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Mount Holly Chit Chat

August 2026

Church Listings, 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 2-4 pm www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org 802-259-2460 ddevereux@vermontel.net

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

PC Administrator Office Hours: Tues 2 –3 pm or by Appointment 802-259-2391 administrative.officer@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-Sun & Holidays Phone 802-259-2391

Town Asst. Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 10:00 am –3:30 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391

Town Lister's Hours: Tues 10:00 am – 2:00 pm or 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: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

Sat 1st **Francis Scott Key b 1779 ~ Joseph Priestly Discovers Oxygen 1774 ~ Moby Dick, Author Herman Melville b 1819**

3rd **Christopher Columbus set Sail with Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria 1492**

4th MH Conservation Com, Town Office **Louis Armstrong 1901 ~ Us Coast Guard Est 1790** 6:00 pm

6th Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Belmont Fire Station **Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809** 7:00 pm

1st Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima 1945

7th **Purple Heart Medal Est 1782 ~ US Satellite Explorer VI Transmits 1st pictures of earth from Space 1959**

Mata Hari, Margaret Gertrude Zelle 1876

11th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

12th Select Board Meeting, Town Office & Zoom 6:00 pm

LMHUUS Meeting, 6:00 pm

ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

13th Fire Dept. Drill, MH Fire Station 7:00 pm

The Berlin Wall Built 1961 ~ Annie Oakley b 1860 ~ Alfred Hitchcock b 1899

Social Security Act est 1935 ~ Japan Surrendered Ending WWII 1945 V-J Day

Sat 15th **Panama Canal Opened 1914 ~ Woodstock Began 1969 ~ Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte b 1769**

Sun 16th **Battle of Bennington, VT 1777 ~ Great Klondike Gold Rush 1896**

18th MH Planning Commission, MH Town Office & Via Zoom 6:30 pm

19th MH Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont **Orville Wright Aviation Pioneer 1871** 6:30 pm

MH Community Association Meeting, Library 7:00 pm

20th Fire Dept Work Night, Fire Stations **1st Telegram Sent around the World in 16.5 mins 1911** 7:00 pm

21st **Hawaii Becomes 50th State 1959**

25th Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 9:00 am

26th ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont 7:00 pm

Women's Suffrage 1920

27th Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Stations **Mother Teresa, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu b 1910** 7:00 pm

28th **Full Sturgeon Moon**

Sat 29th **Oliver Wendell Holmes 1809**

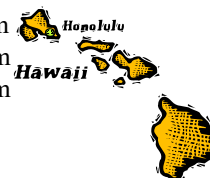
31st **Princess Diana d 1997 ~ Thomas Edison Secures Patent for Kinetograph Movie Camera 1897**

Emergency Services

MH Fire Dept. Chief Bill Austin 910-915-5954 802-259-2700	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	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable NONE		Health Officer – Chad Farrar 802-259-3610	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

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August Birthdays: 1st-Jonathan Turco 2nd-Fern Adams * Linda D. Miller 3rd-Steve Howard * April Norton Rumrill 5th-Michael Mattison 6th-Kai Stanley 8th-Kelsey Stewart-Hawkins 11th-Mary Beth Dawley * Katie Ann Labozzo 12th-Armand Bernagozzi 13th-Teresa Bolalek 16th-Amber Taylor 17th-Eric Gates 18th-Maria Howard 19th-Paul Deegan 21st-Judy Nevin * Amy Spaulding 22nd-Thomas Adams 27th-Lynnette Audy * Jeffrey Bussino Sr (1963) 31st-Russell Garrow * Michael Huck

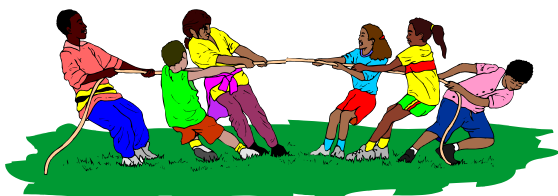


August Anniversaries: 1st-Shari & Al Lewis 9th-Jim & Donna Seward * Chuck & Jean Palmer 12th-Ted & Sue Crawford * Barbara & Steve Hazelton * Savannah & Charlie Baker (2024) 20th-Donald & Lisa Patch * Lars & Tina Anderson * Keith & Kelsey Hawkins (2016) 21st-Russ & Joan Garrow 25th-Diane & Paul Deegan 28th-Stuart & Alyssa Yamartino

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

Local Post Office Hours

Mount Holly		802-219-1426
Window	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 10:00 am
	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	8:00 am – 4:45 pm Sat
		7:30 am – 10:30 am
Belmont		1-877-854-7062
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	&	2:45 pm – 4:45 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 10:30 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 4:45 pm
East Wallingford		802-245-6403
Window	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 11:00 am
	Sat	7:00 am – 10:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:00 am – 4:45 pm
Cuttingsville/Shrewsbury		802-230-1996
Window Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 10:30 am
	&	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
	Sat	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Lobby Hours	Mon – Fri	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
	Sat	7:30 am – 11:00 am
Ludlow		802-228-7436
Lobby Hours:	Mon – Fri	6:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Sat	6:30 am – 11:00 am
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	Sat	8:30 am – 10:30 am
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MEMBERSHIP IN CORPORATION: Open to all who live, work, or own property in Mount Holly and who make an annual donation of any amount.

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

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SUCCESSFUL PARADE AND BARBECUE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

The members of Colfax Lodge #21 would like to thank the many people who made our towns 4th of July a big success. With special thanks to the Kelley Family and friends for providing a great barbecue that so many of us enjoyed. We would like to recognize the many that participated to help make the parade our best event ever. What a great turnout to celebrate our nation's 250th.

From the music provided by Jeb Porter and friends, and the Color Guard that led the parade, they only added to our event on such a nice day. The day was a huge success for our community. Please plan to share some photographs with the museum. They have photographs of our bicentennial parade held in 1976 and of our state's 200th in 1991 and our towns in 1992. We hope you plan to be with

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



Settings Start 5:00 pm

At

The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

All You Can Eat - Served Home Style

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July 25th Mt. Moriah Masons - Baked Ham

Sep 5th Historical Museum – Roast Pork

Oct 10th Colfax Lodge – Baked Ham



Eat In or Take Out,

With Take Out meals starting at 4:45 pm

More Info Call 802-259-2460



Notice: All Invited Mechanicsville Cemetery Monthly Volunteer Clean Up Schedule

1st Tuesday of each month 2026

Aug 4th, 8 am

Oct 6th, 8 am



Sept 1st, 8 am

us next year as we celebrate Vermont's 250th anniversary of declaring its independence and adopting our constitution in 1777. It only took another 14 years to become the 14th state. The Members of Colfax Lodge #21 in Belmont

Bone Builders

Monday & Thursday Mornings

9:00 am

Odd Fellows Hall

For Weights and more information

Call Judy Nevin 802-259-2443



AUGUST 2026

SUMMER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SAVE THE DATES *Sept 5 Museum Pork Supper @ Odd Fellows 5pm *Sept 6 Cabaret *Oct 10 & 11 Cider Days *Oct 10 Ham Supper @Odd Fellows 5pm *Dec 5 Museum Annual Festival of Lights 4pm						1 *Transfer Station 8-2 *Yoga 9 *Community Guild Bazaar @ Odd Fellows 10-2 *Library 9-1 *Museum 2-4
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30	31	Check out the MHCA website for any further details @ www.mhcavt.org				

It's happening right in Mount Holly!

Got Bees?



