manager for the Burlington Choral Society, Aurora Chamber Singers, and Solaris Vocal Ensemble.

Based in Monkton, Brooke Quiggins is the Assistant Principal Second Violinist of

the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, performs with the VSO's Jukebox Quartet and TurnMusic, and serves as Concertmaster of the Opera Company of Middlebury. She holds both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Manhattan School of Music. Brooke has collaborated with artists including Gloria Estefan, John Legend, and Sufjan Stevens, and her performances can be heard on Sony Classical, Naxos, and other labels. In addition to her performing career, she serves as Director of Operations at MKI Artists.

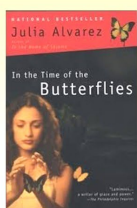
Jericho-based John Dunlop is the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's Principal Cello, a member of SKYLARK and Jukebox string quartets, and a regular performer with Opera Company Middlebury, Opera North, and the Burlington Chamber Orchestra. He studied at Oberlin and San Francisco Conservatories, and maintains a private studio in Richmond. In addition to cello, John is an accomplished guitar and bouzouki player.

The program is free to everyone; donations are appreciated. Doors will open at 1:30 PM. For information, 802-855-8896.

Members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra performing in the Heald Auditorium in Ludlow Town Hall on Sunday, Nov. 2, are Jane Kittredge, Brooke Quiggins Saulnier and cellist John Dunlop photo provided by Vermont Symphony Orchestra. They will perform a variety of classical and contemporary pieces. This free event is sponsored by FOLA in conjunction with the VSO. Ralph Pace



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November: Make Compost – Plant Garlic

Good news, you do *not* have to rake leaves! Leave the leaves. It's better for your garden soil, plants, shrubs, lawns, and trees if you do not remove the leaves. Leaves are filled with nutrients and beneficial microbes to replenish and fertilize the soil. Why would anybody want to get rid of something so beneficial? My recommendation is simple... shred them in place with your mower or just leave the leaves. It might take a couple extra passes to chop them enough but that is the best way to enrich your soil, and it's FREE. If you have some extra-large maple trees that deposit too many leaves on the lawn those are an excellent raw material for your compost or mulch around shrubs.

Not doing compost? Mower shred all those leaves in place right on your lawn and leave them there. Chopped up they will enrich your soil (no fertilizers needed!), add organic matter to hold moisture in dry spells, and suppress weeds. It's a win-win-win. Either way, forget those rakes and leaf bags, *please*.

Start Composting. Given the availability of all those leaves this is a great time to build up your **compost** for next year. Mower-shredded leaves are a source of Carbon rich organic matter for compost. Adding kitchen scraps, green lawn clippings, and manure as a Nitrogen source and you have the ingredients for the best fertilizer, all made from free stuff you already have. The **basic formula** for a successful compost is simple: combine Carbon "browns" with Nitrogen "greens" in a ratio of about 3 to 1. The recipe is flexible, and you can adjust it to what you have available. There are a few basic principles to keep in mind: 1) Cut, chop, or shred your ingredients; the smaller they are the faster they break down, 2) Moisture is essential but not too much. Compost should be moist like a wrung-out sponge, not soggy or dry (I had to water my compost this year!), 3) Aeration with occasional mixing to introduce oxygen into the mix for the microbes.

Your garden fork or pitchfork is the perfect tool for this, better than a shovel which cuts earthworms in the compost.

Almost everything from your kitchen can be composted including peelings, spoiled fruits & veggies, eggshells (smash them), pasta, rice, moldy bread, used paper towels & napkins, newspaper (tear it up), tea bags, and coffee grounds (including the paper filter). These are all "greens" (Nitrogen). I keep a pile of shredded leaves next to my compost bins to add whenever I add kitchen stuff to keep the 3 to 1 ratio. Nothing goes to "waste", everything gets recycled.

There are a few things to **avoid** in composting: meats, fish, and cheeses. These items will degrade but may generate offensive odors or attract unwelcome bears, raccoons, dogs, rats, etc. Diseased plants or branches should not get mixed into your compost, bury or burn them so the pathogens don't get a chance to re-infect things next year. Other items to avoid include pet feces and grass clippings from herbicide ("weed & feed") treated lawns. *What happens to compost in the winter?* Simple, it freezes and all action stops. That's OK, you can keep adding your kitchen wastes and they will be ready to go in the spring. Here's a new [short video](https://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/compost/how-to-compost/) to help you get started.

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

Garlic can be divided into two major groups, "[Hardneck](#)" and "[Softneck](#)". Both are good and can be grown in Vermont, but most people favor Hardneck for its hardiness and great flavor. Softneck garlic is the principal garlic grown commercially in California and stores very well. Personally, I've had best luck with Hardnecks but you can try either.

