

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

"THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS"

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GREEN UP VERMONT
Green Up Day, First Saturday in May
Live the Green Up Way Every Day!

Bolton Green-Up Day Celebration

Free Lunch Live Music Roadside Litter
12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015

Around back at the Bolton Town Garage

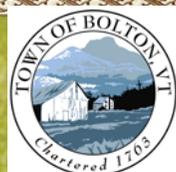
As a thank you to all the fine people of Bolton for pitching in to help keep our roadsides clean and green, we're saying thank you by celebrating with free hamburgers and hotdogs while listening to the music of the Bolton's own



Burgers and dogs to eat A band to keep the beat Come on down and tap your feet

~~~ Thanks for Pitching In to Help Keep Bolton Beautiful ~~~

See more about Bolton's Green Up Day Events 2015 on page 6!



## CLERK'S CORNER

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### **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR DOG?**

If you have registered your dog, thank you! If you have not, Vermont law requires that dogs be licensed annually by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The fee is \$11 and requires proof of current rabies. If you have not registered your dog, expect a reminder phone call. We are happy to issue licenses by mail. Please remember that Bolton does have an Animal Control Ordinance in effect, and our Town Constable, Chris LaBerge, is available to address animal control issues and concerns.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

The winner of the free 2016 dog license is Lazarus the beagle! His humans are John and Lindsay Parnagian. Thank you for registering with the town by April 1, 2015 Lazarus!

### **THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IS DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

Reminder: late payments of the final installment of property taxes incur an immediate 8% late penalty and are turned over to the delinquent tax collector for collection. ***There is no grace period.*** May 18, 2015 postmarks are accepted as on time.

### **911 ADDRESS CHANGES**

The E-911 Board has made address number changes to 11 properties on Wentworth and Thatcher Roads and to all of the Country Club Condominiums. These changes were mandated by the state, not by the town. Affected property owners have been notified by mail. We recognize the complete inconvenience of this change. Please call the town office if you have questions, and thank you for your help and understanding.

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PHOEBE IS GETTING READY FOR  
GREEN UP DAY 2015!

### **PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION**

#### **OF THE MONTH!**

Green Up Day 2015 is coming! It is always the first Saturday in May, so that will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. I can't wait to walk along with my humans while they "Green Up" helping to make Bolton a little cleaner & greener! Do you know what anniversary Green Up Day is celebrating this year? Hint: you might find that answer somewhere in this issue! Or, find out in next month's issue! Be sure to read all about Bolton's Green Up Day events on page 6!

#### **WOOF! WOOF!!**

Last month's answer: The most popular breed of dog in Bolton is a "mixed breed!" Are you surprised? I was! But I was happy to see that *Golden Retrievers* and *German Shepards* tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> and *Labrador Retrievers* for 3<sup>rd</sup>! I also learned that we have all kinds of dogs living in Bolton: *Airedales* and *Australian Sheepdogs*, *Beagles* and *Basset Hounds*, *Brittany Spaniels* and *Border Collies*, *Pekinese*, *Pit Bulls* and *Pugs*, *Newfoundlands* and *Chihuahuas*, *Shih-Tzus* and *Schnauzers*, to name just a few!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS

**Smilie's Scientists!** Did you know that everything around us, including ourselves, is made up of a combination of three states of matter? It's true! Everything is made up of solids, liquids or gases. Mr. Menz's and Ms. Cafferty's classes have been busy exploring these "states of matter." We learned that solids hold their shape when placed in a container and that liquids take the shape of the base of that same container. A gas fills the entire container completely and if there is no lid on it, will also take the space of wherever that container is! Whether something is a solid, liquid or gas depends on the molecules that it is made up of.

Solids have densely packed molecules that don't move around much. The molecules in a gas are loosely packed together and can move around a lot. We learned that heat can help matter to change its state. For example, heating an ice cube, which is a solid, causes it to turn into a liquid. More heat turns this liquid into steam (a gas). We can also change states of matter in other ways. One experiment we did in class was to add baking soda (a solid) to vinegar (a liquid). Combining them made carbon dioxide which is a gas. It was very cool to watch. We'll be doing a lot of other investigations within this unit including proving that the weight of matter is constant by weighing whole cookies and then breaking them up and re-weighing them. We'll also be making rock candy and chocolate. Sweet!



**VYCC and Smilie School!** Several times this year, Smilie Memorial School has been visited by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. to help teach us about healthy nutrition. Students from VYCC have worked with Smilie students to make pizzas, brownies and blueberry muffins using all natural ingredients. They also share vegetables from the VYCC garden with every Smilie student each time they come. In addition to baking with us, the VYCC students have taught our students about healthy nutrition through a variety of games and art projects. We have really enjoyed having them visit this year!

**Smilie Students Celebrate Spirit Week!** On Monday, everyone in Mrs. Cole's Kindergarten class wore their pajamas to school. It was a cozy day at school!

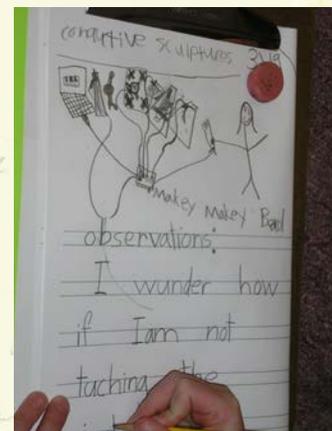