Warmer weather can cause honey bee colonies to Swarm and go looking for a new home. If you see a big new mass of honeybees (not wasps or hornets) hanging in the open from your house, a tree branch or shrub, or anyplace it might be a honeybee swarm. They are not aggressive and should not be disturbed or harmed! Call me as soon as you see them and I will come by to collect them from your property in Mount Holly, no charge. Call or text Jim at Fenn Farmstead & Gardens at 781-307-0394.

News From The Mount Holly Community Guild!!

We wanted to reconnect with all of you to share upcoming events for this year, and celebrate the guild's enduring dedication to our community.

Founded in 1919, the guild is a non-profit that invests in our community's further education and contributing to vital organizations such as the fire department, library and other on-profit organizations within our town.

Contact Judy at 802-259-2443 for information on the guild and the senior scholarship program.

The fundraising goals could not be reached without the countless hours, care and dedication that guild members put into creating beautiful handcrafted items for sale at two key events The Artisan's Fair (formerly the Bazaar) at The Odd Fellows Hall in August and Cider Days in October. You can find us around town selling raffle tickets in the weeks leading up to each event. Don't miss the chance to win awesome prizes!

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning a new hobby or craft or you would like to share your hobby interest, stop by and see what the guild is all about. You'll find a welcoming space to connect with others, share ideas and get involved. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am from April through October at The Odd Fellows Hall and November through March in the Community Room below the library.

We are deeply grateful for your support over the years and we are thankful for your ongoing commitment.



*** 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.



Green Mountain Neighbors Monthly Update

Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

Volunteers: As our membership grows each year, so does our need for more volunteers. You don't even need to leave home!.

In particular, GMN is seeking a volunteer with technical skills to help manage the organization. Please email

skills to assist with software administration and setup tech@greenmountainneighbors.org with your skills and interests.

If you are interested in becoming a member, a supporting member, or exploring volunteering with GMN, please check out our website at greenmountainneighbors.org. You can also call 802-417-2292 and listen to the prompts. We are a 501-C3 organization run entirely by volunteers. We would love to have you participate in our efforts to help our seniors stay in the homes and towns they love as long as they are able.

Events:

- Bingo at Wallingford House, 1:30 - 3:30, on the third Monday of each month.
- Blueberry Picking: Tuesday, July 28, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Sugar Hill Blueberry Farm.

Members of Green Mountain Neighbors will receive a discount!

- VNA/Hospice of SW Virginia will hold a discussion regarding Advanced Directive on August 12, 1:30 - 3:00 @ Wallingford Gilbert Hall Library.

"We really appreciate Bingo and the transportation provided by the Green Mountain Neighbors organization!" - Betty Forrest and Clara Allard



If you don't have a
2027
Mount Holly Calendar,
how will you know
what you are doing
next year?

They're at the
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the Belmont Store.



The annual Mount Holly Calendar is an activity of the Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA) and all proceeds from calendar sales support the MHCA.

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Community Luncheon

Ludlow Community Center
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Thursday, August 6th
Serving at Noon

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"Summer Salads Plate"

Free of Charge, all are welcome

Bingo follows the meal

Meal provided by:
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News and musings from your Mount Holly Community Association (MHCA)

Rainy days usually equate to being inside which is exactly what one needs forced upon them to write news for the chit chat. Not that writing our article is an unpleasant task, it just means sitting in front of the computer, which is NOT our preferred state of being, especially in the summer when there is so much to see and do outside in our beautiful state. However, sitting at the computer means searching out information and fun facts that you may be unaware of and can easily be repeated to a captivated audience of your choice.

Fun facts about August for the historians, gardeners, mathematicians, and insatiably curious folks out there....(credited to www.TheFactSite.com)

1. Historically, and we do mean way back in the day as in 700BC, August was the 6th month of the year when the Romans had a 10-month calendar.

2. The month of August wasn't named August originally. It was called Sextilis (pretty sure that should have been in song by Jerry Lee Lewis) as it was the 6th month of the Roman calendar. Then it was renamed to Augustus (renamed to honor the Roman emperor). And at some point, it just got shortened to good ole August.

3. The Anglo-Saxon's nick named August Weod Monath which translated to "weed month" a very literal translation as August is the fastest weed growing moth in the northern hemisphere.

4. In a standard year, there is no other month that starts on the same day of the week as August; however, in a leap year August begins the same day of the year as February.

5. One of our history's most iconic speeches in the United States was delivered in August (8/28/63 to be exact) by Martin Luther King. The famous "I have a dream" speech called for the end of racial discrimination and equal rights for all.

There are many other fun facts about the month of August that one can research but let us review fun facts that are more pertinent to Mount Holly. The summer calendar which can be found in the chit chat, Belmont Post Office, the town office, and posted at the Belmont General Store have a full listing of activities in our community from suppers, exercise classes, organized activities etc...Check out all the happening - there is a lot going on in our little town.

Upcoming Events

Music on the Green

August 6	Jenny and the Bets	August 13	Jeb and Friends	August 20	Shady Pines
August 27	Mount Holly Folk Club				

Mount Holly Community Cookout - Thursday, August 27 at 6pm

Come join us in celebration of the last days of summer! The grill will be fired up and ready to go in front of the Belmont General Store with a whole table full of dishes to choose from to add to your plate. Please join us in this community event and bring something to share to make it a feast of all summer feasts.

MHCA Annual Meeting - Wednesday August 19th @ 6:30 pm

Ok, this might not be considered "an event" but it is worth attending. Come meet your board, enjoy some delectables and beverages, and find out what we are up to. We always like to hear feedback from community members about what they like and what they might like to see as new events in the future. On the discussion table for activities we are considering: bingo night, summer street dance, and the return of the Holiday Theater Players performance. This is a great way to learn about who we are and how you can get involved in your community. We hope to see you there.

Cabaret - Sunday September 6th at 8pm

There's nothing like closing your eyes and letting the sounds of smooth jazz carry you in and around the rise and fall of musical notes and lyrics from this NYC duo. Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon call Mount Holly home away from the big city and it is their professional treat to us once a year over Labor Day weekend. This free performance will take place in the Mount Holly library, dessert and beverages will be available for purchase.

Mount Holly Photo Contest

This is the perfect time to grab your camera and get out there capturing your favorite snap shots of life in Mount Holly. It could turn out to be your opportunity to end up in National Geographic magazine, on their website or [ours - MHCAvt.org](http://ours-MHCAvt.org) demonstrating your photography finesse. But the real pièce de résistance is that you could make it into the FAMOUS Mount Holly calendar! Sold around town at a variety of locations including the town office, Belmont General Store, and Plew Farmstand. They make great gifts for friends and family and would be so much more meaningful if your photo was among the winners. Get out there snapping.... And a message to the photographer only known to us as SHP in the newflash - we do hope that you enter this contest!!

Mail your entry(s) to [mthollyphotos@gmail](mailto:mthollyphotos@gmail.com) by September 28th.

**Please note there was a misprint in the brochure - it is NOT mhphotos@gmail.com*

Cider Days October 10 & 11

The best little fall festival around. Mark your calendar for this fabulous fall event filled with music, local artists, merchants, crafters, and of course all things apple. It is our major fundraiser of the year that is made possible by many many volunteers and supporters who love our community and dedicate their time and energy into making this festival possible.

Community Support Drive

We are kicking off our 2026/27 community support drive (formally known as membership). Over the past year the Board has been discussing what "membership" really means and what the Mount Holly Community Association is all about. We agreed we are not a club people join - we're a community that people support and grow. That's why we are making a shift from "membership"

to “community support”. It’s a small change in name, but one that better reflects who we are and what we stand for. We want everyone to feel welcome and know that by supporting the MHCA, you are helping strengthen our community for all of us. We also have a new brochure design that highlights our history, various activities, and donation support levels. We want to give a shoutout to Board Member Julie Campbell for her creativity and artistic design in this process. We hope that you will consider supporting YOUR community association! Brochures can be found at the town office, Belmont Post Office, Belmont General Store, Belmont Library, and the community center. THANK YOU to all those who have sent in your donation, it is very much appreciated ☺.

