

THE BOLTON GAZETTE

THE TOWN OF BOLTON, VERMONT

“THE LAND OF BOULDERS AND BEARS”

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Get Involved

Plan for the future.

Learn the issues. Have a voice.

Sept. 30, 6-8pm @ Smilie School: Kickoff Dinner

Oct. 1, 6-8pm @ Kilpeck's Barn: Duxbury Road Forum

Oct. 6, 6-8pm @ Fireside Room: Bolton Valley Forum

Oct. 15, 6-8pm @ Smilie School: Route 2 Area Forum

Oct. 20, 6-8pm @ Golf Course: West Bolton Forum

To RSVP for the Community Dinner or ask questions, call Emily at 846-4490 x.15

FROM THE BOLTON PLANNING

COMMISSION

Bolton must update its municipal plan every five years. Bolton's Planning Commission and staff *need your help* with the process.

From now until Town Meeting Day 2016, there will be many ways to get involved. See page 5 for more information!

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Get the Smilie School scoop on page 3!



Photographer: Homer Locke, circa 1910
“Barrett's #3 School”



Photographer: Homer Locke, circa 1910
“Ida Lancor's School”



CLERK'S CORNER

AMY GROVER • TOWN CLERK & TREASURER
CLERKBOLTON@GMAVT.NET

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. 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



CONTINUING WITH APPRAISAL VISITS

The current cycle of the town wide appraisal will end in 2016. If you live on one of the roads listed below 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.

Duxbury Road, Country Club Condos, Mountain View Drive, Fern Hollow, and Bear Mountain Road, Boys Club Road, Rosewood Lane, Sharkeyville Road, Thatcher Road and Wentworth Road.



**PHOEBE ENJOYS TASTE TESTING THE
DOG TAG SHAPE BALLOTS!**

PHOEBE'S KIDS' QUESTION

OF THE MONTH!

It's back to school time, and I was really happy that the kids were back at Smilie School this month, because that meant they could vote on the 2016 dog tag shape! I can't wait to see what shape was the winner. Which shape do you think won the vote? The dog house, the fire hydrant, or the dog head? Find out in next month's issue!

WOOF! WOOF!!

Last month's answer: The Bolton Potholes have sometimes been called the "Devlin's Potholes" or even the "Devil's Cauldron!" Have you ever heard them called that? There are a few more places in Vermont that have the word "Devil" in them like: Devil's Den, Devil's Dishpan, Devil's Gulch, Devil's Gorge, Devil's Hill, Devil's Rock, and Devil's Washbowl!

SMILIE SCHOOL NEWS ■ WELCOME BACK!

Dear Bolton Community Members,

I hope that you are enjoying these sultry summer days and nights of August. There is something very special about August in Vermont. The farm stands are brimming with bountiful harvests and the waterways are the perfect temperature for swimming. Our highways and trails provide opportunities for hiking, biking, running and climbing. It's also the time to be thinking about our 2015-2016 year at Smilie!

Deb Nadeau, our top custodian, has done a tremendous job sprucing up the building. Our floors are gleaming! We had some new people hired as summer custodians. Miranda Grover, daughter of Amy Grover, cleaned all screens and windows. She also did some painting around the building. Ronnie LaBerge joined us and helped Deb with putting all the furniture back in the classrooms after the cleaning was done. Ronnie also did some painting and all around cleaning. Eric Andrews rounded out the crew and was responsible for all of the outside mowing and trimming. All three of our summer helpers did commendable jobs!

We have made a long awaited improvement to our boiler system this summer. We have installed an automatic glycol feed to it. The automatic glycol feed makes sure that the right amount of coolant is in the system at all times. Two new pumps were also added and should last quite awhile. We have also ordered new round cafeteria tables, as the old tables in the wall, were not safe anymore. The round tables should arrive by mid-September and will encourage appropriate social skills during lunch.

We have four new staff members to welcome to Smilie this year. April Thompson is our new first grade teacher. Amber Spence will be a Para Professional for our Preschool Program for Four Year Olds, in the afternoon session. Sandi Seaver will be a Para Professional in our Preschool Program for Three Year olds, in the morning session. She will also be the Kindergarten Para in the afternoons and on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Ellen Arrowsmith will be our new Social Worker on staff, from Howard Mental Health. She will be at our school on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Kristen Taylor, will be at Smilie all day on Tuesdays and portions of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She will not be here on Thursdays. Virginia Haviland returns as the Preschool Para Professional for our Four Year Old Program. She will also be the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning Para in the Kindergarten classroom.

