

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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PRESTON LAFRENIERE HOMESTEAD

FOR SALE

The Preston Lafreniere Homestead remains for sale through the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The ANR has re-advertised this property in hopes of attracting a buyer. The bid deadline has now been extended through September 30th, with another open house scheduled on September 1st, and an established minimum bid of \$80,000. More information is available at: <http://bgs.vermont.gov/propman/landsale/preston-lafreniereproperty>



BOLTON'S STATE REPRESENTATIVE

REBECCA ELLIS STEPS DOWN

On August 5th it was officially announced that one of Bolton's two state representatives, Rebecca Ellis, D-Waterbury, had resigned her seat in the Legislature to take a position with the Agency of Natural Resources as senior counsel for government affairs. Governor Shumlin will be responsible for selecting a replacement to serve the remaining one year in Rebecca's term.

Liz Schlegel, Chair of the Waterbury Democratic Town Committee noted that the selection process calls for forming a committee with Democrats from Waterbury, Huntington and Bolton to solicit and review applicants for the nomination, make recommendations for the final contenders, and lastly to send a list of no more than 3 names to the Governor.

Tentative timeline:

- Convene to form the District Committee in the next two weeks
- Call for applications: deadline second week of September
- Re-convene, make selections, send names to Governor Shumlin in late September.

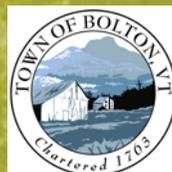
Please contact the town office if you are interested in becoming involved in the selection process.



We wish Rebecca well in her new position and thank her for her service to our community.



Photo Credit: VT General Assembly



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN – APPRAISAL VISITS

Bolton's Assessor, Kermit Blaisdell, and his assistant Linde Emerson, have resumed appraisal visits. The current cycle of the town wide appraisal will end in 2016. If you live on one of the following roads and have not been appraised, please call 434-3064 ext. 221 or email assistbolton@gmavt.net to schedule your appointment. Visits are on Wednesdays between 10:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Finishing: Duxbury Road, Country Club Condos, Mountain View Drive, Fern Hollow, and Bear Mountain Road.

Starting: Boys Club Road, Rosewood Lane, Sharkeyville Road, Thatcher Road and Wentworth Road.

THE CSWD ROVER IS COMING!

Mark your calendars! The CSWD ROVER will be in Bolton at the Fire Station on Saturday, October 24th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bolton Fire Station. The ROVER accepts (from Chittenden County households only) paints & stains, cleaners, automotive fluids, insecticides, chemicals and more. Call CSWD for more information at 872-811 or go to www.cswd.net



PHOEBE VISITS THE BOLTON "POTHOLES"

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

Have you and your family ever visited the Bolton "Potholes" that are located in Joiner Brook? If you have, you probably know that this is a really popular spot where many people enjoy swimming on hot summer days. But, do you know another name for this spot? Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Could you tell from the picture where Bolton's newest BOLL is? You were right if you guessed that it is at the new hiker kiosk in the parking lot for the Green Mountain Club's Winooski River footbridge! Just think, hikers can hike and READ when they hike through Bolton! Find out more about Bolton's other BOLLs on the town website:

<http://boltonvt.com/about/bolton-little-libraries-bolls/>

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR NEWS 

Dinner

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2015

Place: Fire Station

Time: 5:00 PM

Menu: Beef and veggie shish kabobs, rice pilaf, green beans, and PIE!

Questions? Call Doris Wheelock @ 434-3769. Thank you!



Community Movie Night at HMCA

Date: September 5, 2015

Place: Hunger Mountain Christian Assembly, Route 100, Waterbury Center

Time: 7 p.m.

For more information call the HMCA @ 244-5921. Donations accepted.

CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY BY SERVING ON THE DRB?

VOLUNTEER ALTERNATE POSITION: The DRB has the responsibility of reviewing and taking action on proposals for land development under Bolton's Land Use and Development Regulations. Responsibilities include conducting Site Plan and Conditional Use Review, Subdivision and Variance Review, and hearing appeals of decisions of Bolton's Zoning Administrator. Appeals of decisions made by the DRB are referred to the Vermont Environmental and Superior Courts. Can you help? Please contact the town office. Thank you.



PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

Reminder: The first installment of property taxes is due on September 15, 2015. Payments **MUST** be received in the town office by 4 p.m. on the 15th or postmarked on the 15th to be considered on time. Late payments incur a 1% interest penalty each month. Please note:

the registered voters of Bolton approved the due dates for property tax installments, and there is no grace period.