Well, you’ve come to the end of our news and musings. We hope that you have been educated, entertained, and feel energized about the happenings in our community. With that we close with the dated, ever famous last words of Lawrence Welk... Audios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehn ♪♪. Be well and be neighborly out there. Jennifer Burrows & Linda Miller

Solid Waste Stickers ORDER FORM

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

STICKERS REQUIRED AT TRANSFER STATION

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

Transfer Site Hours of Operation:

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Wednesday, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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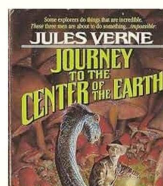


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Journey to the Center of the Earth

By Jules Verne

**Book Discussion on
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Upcoming Events & Announcements

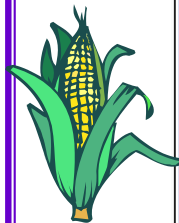
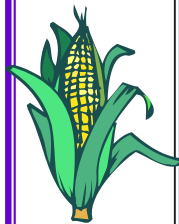
WE'RE BACK IN FULL SWING!

Sunday July 19th - 10am-11am
Wildflower Arrangements

🌻📖 To get us back in the crafting spirit, our host, Lauren Escott, will lead us in creating beautiful wildflower arrangements in jars. Will be so lovely to enjoy the local flora on our own countertops.

Friday July 24th - 9am-1pm
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👤 Our very first extended craft workshop as we welcome local instructor Sarah Hathaway of The Bur-Ger Farm" for a special 4-hour Barn Quilt Painting Class! Participants will create their own beautiful painted barn quilt. Great for beginners or experienced painters to join!



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Expeditionary School at Black River

As students from Expeditionary School at Black River relax and refresh from their strong academic efforts this year, we look back fondly on end-of-year adventures. Students went to Mt.



Kearsarge Indian Heritage Museum in NH to bring to life their studies of indigenous peoples. We visited Saint-Gaudins National Historic Park for context to their Civil War instruction. Park Ranger Newton Rose did an amazing job bringing the art to life! Kids enjoyed skate park adventures in Ludlow on Friday mornings. They demonstrated joy and grit while struggling to learn new tricks and exemplified empathy while supporting each other. Animal lovers visited the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society in Windsor and rode horses with parents and staff at Mountain View Ranch in Danby. As a Choice High School, ESBR is open to students from Ludlow and surrounding areas in Vermont. We welcome students who are seeking an education that blends strong academics, creativity, and real-world learning. For more information, contact Mike Kell, Head of School, mikell@esblackriver.org (802) 228-3727 or visit our website <https://esblackriver.org/>



Mount Holly Snow Flyers Celebrate Scoring Success at Annual "Let's All Putt Together" Golf Tournament



Under picture-perfect Vermont skies, the Mount Holly Snow Flyers successfully hosted their annual "Let's All Putt Together" golf tournament yesterday, July 19, 2026, at the stunning Fox Run Golf Club.

The event brought together 73 enthusiastic golfers, local business sponsors, and dedicated volunteers for a day of sport and community spirit, all to benefit the upcoming 2026–2027 winter snowmobiling season.

Players kicked off their morning with fresh treats from **Jones Donuts** before taking to a meticulously maintained course. Following a great day on the greens, participants gathered for a celebratory lunch at **Calcutta's** to cap off the event. Adding to the day's excitement,



Central Vermont Motorcycles was on-site showcasing an impressive lineup of side-by-side ATVs, drawing plenty of admiration from attendees.

"The course was in perfect condition," said Alex Augustine. "We want to extend a massive thank you to the Grounds Crew for doing a great job, as always, and the entire Fox Run crew for all they do to make this possible."

The "Let's All Putt Together" tournament serves as the Snow Flyers' primary fundraising event of the year. All proceeds from the tournament directly support the club's operational expenses, ensuring the local trail system remains in top-tier shape for riders this winter. Club members are already gearing up for the cold weather, having kicked off early trail maintenance with more work projects scheduled over the coming months.

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers would like to express their deepest gratitude to:

- **The Tee Sign Sponsors and Raffle Donor:** Every business and individual whose generous sponsorship/prize donation made the event financially successful.
- **The Volunteers:** The dedicated crew whose hard work and time behind the scenes made the seamless event possible.
- **The Players:** Everyone who came out to hit the links and support local trail grooming.

As the club transitions from summer greens to winter whites, they wish the entire community a wonderful rest of the summer and look forward to seeing everyone out on the trails soon.

About Mount Holly Snow Flyers

The Mount Holly Snow Flyers is a non-profit snowmobile club dedicated to maintaining safe, scenic, and high-quality trails in the Mount Holly, Vermont area. Through community events, volunteer dedication, and local partnerships, the club ensures a vibrant winter recreation season for residents and visitors alike.

Our club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months and welcomes all to attend. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for more information. www.mounthollysnowflyers.org

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Dear editor, here's a *tongue in cheek* look at the current Health Craze:

Do you have any friends who are health Nazis? I had one say to me the other day, "Your problem is you're eating too many *processed* foods." I looked it up. It's a code word for "delicious." My nutty friend said, "Hey, Glenn, be a vegan. You'll live longer." I said, "No, it'll just *seem* longer!" I made up a new word. "I'm a Mee-gan. Me eats what me wants, a-gain and a-gan." I mean, I didn't claw my way to the top of the food chain to eat vegetables like brussel sprouts, turnips and lima beans. I don't eat health foods. I need all the preservatives I can get. I just try every day to eat something from the four basic food groups: fresh, frozen, fast and maple. But if a health food salesman comes to *your* door, go ahead and vitamin.

Occasionally a health nut friend will say, "I go to the gym *religiously*." I say, "Oh really? Sorry, I'm a Gymatheist... respect my beliefs." I *used* to believe in the Gym, but then I thought, "if the Gym were real, why is there so much pain and suffering at the Gym? I just don't know." I'd be in the Gym, dying, working out on the rowing machine and crying, "If you were a *merciful* Gym you could have *prevented* this." I grew up going to the Gym faithfully. It's just how my parents raised me. Actually, I had a drug problem. My folks *drug* me to the Gym on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesdays... every time the doors opened. Really, I was there 9 months before I was even *born*! So, it was very difficult breaking it to them that I'd become a Gymatheist. I used to be *into* the Gym. Not to brag, but I used to be able to do the VibraBelt *and* the ThighMaster at the same time. They don't even *have* that equipment at the Gym. I brought it from *home*. I was devout! I really did grow up going to the Gym *religiously*. Actually, my dad was a professional bodybuilder. He tried to teach me weightlifting and I was hopeless, because whenever I'm trying to work out a certain muscle I'll *miss*. Like I'll be doing bicep curls and somehow my *neck* is lifting it. I *knew* you could miss at basketball, but I didn't know you could miss at *weightlifting*. I tried bench pressing, supposedly for your chest and arms, but for some reason my butt was like, "Don't worry, bro, I'll lift it!" "No, *don't* butt. It's not your turn!" "Too late, I already *did* it." "Oww!" I'll be doing squats and my colon says, "Okay, it's *my* time to shine!" "No-o colon, not *now*!" Feel the *bur-r-r-n-n*!