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

Since garlic is an early spring grower and heavy feeder, it's best to put the essential nutrients in the soil when planting. My practice is to apply a layer of compost (1-2 inches deep) over the bed surface. No need to work it in, nature will take care of that over the winter. I plant a double row spaced about 1 foot apart in raised beds by digging two parallel trenches about 5 inches deep. *Before* planting I then apply a thin layer of [rock phosphate](#) or colloidal phosphate plus [azomite](#) (for micronutrients) mixed 50-50 along the trench bottom to make the soil snowy white. [Bone meal](#) would do the same plus provide some nitrogen. These are organic, slow release sources of phosphate, potassium, and calcium needed for early spring growth.

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

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

This is the 100th article of Vermont Home Gardener since beginning in early 2020! Have you read them all? They are archived online on our website and free at Vermonthomegardener.com Jim Corven



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Today, this unique Richardsonian building embodies the cultural heritage of the Black River Valley through instruction in traditional crafts, lectures, work with local school students, small theatre productions, and three floors of exhibits, which include an Early American House, Main Street Ludlow Circa 1900, Calvin Coolidge's School Days and a one-room school house.

As another season at Black River Academy Museum comes to close, we find ourselves facing some serious financial challenges which could force us to close in the coming months. As with any old building we have found repairs over the last few years to have been extensive. We are currently looking at repair to the roof at a cost of \$15,000.00. This must be done before the winter sets in.

With heartfelt gratitude, we hope you can make a donation to keep the museum open. Please mail donations to the following address: Black River Academy Museum and Historical Society, PO Box 73, Ludlow, VT 05149 802-228-5050

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Dear Editor,

Why Do I Write?

Way back in 1980, when Laura and I were long-distance dating, we exchanged love letters. In her Thanksgiving note to me, my prim and proper girlfriend, concluded with a scripture reference which was her friend, Ruthie's, favorite Bible verse: "*Only fear the Lord and serve Him with all your heart but consider what GREAT THINGS He has done for you.*" She didn't write out the verse, only the reference... 2nd Samuel 12:24.

I, on the receiving end, was quite puzzled when I looked it up in my Bible and read, "*And David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in unto her, and lay with her...*" Okay?

In her haste, she had mistakenly written *Second* Samuel 12:24 rather than *First* Samuel 12:24. We later had a good laugh with friends over that racy exchange. The story lives on!

We've all been there. What we wrote (maybe in a text) with the best of intentions didn't come across the way we'd hoped.

I have been writing for the Mt. Holly Chit Chat for 45 years now. I'm sure there have been articles that I have written that didn't come across as intended. I write by invitation. I recall Miles Sr., who was printing the Chit Chat on mimeograph back then, asking if I would submit something of a spiritual nature. Since then I have had the privilege of exercising freedom of the press in sharing thought provoking articles of generally local interest, occasionally commenting on current events and moral issues that I felt needed to be addressed from a Christian worldview. A majority of what I have written has been to encourage neighborly good will, community spirit, spiritual values and an occasional attempt at humor.

I was once asked, "Why do you write?" That gave me reason to stop and ponder. I replied, "I write to express myself and inform the reader. I have also attempted to prayerfully encourage and build people up and to help them turn their thoughts toward God and what Jesus taught us." I guess whenever someone writes they are usually attempting to persuade or at least have the reader consider their point of view. I write to examine an issue and reflect on its moral implications. Writing is all about changing hearts and minds. The Bible was written for that purpose. Jesus, whose stated purpose was to challenge the status quo and embody Truth, stated, "*You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye...' but, truly I say unto you... turn the other cheek.*" Jesus was the Master Storyteller, so it is not surprising that we are driven to tell and write stories. It's in our DNA. Stories help us gain a new understanding of how we fit into the world our Creator put us in. I've shared loads of stories over the years.

C.S. Lewis wrote, "We do not write in order to be understood; we write in order to understand." His point was that writing is a tool for self-discovery and a process of clarifying one's own thoughts, rather than solely a means of communicating with others. I can relate.

God stopped sending letters through the pens of the prophets and ultimately came down to deliver a personal message in a human body like ours. Then He proved His undying love by *dying* and *rising* again. How much *better* than a *letter*! In Jesus, God becomes accessible, touchable and related to *your* story and mine. In fact, *all* of history is "His story." It has been my joy to write about it. *Pastor Glenn Davis*





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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

Emergency Services

Ludlow Ambulance Service Non-Emergency # 802-228-2880 911
Stephanie Grover NRP Chief Cell 802-380-2635 sgrover.las@tds.net
MH Vol Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954 911

Equipment For Hire & Snow Moving

Beardmore Excavating beardmoreexc@gmail.com 802-342-3507
Flander's Excavating Flanders.excavating@gmail.com 802-259-2147
Hawkins Excavation Driveways, Ditching, Septic, Ponds, Etc 802-558-3082