If you have NOT received your tax bill, or if you have had a change of address, ***please contact the office!*** Property tax bills were mailed on July 17th and we have had numerous tax bills returned that were unable to be forwarded by the USPS.

BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th of the 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 boltongazette@gmavt.net We welcome all submissions, in any format. Drop submissions at the town office or, email them to boltongazette@gmavt.net

GETTING READY FOR THE START OF SCHOOL

By Mark Carbone, Principal, CHMS

We are excited to welcome Hope Engels as the new Assistant Principal at Camels Hump. Ms. Engels earned her BS from Dartmouth College and her Master's in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has twelve years of experience including a number as a teacher and education director in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Ms. Engels brings a wealth of knowledge and energy to our middle school and we look forward to her expertise and leadership. Please stop by Camel's Hump and welcome her to our community!

Other additions to the CHMS team include: Ms. Sabbattis Twichell will teach foreign language, Ms. Amira Bakr joins the 7th grade team Summit and Ms. Hannah Lindsey will teach on the 8th grade team Grit.

CHMS teachers have been working on professional development in Readers and Writers Workshops as well as math instruction again this summer. For the first time, 5th grade students will join in the 1:1 laptop initiative. I am pleased to announce that 100% of the CHMS student body will now have daily access to laptop technology.

The physical plant at Camels Hump is undergoing the annual rigorous fall preparation including: duct cleaning, painting, heating and ventilation system upgrades, electrical work, library window replacement, replacement of the upright refrigerator as part of the kitchen's upgrades from LP to natural gas, replacement of a 750 gallon hot water tank with two 119-gallon high-efficiency tanks that will run 100% off either the woodchip or natural gas-fired boilers, and draining the glycol out of the wood boiler and natural gas boiler systems as part of the school's insurance requirements.

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' on Saturday, October 24th, 10am-3pm. Come and witness pumpkins in flight in expert to novice divisions. This fun family event helps support the continuation of the PROSPER Program; a 7 week program for 6th grade students and their families to assist both through the challenges of adolescence. If you would like more information about this program, please contact Rebecca Thompson @ 434-2188 or rebecca.thompson@cesuvt.org.

Camels Hump Middle School continues to look for parent and community volunteers to help in the education and success of our students. Math and reading volunteers are needed to support math and literacy development skills. Math volunteers will help with basic calculation and computation skills. Literacy volunteers will assist with reading fluency and comprehension. Training is provided and schedules are flexible. Please consider volunteering. For more information, please call 434-2188 or email: mark.carbone@cesuvt.org.

The next Mount Mansfield Modified Union School Board meeting will be held on August 24 at 6:30 pm. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

VEHICLE AND HOME BREAK-INS

Unfortunately, there have been several vehicle and home break-ins in Bolton in the last few weeks resulting in stolen property. Please remember to lock your vehicles and home, use security (or even game) cameras if you have them, keep your vehicle tidy (i.e. remove your shopping bags and valuables) and if you are able to, park in a well-lit area and avoid concealment by larger vehicles. Help your neighbors by keeping an eye out for suspicious activity in your area and please safely report any suspicious activity or break-ins to the state police. Thank you!

FIREWORKS DISPLAY ORDINANCE

The Fireworks Display Ordinance adopted by the Select Board on May 18, 2015 *took effect on July 27, 2015.* Permit applications MUST be submitted 15 days in advance of the intended date of the fireworks display. The full text of the ordinance is available on the town's website.



TINY OFFICE VISITOR!



STATE INCREASE IN DOG LICENSE FEES

Effective July 1st, the state of Vermont added a mandatory dog license fee surcharge of \$1.00 for the purpose of funding the state spaying and neutering program. The new total fee for a dog license in Bolton is now \$12, increased from \$11.



JUNE 9th STORM EVENT

A federal disaster has been officially declared for the rainstorm event that hit Bolton and neighboring towns on June 9th. Bolton representatives attended the mandatory meeting in Richmond on August 5th to begin the funding application process, and going forward, will be working with FEMA and state agencies to pursue all possible funding for final road repairs and reconstruction.



MMU ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

29th Annual Pre-Open House



Lasagna Dinner

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Come join us for a delicious dinner of:

- **Lasagna**
- **Green salad**
- **Rolls or bread**
- **Beverage**
- **Delicious pie**



Take-out meals available

TICKETS:

\$8 adults

\$6 MMU students & younger

 \$3 preschoolers

\$25 family (2 adults; 2 students)

Tickets available at the door or at the following locations starting Sept. 1:

- **MMU Main Office**
- **Beaudry's Store, Huntington**
- **Jericho Center Country Store**
- **Richmond Home Supply**
- **Underhill Country Store**

