

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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PRESTON LAFRENIERE HOMESTEAD

SALE UPDATE

By Mike Fraysier, Vermont Agency of
Natural Resources Land Director

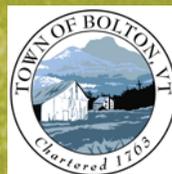
The Department received two bid proposals by the June 10th deadline for the purchase of the Lafreniere sale parcel. Unfortunately, neither of the proposals came close to meeting the Department's financial objectives in selling the property. Specifically, neither bid would cover the Department's expenses incurred in this project to date and would leave no money available to the Department to undertake additional needed barn stabilization efforts. The Department has rejected these bids and has decided to re-advertise this property in hopes of attracting other potential buyers. The bid deadline has now been extended through September 30th and we have scheduled another open house at the property for September 1st. We have also established a minimum bid of \$80,000 for this property (\$46,000 below the property's appraised value).

We thank the Town for their continued support of the Department's efforts to sell this property and remain optimistic that this latest effort will be successful.



GMC'S WINOOSKI RIVER BRIDGE

The Green Mountain Club and nearly 100 well wishers celebrated the opening of the GMC's Winooski River Bridge in Bolton on June 12th. The new 224 foot long suspension bridge was part of the Long Trail relocation project in Bolton, and already is receiving rave reviews from hikers and walkers alike. Please be aware – the new bridge and Long Trail relocation have created a new Route 2 pedestrian crossing near the northern I89 emergency gate, as well as a new pedestrian signal at the Notch Road tunnel to alert drivers when there are pedestrians in the tunnel.



CLERK'S CORNER

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PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Select Board will set the FY 15 – 16 tax rate at their July 13th meeting, and we expect to print the FY 15 – 16 property bills that week. You should receive your property tax bill by the end of July. Has your mailing address changed? If so, please contact the town office to let us know your new mailing address! Thank you!

HELP EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

FIND YOUR HOME!

Install an E911 sign! Contact the town office to order your sign, made especially for you by the BVFD, for only a \$10 fee!

STILL HOPEFULLY SEEKING...

A volunteer to serve our community as an Alternate on the Development Review Board. Please contact the town office if you are interested in serving  your town.

ROAD DAMAGE FROM THE JUNE 9TH STORM

Emergency repairs to the town roads affected by the June 9th torrential downpour have been completed.

The town is currently waiting to see if a FEMA declaration will be made. FEMA and VTrans representatives were in Bolton on June 30th gathering information and doing site visits. To date the town has spent nearly 30K to make the emergency repairs. Final repairs are expected to run 200K - 250K+.

Making the final repairs will take some time as the town needs to finish exploring any potential FEMA and/or state funding. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



**PHOEBE CHECKING OUT A BOOK AT
THE MYSTERY BOLL!**

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

There is a new BOLL (Bolton's Own Little Libraries) in town...do you know where it is located? Find out the answer in next month's issue! **WOOF WOOF!**

Last month's answer: Did you figure out the connection of between the big "sawed" up tree and Bolton's history? Did you guess "saw mills?" You're right! The first sawmill was built along Mill Brook in 1829, and by the 1880s there were lots of sawmills in Bolton that cut over 450 miles of lumber every year! The wood was used to make shingles, boards, barrels, boxes and lots more. But the sawmills didn't last – by the 1920s most of the big trees had been cut down, so with no wood to cut, the sawmills were abandoned. This was a sad time in Bolton's history, with no work in the sawmills, people had leave Bolton to find work other places.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ANNOUNCED

Our Community Cares Camp is participating in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on free or reduced priced meals during the school year continue to have adequate nutrition throughout the summer. Participating children who are members of 3 Squares households or receive Reach Up benefits are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits at eligible program sites, as well as children of families with gross incomes at or below the levels in the chart below.

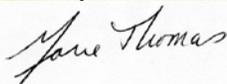
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	21,590	1,800	900	831	416
2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
For each additional household member add	7,511	626	313	289	145

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service. Meals will be provided at these sites and times:

Location	Dates	Meal	Start	End
Camels Hump Middle School	July 6 – 30 Mon - Thurs	Breakfast	7:45	8:45
Camels Hump Middle School	July 6 – 30 Mon - Thurs	Lunch	11:30	12:15
Huntington Public Library	Fridays June 26 July 3,10,17,24,31 August 7	Lunch	11:30	12:00
Richmond Free Library	Fridays June 26 July 10,17,24,31 August 7	Lunch	11:30	12:15
Jericho Town Library	Fridays June 26 July 10,17,24,31 August 7	Lunch	12:30	1:00
Riverview Commons, Richmond	Fridays June 26 July 3,10,17,24,31 August 7	Lunch	12:00	12:30

The sites are open to everyone, but you must enroll to participate. For enrollment information, contact Marie Thomas at 434-6006 or occc@gmavt.net For more information, see www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org

Sincerely,



Marie Thomas, Executive Director

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Pizza Fridays ~Free Fresh Pizza For kids 18 and younger.
June 26 – August 7, 2015

At these locations: Richmond Free Library at Noon
Jericho Town Library at 12:30
Riverview Commons at the Green from Noon – 12:30
Huntington Public Library from 11:30 - noon

The meal is free, but you must register by calling 434-6006 or email
occc@gmavt.net Leave name and which site you will visit.

