

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

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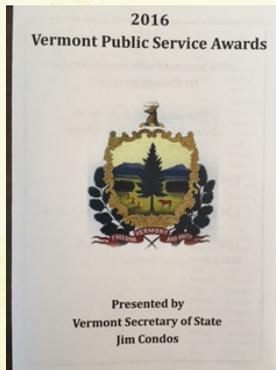
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BOLTON'S 2016 VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

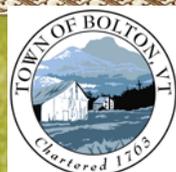


Recipients Betty Wheelock (1st picture, 4th from right) and Jerry Mullen (2nd picture, 4th from left) posed with other recipients and Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos (center) after receiving their awards.

Ten Bolton residents were recognized at the April 14th Vermont Public Service Award ceremony for Chittenden County. Every five years, this program honors individuals who have served as elected or appointed local officials, or as fire or police service, for 20 or more years. The goal of the program is to highlight the vital role of public servants in the ongoing success of Vermont's cities and towns and to provide these valuable public servants the recognition they deserve.

Secretary Condos noted that “Vermont's local officials are largely volunteers who serve their communities year after year; often with little or no pay and without constant applause. They run our elections, set the grand list, and determine appeals. They keep the roads in good repair and passable even during the toughest Vermont winters. They maintain local records and help plan for the growth of our communities. They keep our towns safe, fight fires, respond to emergencies, serve on school boards, and many other vital and necessary roles which many of us may take for granted. They are a gift to our communities and deserve to be celebrated for their enduring work.”

Congratulations and thank you to: Linda Baker (31 years), Steve Barner (25 years), John Devine (26 years), Mike Gervia (25 years), Brenda McKeown (41 years), Cheryl Mendicino (21 years), Jerry Mullen (36 years), Joan Pecor (31 years) Rodney Pingree (27 years), and Betty Wheelock (28 years).



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 1st. The current list of unregistered dogs has been turned over to the Town Constable for follow up.

THE WINNER OF THE 2017 FREE DOG LICENSE!

Congratulations to BLUE (her humans are Chris Brunell and Robin Pecor-Brunell), the winner of the free 2017 Dog License, with our thanks for registering by the April 1st deadline!

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES IS DUE ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

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 16, 2016 FEDERAL postmarks are accepted as on time.

COMPLETION OF THE REAPPRAISAL CYCLE

Bolton's five year appraisal cycle will be completed this spring. In early June, every property owner will receive an appraisal report via the USPS, which will include information on the grievance process (how to grieve your property's assessed value), and the new/current and prior year property values for the entire town.



PHOEBE VISITS THE "MYSTERY STRUCTURE" ON HONEY HOLLOW ROAD

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

I had a wonderful walk with my humans on Honey Hollow Road – the road was still closed from winter so we didn't even have to worry about any cars! When we were close to the bottom, I had a little swim (brrr!) in Preston Brook, and then I noticed this "mystery structure." It's two old cement walls that angle down to a narrow opening, which was really close to the brook. What do you think this was for, or was a part of? Find out about this "mystery structure" in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: Last year on Green Up Day, we cleaned up 944 pounds of trash, and 1060 pounds of tires in Bolton! Can you believe it? Do you think we will collect more or less trash and tires this year?

CAMEL'S HUMP MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING UPDATE

Spring is here at last, and with it comes warmer weather, muddy roads, and longer days. At this time of year, students at Camels Hump Middle School take more time for exploration and discovery on campus, in the local community, and on field trips.

Sixth graders will soon make the annual trek to Ottawa, Canada. Team Sequoia will explore the Nulhegan Basin, part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Our 8th graders travel to Lowell, Massachusetts to explore the woolen mills as part of their studies of the industrial revolution. Again this spring, students will be working on amphibian crossing species inventory and rescue on Sherman Hollow Road and Wes White Hill Road in Huntington for the Huntington Conservation Commission and Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas Program. Other field trips include: Huntington Birds of Vermont Museum, Mills Riverside Park in Jericho, Queechee Gorge, Vermont Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, and a Civil War re-enactment in Shelburne.

Spring band and chorus concert performances are scheduled for May 12th for 5th and 6th graders and May 19th for 7th and 8th grades. As part of Burlington's Discover Jazz Festival, the CHMS select chorus and jazz band will perform on Church Street on June 8th.