All the equipment at the gym is meant to recreate what you do in real life. For example, the rowing machine duplicates rowing, the stationary bike is biking, and the treadmill recreates the experience of not being able to keep up with the sidewalk. Actually, I used to think, in my college days, when there was a girl ahead of me while I was on the treadmill, "This is a perfect metaphor for my dating life, because I'm expending all this energy and not getting any closer... *and* I'm always sweaty." Personally, I take a perverse delight in the fact that *my* body and Arnold Schwarzenegger's body, *someday* will both be piles of ashes, virtually indistinguishable from each other. In reality, the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Exercise the body - it's *beneficial*. But spiritual discipline (exercising the soul) carries



eternal rewards. Physical workouts *end* at death, godliness pays dividends now and forever." Pastor Glenn 😊



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- **Your donations help to preserve a historic landmark.** MHCA is responsible for the upkeep and preservation of the historic building that houses our town's community center and library. Maintaining this cherished landmark is vital for preserving Mount Holly's heritage and ensuring a dedicated space for learning, gathering, and connection.
- **Your donations help champion local talent and support local arts.** We believe in the power of art and music to enrich lives. Your support helps us bring a diverse range of local artists and musicians to our community.

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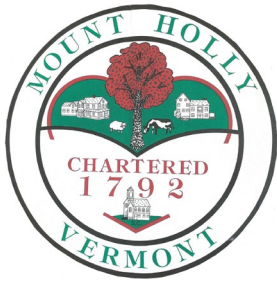
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Mount Holly Town News

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Select Board Meeting Mount Holly Town Office July 14th, 2026 6:00 pm

Attendance: Mark Turco, Jeff Chase, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Marc Miller, Clinton Woolley, Carol Garrow Woolley, James Seward, Christine Pratt, Zena Gates, Dennis Devereux, Stephen Michel, June Capron, Mary Surething, Ron

Unterman, Kevin Winter.

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

Via zoom: Steve and Barbara Hazleton, Michael Miller

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. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Consideration of any changes and/or additions to the agenda:** The Chair added to new business: Cider Day Road closures, Cemetery Commission cost of plots, renewal of Cota and Cota propane contract, and to old business a junk complaint

4. **Approval of June 9th Minutes:** Diana Garrow moved to approve the minutes, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously

5. **Reports**

a. **Highway and Transfer Station Update - Clinton Woolley:** Work is ongoing to obtain grants through the Better Back Roads program. Mowing and dealing with downed trees is ongoing. Mr Woolley had sought quotes for winter sand, with Casella being the cheapest. Diana Garrow moved to purchase winter sand from Casella, second Mark Turco, Jeff Chase recused himself, motion approved. Mr Woolley reported that he had found trash in the metal container at the Transfer Station, possibly due to only one attendant on duty on the 4th of July; he asked to discuss this in executive session. Regarding removal of the metal and C&D containers, Diana Garrow noted the Town has a contract until October which may mean that the open top containers need to be maintained. Jeff Chase responded that the Town can ask Casella for them to be removed. Carol Garrow Woolley asked what will happen to items not taken from the swap shed which are then placed in the metal or C&D containers. Jeff Chase moved to close the swap shed as of Sept 1st due to concerns about disposal of items, second Mark Turco, approved unanimously. Mr Chase noted other options to donate items including Good Will, Black River Good Neighbors, the newsflash and social media. Diana Garrow asked about transfer station staff having to work on public holidays. Mark Turco moved to ensure Transfer Station staff do not have to work on holidays which fall on their workdays, seconded Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

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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.

i. **Electronics recycling agreement:** Mark Turco moved to renew the agreement as written second Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

ii. **Casella Contract Expires:** see item 5a.

b. **Listers' Report - Mary Surething:** all grievances have been heard and there are three appeals with a Board of Civil Authority hearing set to hear one appeal, and the two appeals from utilities being lodged with the State.

i. **Grand List Errors and Omissions:** one error arose when a property was sold as one parcel when it was in fact two; this is being corrected.

ii. **Waiving Homestead Penalty:** Ms Surething asked the Board to waive the late homestead declaration penalty. Mark Turco moved to waive the late homestead penalty, second Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

c. **Town Treasurer Update - Marc Miller**

i. **Monthly Income and Expenses Report:** Mr Miller reported that all revenue for the last fiscal year has been recorded, and although reconciliation is ongoing, expenditures were \$15,000 over budget for the year.

ii. **FY27 Tax Rate:** Mr Miller asked the Select Board to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.4569, being a 5% reduction over FY 26. State Education taxes, both Homestead and non-Homestead, increase by 7.8% and 8.8% respectively. Jeff Chase asked about the funds for the next year, querying why the municipal rate would be lower when it was expected to be marginally higher; he expressed concern that if the rate goes down, then it will be difficult to raise next year and proposed keeping it at the same rate as 2026 (0.4816). Mr Miller clarified that the only factor that could be changed is the surplus to be carried forward or applied to reduce the cost to taxpayers. Diana Garrow moved to set the municipal tax rate for FY26-27 at 0.4816 cents per \$100, the same rate as last year, raising \$1,416, 464, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

d. **Conservation Commission Update - Phil Crane:** Weed pulling has taken place at the Star Lake swimming area, and Mr Crane asked for the Road crew assistance to haul the weeds away to Brigid Sullivan's property; Ron Unterman also volunteered his land. The Commission is working with Senator Terry Williams to get the wetlands permit for further weed harvesting at a

reasonable cost. Jean Fitzgerald has planted shrubs, most of which are thriving. There have been 30 inoculations of approximately 30 ash trees and this will continue until mid-August. The Commission is also looking at further trail work, and working with Shrewsbury Conservation Commission on dealing with invasives.

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role issues permits. Diana Garrow asked about the stipend paid to Mr Seward as Fire Warden. Mr Seward noted that the State may not give any additional stipend, but the warden does use a lot of fuel. Mark Turco stated that he was happy to continue as proposed. Jeff Chase noted that this is simply a change in management and Mr Seward would continue to do the work and get the stipend.

Road closures for Cider Days: Linda Miller stated that MHCA was concerned about parking and traffic for Cider Days and would like to propose closing of Maple Hill Road (as in previous years) but also to close Belmont Road in front of the Belmont General Store and to limit parking to one side on Church Street, Healdville and Tarbellville Roads. Clinton Woolley

c. stated he does not want to see Belmont Road closed because it is the main road to Tarbellville Road; emergency vehicles would not be able to turn from Lake Street onto Church Street and continue from there to Tarbellville Road; he suggested that if additional space is required this could be done by extending further up Maple Hill Road. Mark Turco confirmed that Church Street and Belmont Road would need to remain open, Lake Street would also remain open. Ms Miller noted she will discuss further with the MHCA Board and revert. She asked if there was a preferred side of the road for parking? Mr Woolley expressed a preference for the museum side of Tarbellville Road and the right hand side of Healdville Road coming out of the village center.

d. **Cemetery Commission:** Dennis Devereux reported that in 2009 the Select Board set a price of \$500 per plot for the Mount Holly Cemetery; now the Packer Cemetery is a town cemetery he would like the Select Board to revise its resolution to include Packer Cemetery. He also asked about mowing help and if the money that came to the Town with the adoption of Packer Cemetery to pay more for mowing and for tree management. Mr Devereux noted that the tree removal at Carlton Cemetery was not fully completed and asked Mr Woolley what could be done. Mr Woolley responded that the work was completed to the extent possible in a safe manner; any additional work would likely cost approximately \$20,000. Mark Turco moved to raise the rates at Packer Cemetery to be equivalent to Mount Holly cemetery starting Sept 1st, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

e. **Cota and Cota contract:** Steve Michel asked if this should be a bid; Mark Turco responded that it is not, with Diana Garrow noting that changing suppliers would require changing tanks and finding an alternative for service. Diana Garrow moved to renew the contract with Cota & Cota at the capped price option, second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously.