On Tuesday, it was crazy hair day. Ms. Tomasi-Gay and Mrs. Smith look like they had the same hairstylist!



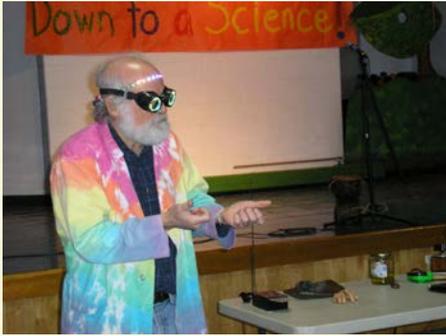
Wednesday was hat and sunglasses day and just look at those eager faces all out looking for the sun!!

On Thursday, students will perform random acts of kindness. To end the week on Friday, students will dress in fashions from the 1980s. We are all looking forward to seeing what students think styles were like in the 1980s!

**Mrs. Lefrancois' class – grades 1 & 2!** Students in Mrs. LeFrancois' first and second grade made conductive sculptures to explore how Makey Makey boards work. They drew models and held discussions to further their understanding and think about how they can use the boards in different ways. They played their sculptures like a piano and imagined all the possibilities! To learn more about Makey Makey boards, go to <http://makeymakey.com/>



**John Cohn**, an amazing engineer, scientist and maker, came to Smilie School as a part of our Smilie READS program. His enthusiasm for science and his creativity inspired everyone beyond words! He reminded us how magical STEAM can be! Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math!



**Vermont Writes!** Smilie students joined hundreds of young writers across the state and participated in a 7 minute write a few weeks ago. The whole school gathered in our central pod area and wrote a response to the prompt: "If you could be any animal for one day, what would you choose and why." Students were very engaged in the experience and enjoyed listening to one another share their responses at the end.



**Part 2 - The Early Years**

In School Child Care for Preschool and Kindergarten Children  
If you're interested in our program, please contact us with the schedule that would be ideal for your family and we will do our best to make this a reality. Scholarships and subsidies are available for qualified families. A summer camp program for your 3-5 year old will be available starting July 6<sup>th</sup> at Richmond Elementary School. Please visit our website for more information: [www.Part2Kids.com](http://www.Part2Kids.com)  
Jeff O'Hara, Part 2 Coordinator  
jeffohara@gmail.com

### GREEN UP DAY 2015

When the snow has turned to water  
And the leaves bud on the trees  
The trash along our roadsides  
Can be an ugly thing to see

That's when Vermonters gather  
Picking litter for a day  
To keep our byways beautiful  
Because it's the Vermont way

We don't Adopt-a-Highway  
As does every other state  
Instead it's up to each of us  
To pick up our winter waste

So help keep Bolton pretty  
Come on out and lend a hand  
Cleaning up our roadsides  
Removing litter from our land

Get your green bags at the Office  
Take a walk and fill them up  
Leave the full bags on the roadside  
For the Town crew to pick-up

Then head down to the Garage  
And grab something to eat  
There's a band to keep the beat up  
Come down and tap your feet

So please mark your calendars  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date  
If you just pitch in for an hour  
We'll all have a greener State

What: GREEN UP DAY 2015

When: Saturday, May 2.

Where: Pick up designated Green Up Bags at the Town Office prior to May 2nd. Pick up roadside litter and leave full Green Up Bags and other bulky items along the roadside for the Town Highway Crew to pick up, or bring the waste to the Town Garage.

Why: To help keep Bolton beautiful!

Afternoon Celebration: Burgers, Dogs and live music provided at the Town Garage from 12:00 to 3:00.

Note: If you come upon a pile of debris too large to clean up, please let the Town Office know about it so that we can send out a special ops team to take care of it at a later date.

**Thank you all for your participation!**

Tony Barbagallo  
Green Up Day Coordinator 2015

Launched in 1970  
First Saturday in May



# Green Up Vermont

Green Up Day ~ May 2nd, 2015 ~ 45th Anniversary

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**BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER**

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2015

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: Pork Roast, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Rolls & Dessert!

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769



**FINAL REMINDER FOR THE WHEELER TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS**

This is the final reminder that the *Wheeler Trust Scholarship* application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Overseen by the Board of Civil Authority, the Wheeler Trust Scholarship annually awards funds to 1 – 5 full time college students from Bolton. See the town website or call the town office for the full guidelines on applying.

**BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION**

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month for the following month's edition. To OPT IN to receive the Bolton Gazette electronically and in color (help the town save \$ on paper and postage costs!) email [boltingazette@gmavt.net](mailto:boltingazette@gmavt.net).

We welcome all submissions, in any format: stories, news, events, art, poetry, photographs. Drop submissions at the town office or, you've got it, email them to [boltingazette@gmavt.net](mailto:boltingazette@gmavt.net)!

**FROM THE RICHMOND FOOD SHELF**

On March 21<sup>st</sup> skiers bringing in a jar of peanut butter received a discounted lift ticket at Bolton Valley Resort. The Vermont Peanut Butter Company (Morrisville VT) matched the number of jars donated, resulting in a total of 58 jars of delicious peanut butter being donated to the Richmond Food Shelf! The Richmond Food Shelf appreciates the time and effort of both organizations! Thank you!



Left to Right:  
Chris Kaiser, Founder of Vermont Peanut Butter Company,  
Marcia Levinson, manager of the Richmond Food Shelf,  
and Josh Arneson, representative of Bolton Valley Resort.