This season's athletic activities include inter scholastic baseball and softball as well as after school mountain biking, rock climbing, and--at the request of students--a new fun and fitness program.

The CHMS community garden already has 200 spinach plants and 1000 onion sets planted. Volunteers are needed for this summer. Please consider a one week commitment to weed, water, and nurture the gardens. Should you have leftovers after splitting home perennials, we are always looking for additions to the CHMS flower beds.

You may have noticed construction vehicles at Richmond Elementary School. For the next several weeks the RES/CHMS campus will have bank restoration progress. Vehicle access to the campus should not be impacted during arrival and dismissal times. Please let us know if you have any questions along the way. We're excited that this project is getting underway!

Congratulations to Michelle Carter of Camels Hump Middle School and Katie LeFrancois of Richmond Elementary School, and our district technology integrationists Shaun Langevin and Renee Barrett for their dedication to innovations in education. These educators were all recognized at the recent VTASCD and VITAlern Project Ignite event where educators from across the state gathered to learn from each other and discuss innovations in our schools. We are proud to have these leaders in learning in our schools and working with our scholars.

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The Jr. Iron Chef Team "The Cooking Mountaineers" recently competed in the state competition at Champlain Valley Exposition and won the Compost Award for their effort. CHMS team members made Sweet Potato and Apple Pierogies with Maple Balsamic Reduction and Dijon Beurre Blanc.

CHMS Chef Diane Fitzgerald and sixth-grader Evan Hazen shared their recipe for Breakfast Power Bars March 30th on WCAX's Cafeteria Cook-Off.

Breakfast Power Bar Recipe Ingredients: 2c Whole Grain Oats, 3/4t salt, 2t Cinnamon, 1c Sunbutter, 2 Bananas ripe, 1/2c Local Slopeside Maple Syrup, 1/4c Chocolate Chips, and 1/2c Dry Unsweetened Cranberries. Method: Mash bananas, mix in the rest and then using a #24 scoop to put on a greased sheet pan and flatten slightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

On May 27th, CHMS students will race in our second annual Grand Prix in celebration of the end of SBAC testing. This team-building adventure will wrap up a week of testing of the new common core standards, "Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium," which replaced the previously used NECAP standardized tests. For more information about SBAC, visit www.smarterbalanced.org.

The MMMUSD board meets at 6:30 pm on May 21st at Underhill Central School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Mark Carbone, Principal



Award recipients Shaun Langevin, Katie LeFrancois, Michelle Carter & Renee Barrett



The Jr. Iron Chef Team "The Cooking Mountaineers"

CLERK'S CORNER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR DINNER

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork on Rolls, Homemade Baked Beans, Coleslaw, & Dessert

See you there! Doris Wheelock 434-3769



THE ECONOMIC RESOURCE COMMITTEE

The volunteer Economic Resource Committee (ERC) was established as a town committee on April 4, 2016, and is charged with advising the Select Board and the Planning Commission on policies, initiatives and programs to promote sustainable community and economic development in the Town of Bolton.

From the ERC: As part of Bolton's town planning process, we are collecting information about all the local businesses, and will be sending out a short questionnaire to the businesses we are aware of in early May. This data will be used for two things, one to define the economic status of the town, and two, to help promote businesses located in Bolton. In order to do that, we need to know a bit about your business. We understand you are busy, but we are trying to make Bolton more conducive to business and hope you will take a few minutes to answer the survey. Please return the survey or go to the town web site: <http://boltonvt.com/economic-resource-committee/> and fill out the online questionnaire on this page. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

The committee meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month in the conference room at the Town Office.

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 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!

Chittenden East Youth Football Wolverines



2016 Multi Media Blitz

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The Chittenden East Youth Football Association, or CEYFA, is a Vermont not-for-profit organization founded for the purpose of promoting youth football, and operates a youth football program for Chittenden East area youth. Players that are eligible reside in the Towns of; Jericho, Underhill, Richmond, Westford, Bolton and Huntington. CEYFA is a member of the Northern Vermont Football League (NVYFL), an organization of 16 youth football teams from various towns in northern Vermont. NVYFL is a well-established and organized league with a governing board of directors and cooperative involvement of all team coaches. The league has a tradition of enthusiastic competition between youth teams, and offers an excellent venue for young athletes to experience football in an organized, safe environment.

For more information, please call Joe Gay; CEYFA President (802) 236-5973