Sponsored by Our Community Cares Camp
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BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Come celebrate summer with a BBQ & ice cream!

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Time: 5:00 PM

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Watermelon, Maple Cornbread, & Ice Cream Sundaes!

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769



BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15th 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 boltongazette@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 boltongazette@gmavt.net!

PRESTON POND LADY SLIPPERS



*Dear Mother of
our savy Cousin
the garden
ple. It's
not a matter*

Wrapping Up The Year And Easing Into Summer

By Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School

Congratulations to the CHMS eighth graders for completing their middle school efforts—and best of luck as you enter Mount Mansfield Union High School. Welcome to the new fifth graders from Richmond, Smilie Memorial and Brewster-Pierce elementary schools. Your hard work and perseverance has brought you to another leg of your education journey!

CHMS students raced in a Big Wheel Grand Prix to celebrate the end of a week of intense SBAC common core standard testing. The competition had homerooms wheeling around the outer parking lot loop. There were three pit stops where drivers changed and handed over the wheel. Students had a great time gearing up for the race readying vehicles and building teams. Kerry Young's homeroom won the Grand Prix for speed and Michelle Carter's came in first for creativity.

As the school year comes to a close, we think about future plans...the summer...next school year. What are your plans for the summer? It is important to keep kids moving and mentally engaged during the break from school. Get the whole family involved and make summer a time of learning and fun! The summer is a great time to explore new activities. Take advantage of our local free libraries. Create family fun that stimulates your child's thinking. Visit the Echo Center or the Montshire Museum of Science. Take a family field trip to another part of our beautiful state or explore one of our state parks. Go for a bike ride. Attend a free outdoor concert at Battery Park in Burlington. Stay up late, look at the stars, and identify constellations. Volunteers needed for summer garden weeding at CHMS/RES School Community Garden: your ONE HOUR visit helps! Please help keep our fabulous garden beds under control during summer vacation. If you are a supporter of fresh local food in

school lunches and like to work outdoors, please consider offering to do one weeding of our CHMS/RES Community garden beds this summer....the vacation is long.... and the beautifully composted beds are a wonderful place for weeds to grow rampant! Bring your family, or join with friends, and spend an hour or two caretaking the raised beds. This is a great way to help behind the scenes and at your own convenience. A commitment of one or two hours on the roster would be excellent. You can do one visit this summer, at a time of your choosing, or sign up for more. Your time and effort would be greatly appreciated, and would contribute to the mission of growing herbs and vegetables for use right here at school, and fostering a caring student community. To sign up, please email pstraughan63@gmail.com or call Pat Straughan at 233-1417. Please give your name, email or phone, and choose a week this summer that would work for you. Many thanks!

We are pleased to welcome three new teachers to the CHMS team. Amira Bakr will join the 7th grade in social studies and language arts. Hannah Lindsey will be in 8th grade, also in social studies and language arts. Sabattis Twichell joins us for foreign language instruction. Welcome!

Best wishes for a summer filled with family memories, fun adventures and good reading! Thank you for your continued support.



RESTORATION ALONG THE BANKS OF THE WINOOSKI RIVER

From the Bolton Conservation Commission

Are you a stream side (riparian) landowner in Bolton, or know someone who is? The Friends of the Winooski are actively seeking landowners to participate in their riparian restoration program.



From the Friends of the Winooski River: Each year, the Friends plants about 2000-2500 trees and shrubs along the banks of the Winooski and its tributaries. If you are interested talking with us about this kind of tree planting / riparian restoration on your property, please contact the Friends at info@winooskiriver.org or 882-8276.

The Winooski River and its tributaries are still recovering from massive deforestation that occurred throughout Vermont in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Degraded riparian buffers reduce water quality values, reduce wildlife and fish populations, and can cause serious property damage (bank erosion) and loss of valuable agricultural lands. Removal of stream side vegetation has resulted in increased water temperatures and decreased dissolved oxygen. The loss of shade exposes soils to drying out by wind and sunlight and reduces the water storage capacity of the river bank area.

The restoration of riparian buffers improves water quality to prevent sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, pesticides and other pollutants from reaching a stream.

Stream side tree and shrub vegetation is a major source of energy and nutrients for stream communities. Woody vegetation with deep roots helps to hold soil in place and reduce erosion. Overhanging riparian vegetation helps to keep streams cool, especially important for trout populations.

Riparian buffers provide valuable habitat for wildlife. In addition to providing food and cover they are an important corridor or travel way for a variety of wildlife. Stream side vegetation slows floodwaters, thereby helping to maintain stable streambanks and protect downstream property. This kind of vegetation allows water to soak into the ground and recharge groundwater, and also traps sediment that would otherwise degrade streams and rivers.

Friends of the Winooski River is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Winooski and its tributaries. For more information about our organization visit our website: www.winooskiriver.org