7. Old Business

a. **Review bids for Paving Hortonville Road:** Jeff Chase opened bids from Pike Industries: \$188,779.50, Wilk Paving \$194,796.50, Springfield Paving \$189,875.00, Fuller Sand and Gravel \$166,577.50. Mark Turco moved to accept the Fuller contract for \$166,577.50 second Jeff Chase, approved unanimously. Jeff Chase suggested adding the \$18,000 road retreatment funds available from last year to extend the paving; Mark Turco proposed keeping that back for road patching.

b. **Dog Licensing Census update:** Carol Garrow-Woolley noted 16 dogs (13 owners) remain unregistered. Mark Turco agreed that details could be sent to the Rutland County Sheriff for their follow-up. Jeff Chase noted this is 16 dogs which may not have rabies shots, meaning anyone bitten would also need to have rabies shots.

c. **August Wedding Fireworks:** Faith Tempest noted that the permit requires the organizers to contact the Fire Chief one month in advance. Jim Seward confirmed he had heard nothing. Mark Turco asked Ms Tempest to follow up with the Fire Chief and the organizers, with Jeff Chase asking her to ensure they

are aware that the Select Board wants the event to be concluded by 10pm.

d. **Bowlsville Bridge replacement update:** The State has sent final plans for comment, and confirmed the costs to the Town of \$44,530. Work is expected to start in Spring 2027. Jeff Chase noted this is very cost effective for the Town; Mark Turco thanked property owners for their support to this.

Animal Control

The any 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 call **802-775-8002**.



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e. **Junk ordinance:** A Junk Ordinance Complaint regarding a property at 189 Station Road was submitted by Patricia Labella and Susan Kilsheimer. Mark Turco confirmed that there has been some work recently to clear the property and the owner, Mr Hyjek, has committed to clearing it. Mr Turco confirmed that a letter will be sent to ensure there is further progress. He also noted that there had been an earlier anonymous complaint about the property, but anonymous complaints cannot be actioned.

8. **Citizen Comments:** Mark Turco read out the inscription on the plaque to be placed in honor of David H Johnson.

9. **Announcements:** August Select Board Meeting Date Change. Due to the primary elections, the Select Board agreed to change the date of the next regular meeting to August 12th at 6pm

10. **Review & Sign Orders**

11. **Executive Session:** Title 1 V.S.A. S 313(a)(3) – personnel (if needed). Mark Turco moved to go into executive session, second Diana Garrow, approved unanimously.

12. **Adjourn** Respectfully Submitted Faith Tempest

These minutes are in draft form until approved at the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting.

A video recording of this meeting is available at: <https://okemovalley.tv/mount-holly-selectboard-714>

Select Board Emergency Meeting, Mount Holly Town Office July 21, 2026 6:00 pm

Attendance: Mark Turco, Diana Garrow, Faith Tempest, Marc Miller, Millicent Johnson, Ron Unterman, Carol Garrow-Woolley

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Correction to tax rate: Mark Turco confirmed with Marc Miller that there had been an error in the spreadsheet used to calculate the municipal tax rate. Mr Miller noted that if the Select Board wished to maintain the same rate as the previous year, it should be 0.4823, not 0.4816 as approved at the previous Select Board meeting. Diana Garrow moved to set the FY 27 tax rate at 0.4823 second Mark Turco, approved. Mr. Turco noted that although Selectman Jeff Chase was not present, the tow Select Board members formed a quorum and can make this decision.

3. Meeting adjourned 6:02 pm Respectfully Submitted, Faith Tempest

MH Planning Commission Town Office & Remote Electronic – Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2026 6:30 PM

Attendance: Jon McCann, Jim Seward, Andrew Schulz, Stephen Michel, Ron Unterman,

Also: Faith Tempest, Christine Pratt, Julie Parsells.

1. **Call to order** at 6.32pm

2. **Changes to agenda:** none

3. **Approval of minutes of 19th May.** Commissioner Unterman and Commissioner Schulz asked for changes to the minutes, and with those changes the minutes

4. **Reports & Announcements**

a. **Administrative Officer:**

i. BCRs: Geoghegan, Dawley Road 60'x30' single family residence; wastewater permit to be submitted.

Pikkarainen, Rte 155, 7'x14' woodshed.

ii. Commissioner Michel asked for an update on the Raseyevich property on Belmont Road. The Chair had received an ENB notice of application for shoreland and wetland permit. AO confirmed that Shoreland Permit and Wetlands Permit applications have been made, with the Shorelands permit under consideration and the Wetlands incomplete. .

iii. Commissioner Schulz asked about Longobardo on Sawyer Hill. AO noted that she still has not received confirmation from Mr Longobardo that he has been in contact with the Act 250 Coordinator. AO will follow up with the owner and if necessary the Act 250 coordinator. Commissioner Unterman asked about the obligations of the AO in following up on Act 250 compliance, or on other regulations such as those enforced by the Fire Marshall. AO noted that there is a responsibility to support property owners to comply with State regulations.

b. **Planning Commission Chair:** Chair noted the last training session on Essentials of Land Use Planning is to take place this week; with recordings available of the previous sessions. The Regional Plan was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission.

c. Belmont Village Wastewater Planning Subcommittee (Jeff Chase). Tabled.

5. **Development review**

a. McDonald/Huyler/Carney set date for deliberation: Chair asked for a brief meeting after the regular meeting, and proposed he could then share a draft decision. Commissioners agreed this approach.

6. **New business**

August 2026 Mount Holly Chit Chat Inc



7. Unfinished business

a. Review, revise, and possible approval of a final draft updating and replacing the current Building Construction Registration (BCR) Ordinance for referral to the Selectboard. Chair had circulated a revised draft reflecting the previous discussion including removing redundant language, clarifying concepts including temporary residence and renaming the document issued to a certificate. Chair noted this should bring the advantages of information which zoning would require without the burden of regulation and that such information helps to move forward on the objectives of the Housing needs assessment, and on implementation of the Town Plan. Chair asked Commissioners if this addressed their concerns. Commissioner Unterman stated that it does not address the fundamental concern of whether the Town wants such a system and while there are reasons to collect information to help town residents develop their property within the regulations, does the town want to collect the other information? Commissioner Unterman asked about the legal basis for making these changes, ie is it contrary to the law for construction to start immediately on submission of a BCR. Chair confirmed it violates Chapter 117 of the Land Use Act, and the current process is not based on adequate legal authority. Commissioner Unterman stated that other Towns also rely on a registration rather than a permit. Chair noted the Rutland Town had a similar process and was advised to update it. Chair noted that registration is often associated with short term rental registration and is a permit. Commissioner Michel rejected this, saying it is simply a statement; Chair noted that all the examples he has read have a permission element.

