

# THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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## PLANNING FOR BOLTON'S FUTURE

From the Bolton Planning Commission



### WEST BOLTON MORNING BEAUTY

Photo Credit: Jen Dudley-Gaillard

### 2016 ELECTIONS

*Note: There are no November 2015 elections*

**Town Meeting:** Monday p.m., February 29<sup>th</sup>

**Town Meeting Day:** Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Presidential Primary:** Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
aka “SUPER TUESDAY”

**Vermont Primary:** Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

**VT Gubernatorial/Presidential Election:**  
Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>



Bolton's Community Planning Process kicked off on September 30<sup>th</sup> with nearly 50 people attending the Kickoff Dinner at Smilie School, sharing their thoughts on Bolton's strengths, challenges, and future (go to the Bolton website to see the shared thoughts). October will see 4 neighborhood forums taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Whether or not you can make it to, or have made it to, one of Bolton's community forums for town planning, you can still make your voice heard! Do you have 5 minutes? Do you want to influence the future of your town? Take the Bolton Planning Commission's survey and tell us what you value about Bolton and what you envision for its future. The survey is on the homepage of the town website, and hard copies are available at the town office.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WT6LZMZ>

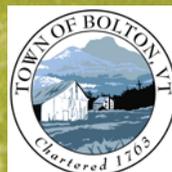
Community Forums later in October:

**Route 2 Area Forum:** October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 p.m. @ Smilie School

**West Bolton Forum:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8 p.m. @ the West Bolton Golf Club



**Mapping out areas to maintain transform, and evolve in our town!**



## CLERK'S CORNER

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### SITE VISIT AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Bolton Select Board will conduct a site visit and public hearing in response to a petition from residents/property owners requesting that the town take over 3 private roads: Mountain View Drive, Bear Mountain Road & Fern Hollow.

**Site visit:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at the intersection of Mountain View Drive and Notch Road.

**Public Hearing:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Smilie School.

Rain date: Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, same time and places.

See the Select Board page on the website for the official notice, or stop by the town office.

### REAPPRAISALS CONTINUE!

If you have received a postcard from the town office about scheduling a reappraisal visit, please call the town office to schedule an appointment. Appointments are scheduled on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Reappraisals are ongoing all over town as the 5 year appraisal cycle wraps up: Boys Club Road, lower Bolton Valley Access Road, Wentworth and Thatcher Roads, Mountain View Drive area, Duxbury Road, and West Bolton.

### DON'T FORGET

#### THE CSWD ROVER IS COMING!

Been doing some fall cleaning and don't know what to do with that old paint? Bring it to the Rover! Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.cswd.net)



### **PHOEBE TAKES IN THE VIEW FROM THE TOP OF THE WILDERNESS CHAIRLIFT AT BOLTON VALLEY**

#### PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

#### OF THE MONTH!

I love hiking with my humans around Bolton! If there is a place to swim or get muddy, that makes it even more fun, or hiking to places where I can see our town all spread out in front of me, like here on the top of the Wilderness Chairlift at Bolton Valley. From up here, Bolton looks really big and pretty with its mountains & valleys! Can you guess how many acres of land there are in Bolton? Find out in next month's issue! **WOOF! WOOF!!**

Last month's answer: Thanks to the students at Smilie School last month for holding the annual dog tag shape vote! The winner this year is the **DOG HEAD** shaped tag and the color is orange! I can't wait to get my new Bolton dog tag on January 1<sup>st</sup>!

**SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS****SMILIE STUDENTS WRITE TOGETHER FOR VERMONT WRITES DAY!**

The students in Mrs. Tomasi-Gay's, Ms. Cafferty's and Mr. Menz's math classes spent some time outside trying to find math all around us. We began by watching a short video showing the many ways that math shows up in the real world. Afterwards, we went outside with iPads to photograph some examples of math. Students found examples of geometry (the triangles and rectangles of our greenhouse and the circular manhole cover), arrays (the 2x6 window arrangements of our school windows) and various patterns (the bricks of the school and the diamond patterns of our picnic tables by the greenhouse.) Afterwards we went back inside and each group of students shared the pictures of the patterns they had found. This was a great activity to start out our school year mathematically!