I'd also like you to welcome some people who will be completing educational practicums and internships at Smilie this year. Galloway Morris, a Johnson State College student will be in the Kindergarten class with Mrs. Cole and working with Janet Gill on special education requirements for completing his Practicum II hours. Karyn Parker, a graduate student, is working on an internship in special education. She will be working with Janet a few days a week.

We had a wonderful first three days last week. Students had big smiles on their faces as they travelled through our colorful "welcome back to school" streamers. The teachers were well prepared and excited to have the children back. We are looking forward to our first full week with the students this week. Students will be once again voting for the design of the Bolton dog licenses, on August 31. They love having a hand in the selection of the shape! Please stop by for a visit or to find out ways you can volunteer. We'd love to see you!

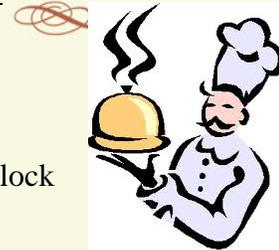
Sincerely,

Barbara

Barbara Tomasi-Gay
Principal, Smilie Memorial Elementary School

BOLTON UP AND DOWN TOWN CLUB SENIOR MEAL EVENT

This month the senior group will be having dinner out!
Where: Papa Nick's in Hinesburg
When: Thursday, September 24, 2015
For details (and you must register to join us) please call Doris Wheelock
@ 434-3769
Carpooling can be arranged.



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.

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: stories, news, events, art, poetry, photographs. Drop submissions at the town office or, you've got it, email them to boltongazette@gmavt.net!



PRESTON LAFRENIERE HOMESTEAD FOR SALE

Reminder: the deadline for submittal of proposals to the VT Department of Buildings and Grounds is 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2015. Proposals must be received in the office by this date and time, not postmarked with this date. Property includes the early 19th century farmhouse and 30 acres of woodlands and open meadows.
More information is available at:
<http://bgs.vermont.gov/propman/landsale/preston-lafreniereproperty>





It's time to plan Bolton's future

Bolton Planning Process Kicks Off With Pizza Party on September 30th at Smilie School!

Like every town in Vermont, Bolton must update its municipal plan every 5 years. Bolton's planning commission and staff need your help with the process. From now until Town Meeting Day 2016, there will be many ways to get involved. Come to a neighborhood forum, fill out surveys on the Town's website, participate in an art contest and identify priorities for the Town.

Join us at the community kickoff event to eat pizza and dessert, learn about how town planning can help answer these questions, and have a voice in planning Bolton's future! Free childcare will be provided. The event will be held on **September 30 from 6-8 pm in the Smilie School gym**. Please RSVP to Emily at enosse-leirer@ccrpcvt.org or at 846-4490 x15.

There will also be forums held around town throughout the month of October. Residents of each area of Bolton can join the planning commission to talk about issues in their area and what they would like to see in the future. Join us at whichever forum is closest or most convenient for you! All forums will be from 6-8 pm, and light refreshments will be provided.



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For more information, visit the Town Plan webpage at www.BoltonVT.com/TownPlan. On that page, you can find information about the project, ways to get involved and draft materials.

For general information about town planning in Bolton, contact Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk, at assistbolton@gmavt.net or 434-3064 x221.

To ask questions about specific events or to RSVP, contact Emily Nosse-Leirer at Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, at enosse-leirer@ccrpcvt.org or at 846-4490 x15. This project is a partnership between Bolton and CCRPC.

To get in touch with the planning commission members, email TownPlan@gmavt.com.

**EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE TOWN PLAN KICK OFF EVENT
ON SEPTEMBER 30 AT SMILIE SCHOOL**

In the event of a building evacuation (due to fire, bomb scare, equipment malfunction, etc.), participants in the Town Plan Kick Off Event will leave the building according to the plan below:

- Everyone will follow instructions of the event leaders.
- People in the gym will exit through the emergency doors at the back of the gym and proceed to the sidewalk by the playground.
- People in the kitchen will exit through the side entrance by the bathrooms.
- People in the kindergarten room will exit through the back doors of the room and proceed to the sidewalk by the playground.
- Event leaders will decide whether people should return to the build.
- If it is decided that the building is inaccessible, people will either be sent to their homes or to the fire station.
- This procedure will be explained at the beginning of the meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Devlin, Assistant Town Clerk at 434-3064 ext. 221.