Commissioner Schulz responded to Commissioner Unterman by noting the responsibility of the PC is to consider the future, plan for changes, thrive in the future and putting forward proposals is part of this; if gathering data will aid the Town in understanding what is happening and will help the Town to undertake effective planning. The question of whether Town residents want this is one for the Select Board but if the Planning Commission thinks this proposal or something similar would help in good planning, then it can be sent to the Select Board. Commissioner Seward noted good inputs from Commissioners Unterman and Schulz but felt the proposal should not go too far. Commissioner Schulz noted substantial changes to the current draft but that further amendments or exemptions can be outlined. Chair agreed with Commissioner Schulz noting that if nothing is done to address the housing issue, we are failing the Town.

b. Julie Parsells asked about short term rental, referring to Ludlow's permit system, asking if this would be similar. Chair responded that this is solely disclosure and does not impose any other obligation. Chair noted that the housing study suggested tracking short-term rentals and there are few if any ways in which to monitor this. Ms Parsells asked if the Planning Commission wants to see a STR registry. Chair responded that this is an issue for the Select Board and would be separate to this ordinance.

c. Commissioner Unterman asked why not change the existing BCR form which does remind applicants of the need to comply with State or other ordinances or bylaws. AO responded that the ordinance needs to provide the legal authority to support the form. Commissioner Unterman again stated he did not want to make this a permitting process. He also asked about the benefits vs burden of the proposed form. Chair noted that the form that is proposed is very similar to the current BCR and noted it is beneficial to have a form with legal authority which is of benefit to the Town.

d. Chair asked about ways forward given the difference of opinion. Commissioner Michel stated the ordinance and form is extreme overreach, and the only focus should be on what should be done before work starts. He proposed a separate ordinance on details of use and occupancy, or a separate annual data collection exercise on that. Commissioner Schulz responded that annual studies are impractical and more intrusive than if people are not making any changes and that having two ordinances to accomplish two things is more difficult than one ordinance. He stated that the concerns he hears are that this proposal is too detailed and has too many objectives. Commissioner Schulz suggested reviewing the proposal again and making more explicit what is exempted and what is included. Chair stated the need for this information for grant applications, with funds available if we are monitoring and tracking this information. The proposal asks for the minimum information needed, and by focusing only on changes it is less invasive. If there is no monitoring of what happens, then the data of the housing study becomes stale.

e. Christine Pratt stated that the proposal implies that any development would need to be approved. Chair responded that the only change from the current process is that the AO would review applications to ensure that there are not any other permits that might be required. Commissioner Schulz reiterated that this would not be approval it would be review and assistance to the public. Commissioner Michel concurred with Commissioner Schulz. Chair proposed that the discussion be continued at the next meeting.

8. Public comments: none

9. Upcoming meetings: 21st July regular meeting

10. Adjournment: 7:58 pm Respectfully Submitted, Faith Tempest A recording of this meeting can be found at: okemovalley.tv/mount-holly-planning-commission-616-6

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Horses don't care how old you are. Do they recognize age? I imagine they probably recognize when their human slows down a little, or has a harder time getting in the saddle, or even getting that saddle on. After all, as they age they start having the same aches and pains as we do from arthritis and such. However, age doesn't matter to us at Reinbow Riding, a therapeutic horsemanship center in Belmont. Our mission is to improve the well-being of all individuals from age 3 up to and including seniors with unique physical, emotional and/or cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience. (For a more in depth understanding of these challenges please visit our website.) At Reinbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted regardless of their ability to pay. Coming September 1 and 3, Reinbow is offering a new First Responders Special Program. Details can be found in the accompanying ad.

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Picture Caption: Recently one of our most regular volunteers, who celebrated his 81st birthday this February, climbed aboard Billy, and said, "It sure felt good!". Allen who had grown up with horses, and used them in farming, hadn't ridden in 10 years.



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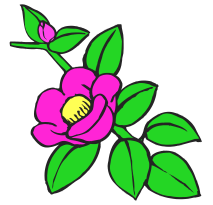
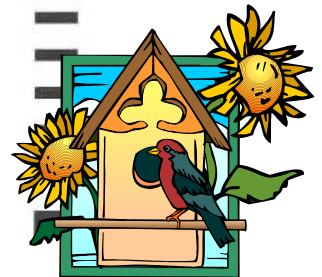
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RACHEL SHAW REANNINGTON (Write-in)		(Write-in)



South African Rotary Club presentation to Ludlow Rotary Club

Stephen Young from the Swellendam, South Africa Rotary Club spoke to the Ludlow Rotary Club about his club's development of an early childhood development center.

The Swellendam Club was also a supporter of the Rotary International grant to the Okemo Valley Technical Rescue Squad. Stephen is shown here presenting a Swellendam Club banner to Ludlow Rotary Club president

Brigid Sullivan.



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Vermont Home Gardener August Gardening

Gardens are now mature and producing an abundance of veggies, herbs, flowers, and weeds. Garlic should have been harvested by now and next we'll harvest potatoes, tomatoes, onions, carrots, beets, and more. It's the reward that a hard-working gardener deserves and should enjoy this time of year. Proper harvesting is key to successful production, and the more you pick the more you get! Leaving blossoms or fruits on plants to get over-ripe or go to seed tells the plant its job is done and to stop production. Keep "deadheading" your geraniums, marigolds, calendula, snapdragons, petunias, & zinnias so they will provide more blossoms instead of seeds (unless you want the seeds for next year). Of course, abundance can become a burden too, unless we have some good ways to deal with it. Let's look at what to plant in August, weeding, what to do with too many zucchinis, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc., and some pests that are out there now.

What to plant in August? As plants come out of the garden there might be some open space where we can plant late crops to get another harvest. Carrots, radishes, salad greens (lettuce, mesclun, spinach, arugula, etc.), and beets can be planted for a nice fall crop. If you add a little extra compost or organic fertilizer, mulch, and keep them watered they will grow well and won't bolt as the days get shorter.

Weeds (definition: a good plant in the wrong place) are enjoying the growing season too. While most garden plants are big enough to compete with young weeds, there is one extremely important reason to control weeds: Seeds! Even if you decide to let some weeds have their way in your garden, *do not allow them to go to seed*. Those seeds will be next year's weeds and you can eliminate them now. In fact, most weed seeds can stay dormant in the soil for several years and accumulate for future seasons. Deadheading and discarding weed tops is a great investment in your future garden!

Tomatoes: As you harvest tomatoes, continue to prune off any yellowing lower branches to get rid of older leaves that are no longer feeding the plant and are prone to infection from the soil. Keep your plants upright with supports. Prune away side shoots (suckers) to open plants up for ventilation and sunshine penetration (disease control). Apply weekly preventative sprays through August to inhibit diseases like septoria and late blight from getting started. Once infected, it isn't possible to cure the disease, but you can remove it by pruning off infected parts. Weekly applications of your own biofertilizer, [compost tea](#), [Serenade](#), fungicidal copper, or sulfur powder are all good organic practices to prevent diseases from getting started in the humid days of August. I prefer to alternate between spray applications using a different one each week. I also include foliar fish fertilizer (liquid emulsion) as a supplemental foliar fertilizer to keep plants extra healthy so they can resist diseases. Compost tea has become a popular practice based on numerous university studies that have confirmed its effectiveness. Here's a short [DIY video](#) to help you get started making your own tea.

Too many tomatoes? After you've eaten, canned and given away much of your bounty what can you do with the rest? Freeze them whole! It's very simple and works well for your winter sauces. Simply put whole, uncut tomatoes, especially Roma/pasta types into freezer bags, label and freeze. (no blanching is necessary). When you defrost them in a colander the juice drains out (drink it!) and the skin will slip off.

Garlic Harvest & Storage. Most garlic has been harvested by now but just in case... Dig garlic with a garden fork, don't pull the plants out! Brush off soil from around the roots and set out in the sun for a few sunny days to thoroughly dry the skins and roots. Next set or hang them in a shaded, well-ventilated area to "cure" for several weeks, until the stems are *completely* dry. Then you can cut off the stems about 1-2 inches above the head and store in an airy basket away from light, heat and humidity. Most basements/cellars will do. If you have some heads that have begun to open and spread the cloves, eat those first, they won't store well. Set some of the largest heads aside for planting in mid-late October so you grow bigger garlic next year. You should get 4-5 plantable cloves from each large head.