*Don't lose your math!*

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

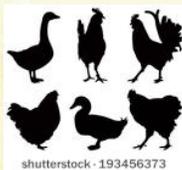
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Place: Bolton Fire Station

Menu: OUEY GUEY mac and cheese, sliced ham, broccoli, Halloween cupcakes, and don't forget the trick or treats!

Time: 5:00 PM

Questions? Contact Doris @ 434-3769. Thank you!



**GOT POULTRY?**

Please read this important information from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture regarding helping to prepare the State for the potential Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) expected to affect VT in fall 2015 or spring 2016:

An informational sheet on HPAI, as well as an audit sheet which should be used to get a better handle on flock locations, numbers, and risk profiles is available at: [http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal\\_health](http://agriculture.vermont.gov/animal_health)

All poultry owners, whether they are backyard hobbyists or commercial producers, should evaluate their farms for risk factors that could contribute to avian influenza occurring on their farms. If there are any questions, individuals can call the Animal Health Division at the Agency at (802) 828-2421. Thank you in advance for helping the State become more prepared for this threat.

**NEW "BOLL" LOCATION IN TOWN!**

Bolton's Own Little Library located on the lower end of the Bolton Valley Access Road has a new home at 455 Duxbury Road! Another BOLL will be coming soon to the town office.



**PROPERTY TAX REMINDER**

Reminder: The second installment of property taxes is due on *Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>*.

**BOLTON GAZETTE INFORMATION**

Reminder: The deadline for submissions in the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:boltongazette@gmavt.net)!

## And They're Off...

By Mark Carbone, Principal, Camels Hump Middle School 

What a great opening to the 2015-16 school year! Fifth graders have started to settle into the middle-school routine and bus schedules are being ironed out. Afternoon practice is underway for soccer, field hockey and x-country running teams. With the warm weather, the students have really been working up a sweat! Intramurals have also started for "Rock Band," "Artists Inc.," and mountain biking--to name a few.

A number of field trips are planned for this fall. Team Sequoia will go to the Rivershore Preserve on Cochran Road, the Burlington Water and Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Rubinstein Lab at the ECHO Center. Polaris heads to the Audubon then Mt. Philo; Phoenix will explore the Shelburne Museum and Lessor's Quarry; Teams Polaris and Pride will travel to Little River State Park; Navigator will visit a granite quarry and Summit has an overnight camping trip to Grand Isle State Park.

We are excited about the upcoming Punkin' Chuckin' on [Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>](#), 10am-3pm. Come and witness pumpkins in flight! We hope that you and your family will join in the fun and support the continuation of the PROSPER Program; a 7 week program for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families to assist both through the challenges of adolescence.

The community garden has flourished! Students in the Nutrition and Health classes have harvested cukes, beets, cherry tomatoes, onions, cilantro, basil, zucchini and carrots. During picking, one of the students was heard commenting, "I LOVE THIS CLASS!" Students were treated to fresh salsa they prepared from their bounty.

Please remember to use the circle in front of Richmond Elementary to pick up and drop off students--it is not safe to drop youngsters off in the parking lot. Thank you.

For more information, please call 434-2188 or email: [mark.carbone@cesuvt.org](mailto:mark.carbone@cesuvt.org). The next MMMUSD school board meeting will be held on October 12. The public is welcome, and encouraged to attend.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN CALLING 911**

Do you live in a Bolton condominium? In case of an emergency, please use the following information when speaking with an E-911 operator: the name of condominium, the number of the building\* and the unit number. Emergency personnel sometimes have difficulty locating the correct condominium when they are responding to a call.

Ambulance crews, police, and fire fighters want to get to residents with emergencies as soon as possible. They are unable to do so if they are given a unit number as a building number or an out-of-date building number. For the sake of your loved ones and your own well-being, please identify the building and the unit.

Also, condominium associations should have green reflective signs with the correct building number on each building. Unit numbers should also be clearly labelled and visible in limited light.

\*Some condominiums have new E911 building numbers. Be sure you know the new building number and use it. Old numbers are NOT on the maps used by emergency personnel.

Need Help Now?  
Stop and Call:

**911**