Farm Fresh Products

Fourteenth Star Farms Raw Milk 802-236-7007
Plew Farm (meat, eggs, maple) www.plewfarm.com 802-259-2250
1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC, Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com
Sugar Hill Berry Farm www.sugarhillberryfarm.com 802-259-2155

Fire Warden

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

Firewood

Flanders Firewood Cut Split Delivered 802-259-2147

Food Shelf

Black River Good Neighbor Services – Krey Kellington 802-228-3663

Funeral Homes

Clifford Funeral Home 802-773-3010

Garden & Landscape, Lawn Mowing

Belmont Country Gardens Quality Custom Stonework & More 802-259-2364
Salt Ash Nursery - The Balsam Barn – Scott Crawford 802-259-2146

Garage Mechanical

Belmont Motor Works Harley Davidson, Adventure Touring & URAL Sidecar
Motorcycles, Small Engine Repair, Welding & Metal Fabrication 802-259-3178

General Contractors

Wright Construction Company info@wrightconstruction.com 802-259-2094
Ted Stryhas Builder Inc. 802-228-7327

Handyman

Darcy Home Improvements – Aron D'Arcy 478-338-4878
yHomeImprove@gmail.com

Health & Community Health Care Providers

Community Health – <https://www.chcrr.org> Medical, Dental, Pediatrics
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
uthrive@vermontel.net

Home Management Services

Belmont Country Gardens Property Management 802-259-2364
Mowing & Plowing Jon Lienhard
Yankee Home Management, Keith Hawkins 802-259-3064

Maple Syrup

Green Mtn. Sugar House 802-228-7151
Plew Farm 1966 Healdville Rd, Mt. Holly www.plewfarm.com 802-259-2250
Smith Maple Crest Farm LLC Grassfed Beef & VT Maple 802-492-2151
2450 Lincoln Hill Rd, Shrewsbury, VT 05738 www.Smithmaplecrestfarm.com
Wally's Corner – Stewart Maple Syrup hello@wallyscorner.com 802-772-0507

Marketing & Promotional Services

Express Copy Inc. Casey Smith & Mike Harrington 802-362-0501
print@expresscopyinc.com

Masonry

Farrand Masonry – Angus Farrand farrandmasonry@gmail.com 802-417-1657

Massage Therapy

Calm Moments Message Studio – Irene Berry 802-228-7772
Massage Therapy/Bodywork, Thrive Center of Green Mtns 802-446-2499
Lisa Donohue MA, LMT ~ Linda O'Brien MT 802-446-2499

Metal Fabrication

Wayne Jones Metal www.waynejonesmetal.com 802-259-2521

Mount Holly Email

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

Painters

Beardmore Painting beardmorepainting802@gmail.com 802-353-9493
MRS Unlimited Visions LLC Interior/Exterior Painting –Melissa 802-259-3989

Plumbing & Heating

Master Plumbing & Heating Inc. John Diekel 802-975-0369
requests@masterplumbingandheating.com 24/7 Emergency 802-747-1280
Tailored Plumbing tailoredplumbingheating@gmail.com 802-417-1647

Real Estate Sales

Cummings & Co. Lisa Kelley lisa@cummingsvt.com 802-345-6581
Engel & Volkers, Okemo - Woodstock Gail Beardmore 802-975-0338
Gail.Beardmore@evusa.com (Mobile) 802-236-5431
eXp Realty Sue Starr-Adams susan.starr-adams@exprealty.com 802-236-8028
Kelley Real Estate, Don Eatmon, Owner/Broker Office 802-228-5333
Don Eatmon Don@KelleyRealEstate.com 802-228-5333
Ty Murray Ty@KelleyRealEstate.com Call or Text 802-777-8047
Alex Eatmon Alex@KelleyRealEstate.com Call or Text 802-345-7886
Lorien Kelly Lorian@kelleyrealestate.com Call or Text 732-670-8001
Gabrielle Turco Gabrielle.n.Turco@gmail.com Call or Text 802-353-0106
www.KelleyRealEstate.com www.OkemoValley.com
TPW Real Estate, John Napier jnn@tpw.com 802-228-9400 x 1309860-559-9334

Roofing

Buddy Systems Roofing Contact Buddy 802-259-3989
New Roofs/Roof Repairs & Replacement – Slate/Wood/Asphalt/Metal

Security

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

Septic System Design

Belmont Septic Design – Kevin Hollebeck C 802-733-2561 H 802-259-3898
kevin@belmontseptic.com

Therapeutic Riding

Rienbow Riding Center Home 802-259-2282 Barn 802-236-2483

Tree Removal

DB Tree Works joshbickford@gmail.com Fully Insured 802-855-3216

Volunteer Services

Belmont/Mt. Holly Food Co-op, Tanger H 802-259-2344 W 802-259-2899

Woodworking, Cabinets & Furniture

Chesters Custom Woodworking cw@vermontel.net 802-259-3232
www.chesterscustomwoodworking.com