Zucchini abundance is not a problem! Zucchini stuffed, fritters, raw in salads, relish, and zucchini breads are great. But there's more... Zucchini soup! We always make gallons of zucchini soup to freeze as an excellent vegetable broth for all kinds of delicious winter soups. Try this favorite recipe, I know you will like it:

Too many Cucumbers? Cukes are less versatile than zucchini or summer squash but still have possibilities. [Natural pickling](#) with Kosher or sea salt is a great way to preserve them for months. A very simple way to keep them for a few weeks, ready to eat, follows this easy recipe:

Pest Alerts.

Japanese Beetles continue to emerge from the lawns and are moving onto beans, raspberries, roses, and whatever is available. As I've said before, handpicking works, commercial bag traps do not reduce their numbers because they actually attract many more beetles into your yard than they catch. Be careful not to remove any beetles that have white spots on their backs. They are carrying the very beneficial [Winsome Fly](#) that will control beetles biologically. Mow your lawns tall (4-6 inches) to reduce their breeding for next year. For area

Zucchini Soup

You can decrease or increase all the amounts (depending on the ingredients you have) just keep the ratios similar. The basic soup is delicious as is but even better when you add any leftovers, shredded cheese, ham, prosciutto, chicken, vegies...pretty much anything cooked you have handy. Be adventurous!

7 lbs (6-7 medium) zucchini trimmed,
peeled and cut into chunks
1/3 cup olive oil
3 Tbsp butter
2 lbs onions, chopped
4 large garlic cloves, chopped
4 Tbsp flour
6 cups water or stock
2 Tbsp kosher salt (omit if using salted stock)

1. In a large stockpot (8 qt) heat oil and butter over medium heat.
2. Add onions and cook slowly until golden brown.
3. Add garlic and cook just until softened (about 1 minute)
4. Add the flour to make a thick, chunky paste.
5. Add the liquid to the paste in increments stirring constantly to achieve a smooth sauce.
6. Add the zucchini and cover the pot.
7. Reduce heat to low and simmer for at least 1 hour or until zucchini is very tender.
8. Enjoy the soup as is or puree with a stick blender or food processor for a creamy, velvety texture.
9. Freeze in reusable juice bottles or milk jugs or chill.
10. Before serving add your choice of herbs, meat, shredded cheese, cooked vegies, leftovers.
11. Heat in microwave or on a stove burner until hot.

Makes 1 gallon

Refrigerator Cucumber Pickles

- 2 cups thinly sliced cucumbers (unpeeled or peeled)
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup white or apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (optional)

Dissolve the salt & sugar into the water-vinegar liquid. Add the sliced cukes and refrigerate. Eat immediately or let them develop more flavor overnight. Dress them with yogurt or sour cream for some extra appeal. Simple!

insert their eggs into the tops of raspberry canes that will appear wilted. If you see a wilted cane tip, look a couple inches down the cane and if you see 2 dark rings around the stem that is where the borer larvae are growing. Prune the affected part of the cane off, burn it or chop it up and remove from the area.

Earwigs are beneficial predators of pest insects but also like to chew leaves and flowers. If you find too many small holes or eaten leaves & blossoms (dahlias) apply some Diatomaceous Earth (DE) on plants showing damage after each rain. DE is made from fossilized diatoms (no chemicals) that is like microscopic broken glass to crawling pests such as slugs, snails, earwigs, and ants.

Remember to compost your food and yard waste for the best garden fertilizer and to make your compost tea. Concerned about bears? Here are some good tips from the [Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department](http://VermontFish&WildlifeDepartment.com). VermontHomeGardener.com

control you can apply [Beneficial Nematodes](http://BeneficialNematodes.com) to the lawn to reduce the larval (grub) population. This is expensive but is effective for many years.

Cabbage moths (brown or white wings with a black spot) continue mating and laying eggs on cabbages, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, etc. They will hatch into "cabbage worms" that can spoil a great harvest. Insect netting (not row cover) over hoops will prevent them from getting to your plants. Snag the flying adults with a butterfly net (and crush them) and apply weekly treatments of Bt or Dipel (caterpillar killer) to the plants when rain is not forecast. Bt is a naturally occurring soil bacteria that will stop the caterpillars and is harmless to us.

Raspberry cane borer Adults are small dark slender beetles that

Rutland Author Publishes Two New Books

Rutland author, Ralph Pace, has published two new books this month. This brings his production for the past three months up to five new works.

His new books are: "A Random Journey" and "One Man's Story".

"A Random Journey" is a book of short stories written by the author in the past five years. There are eleven stories in this collection.

They range in subjects from a young boy's dancing in Junior High School, a musical performed by kids from the ghetto in summer camp, to a weekend spent at New York's Plaza Hotel.

"One Man's Story" is a complete publication of the author's father's diaries from 1916 through 1920. This covers the period when his father, Herbert C. Pace, began the start of a forty-five-year career specializing in gold gilding, through his courtships and experiences, and his time during World War One serving as a cook on a subchaser

in the Atlantic and Caribbean.

The diaries were transcribed by Herbert C. Pace, Jr. and edited by the author. No changes or corrections were made to the work so that the writer's words are as they were written.

Both books are available in hardcover, large print and eBook formats on Amazon.

Pictured above is Herbert C. Pace as he stands at the helm of a Gloucester schooner, a vessel converted into a World War One subchaser in the Atlantic. He served as a cook on one of these vessels during that war. Much of his experiences on these vessels are contained in his diaries, published in the book, "One Man's Story: The Diaries of Herbert C. Pace." Ralph Pace



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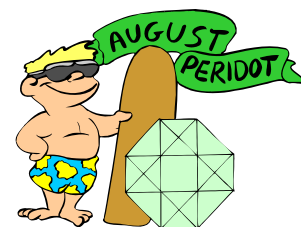
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Apply Now For Community Health's New MA Training Program Starting This Fall

Beginning this September, Community Health will welcome a new group of trainees into its Community Health Career Program, offering a direct pathway to a full-time career in healthcare.

Applications are now being accepted for the 25-week Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) training program. The program is open to individuals with a high school diploma or GED and a passion for helping others. No prior healthcare experience is required.

"We are committed to investing in workforce development in our community, and growing local talent within Community Health," said Tracy Upton, RN, Director of Clinical Operations.

Selected applicants will be hired as full-time Community Health employees, receiving benefits and competitive wages while completing the program. Upon successful completion of the training and passing the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) CCMA certification exam, participants will transition into Medical Assistant roles across Community Health's network of clinics.

"Our goal is to remove the barriers for those interested in healthcare careers," said Upton. "We've created a career path that offers an alternative to the traditional college route, while still leading to a meaningful, long-term profession."

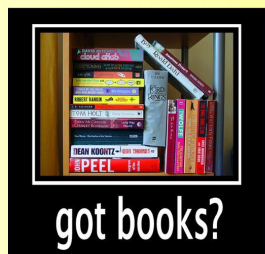
The 25-week program combines classroom instruction, simulation-based learning, and hands-on clinical experience. Trainees will develop skills in taking vital signs, assisting providers during procedures, supporting patients throughout their visits, administering injections, performing lab tests and coordinating care and scheduling.

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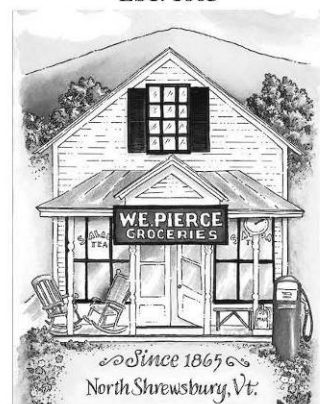
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27th Annual Ralph Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race Set to Splash Down in Ludlow on August 15



Beloved community tradition celebrates Rotary's 100th anniversary with special cash giveaways and proceeds benefiting Plymouth Fire & EMS **LUDLOW, VT** — Get ready to cheer on your favorite plastic feathered friends! The Ludlow Rotary Club is thrilled to announce the return of a signature summer favorite: the **27th Annual Ralph Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race**, taking place on **Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 12 noon**.

This year's event holds extra significance as the Ludlow Rotary Club celebrates a historic milestone—**100 years of community service**. To mark this centennial anniversary, the club is adding an exciting twist to ticket sales, giving buyers one more way to win cash before the race even starts.

The Great Race: From Depot Street to Walker Bridge

On Saturday, August 15, hundreds of yellow rubber ducks will be dropped from the **Depot Street Bridge** into the Black River. Spectators are encouraged to line the Walker Bridge on RTE 103 to cheer on their duckies as they float down the river toward

the finish line (located near Elm and Main Streets).

How to Adopt Your Ducks & Win Big

Single duck tickets are just **\$5**, or you can maximize your chances with a **"Quack Pack" of 5 ducks for \$20**. Tickets can be purchased directly online or visit Ludlow Insurance, M&T Bank, Benson's Chevrolet or Fletcher Memorial Library.

- **Race Prizes:** Cash will be awarded to the sponsors of the first three ducks to cross the finish line. Best of all, even the very last little ducky to drift across pays out, so every duck is in the running until the very end!
- **Centennial "100th Ticket" Bonus:** In honor of 100 years of service, the Ludlow Rotary Club is giving away a **cash bonus** to the buyer of a random milestone ticket. If you are dealt ticket number 100, you automatically win a cash prize of \$100 on the spot—meaning you're in the money even if your duck decides to take a leisurely swim!

Supporting Our Local Heroes

Every year, the Duck Race raises vital funds for local organizations, and this year's designated beneficiary is the **Plymouth Fire & EMS**. By purchasing a duck, you are directly supporting the volunteer first responders who keep our communities safe.

Corporate Sponsorships Available

Local businesses and organizations looking to show their support can purchase a **Corporate Duck Sponsorship for \$50**. Corporate ducks are a fantastic, highly visible way to show community spirit and support both the Rotary and Plymouth Fire & EMS.

Don't wait until they're all sold out—adopt your ducks today, support a wonderful local cause, and join us on August 15 to see who takes home the glory!

For tickets, corporate sponsorships, and more information, please call Sharon Bixby at 802-228-8823 or visit www.ludlowrotary.com.

QUILT RAFFLE AND SAVE THE DATE

The Guild will be selling raffle tickets for this colorful handmade quilt. Second and third place prizes include Vermont pottery and Grafton Cheeses with accessories. Look for us in the coming weeks at the Transfer Station and in front of the Belmont General Store. Drawing at Conclusion of the

Mount Holly Guild Artisan Fair

Saturday, August 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont. Save the Date: Quilts and crafts, baked goods, sandwiches and drinks for sale. All proceeds go toward a scholarship for a Mount Holly graduating senior.





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MOUNT HOLLY COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



June Capron, Olivia Crolle, Luna Ferrusi-Lawtos, Keira Crolle and Maria Fortier

250th CELEBRATION

Big historical celebratory events bring out the very best in the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum Members. As the photos attest, we went big with our float! Our large, cardboard woolly mammoth, provided the impressive background announcing the theme: "From the Ice Age to Independence."

Riding the float were Museum



Mary Leonard, Alison Weintraub, Pat Vogel, Susie Hamilton and Karen Lyon

Board Members depicting different modes of living in Mount Holly in the early years: making maple syrup, farming, quilt making and the railroad worker carrying a replica of the woolly mammoth tusk found in 1848 when the railroad was being built.

The Museum is also most grateful to Craig and Maria for designing and constructing the float. Thank you to Paul and Judy Nevin for loaning the trailer, to Karen Leonard for sharing her photography skills, to Keira and Olivia Crolle and friend, Luna, who dressed in period costumes and provided good cheer as the float passed through the village. And thanks, Jamie Crolle, for driving the float.

VERMONT 250—2027 CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday evening, July 21st, beginning with a pot luck supper at the Odd Fellows Hall, the Museum Board held their Annual Meeting to elect new Board Members. Following a brief meeting, Dennis Devereux introduced the guest speakers, Tom Hughes (Castleton) and Israel (Izzy) Provoncha, (Tunbridge) both Revolutionary War reenactors. They delighted a small audience to a rich evening of history told in story form. Much of the emphasis was on the Green Mountain Boys, as well as Fort Ticonderoga and Fort Independence, Hubbardton and Bennington. Both men appeared in 18th Century clothing; Tom wore civilian garb, and Izzy was dressed in a British military uniform. Izzy gave a detailed explanation of the various uniform colors used by British regiments. He impressed the group explaining how he sewed all his uniforms. Tom and Izzy are well known throughout the State. Their passion and dedication for history and the struggles for our Independence, captured the audience. Already they are preparing for a series of enactments in 2027 to celebrate the 250 anniversary of the founding of the independent Republic of Vermont in Windsor, July 8, 1777. The speakers left us with a listing of upcoming VT 2027 celebrations which we will pass on to you next year.

AUGUST MUSEUM SCHEDULE:

Saturdays and Sundays the Museum will be open from 2:00-4:00pm. Private visits can be arranged by appointment. Contact Dennis Devereux—802 259 2460 or ddevereux@vermontel.net. Also available is Steve Michel—802 259 2049 or stevem671@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Pork Dinner Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, August 29 at Odd Fellows Hall starting at 5:00 PM with eat-in and take-out.

Cider Days: Saturday and Sunday, October 10-11 **Festival of Lights:** Saturday, December 5



Craig Fortier looks on at the amazing, carefully crafted replica mammoth tusk sculpted by his wife, Maria Fortier.

Craig built the form to secure the tusk. The replica will be on display at the Perkins House.

The Fortiers visiting with Israel (Izzy) Provoncha.



Tom Hughes, a prominent Vermont Historian





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The program is open to individuals with a high school diploma or GED and a passion for helping others. No previous experience is required. Successful graduates who complete the training and pass the exam will receive Certified Clinical Medical Assistant accreditation.

If you have questions about the MA Training program, contact Karinda Olseon at koleson@chcrr.org or call 802-855-2086.

Learn more about the Community Health Career Program at CHCRR.org.

New Alzheimer's Support Group in Castleton

In response to our successful Alzheimer's Support Group in Rutland, Community Health had added a second support group meeting in Castleton every other month on the 3rd Tuesday at Community Health Castleton, 275 Route 30 North, Bomoseen, Vermont.

The August 18th meeting begins at 4pm and caregivers and family members are invited to share feelings, thoughts and experiences.

The support group meeting in Rutland, a valuable resource for caregivers, meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 4pm at Community Health North Main, 231 North Main St, Rutland.

Have questions? Contact Kelsey Bathalon at kbathalon@chcrr.org or 802-779-2255

Spread the word so more caregivers can find the support they need.

Community Health Tip: Vaccine Check

It's a good time to check with your Community Health primary care provider or pediatrician about vaccines and which ones you and your family need to update.

Vaccines aren't just for children. Seniors should ask about shingles, tetanus, flu, covid and pneumonia vaccines.

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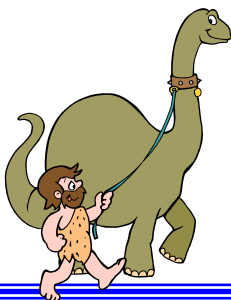
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