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Letter from the Editor:

Phew. Was that a long winter or what? NOT that I'm complaining – for the first time in.... I don't know how long, people HAD to come to VT to ski from all over the world. The BEST snow was not out West, or in Europe but right here. And there was PLENTY of it. And they came in droves – Jay Peak and Killington are still open – bless them. So congrats to an awesome ski season mostly put to bed.

Now I am looking forward to all the wonderful things happening here this spring! We have hiking, farmers markets, concerts, gardening, new businesses opening, old businesses booming, and lots of exciting things to look forward to. I hope everybody takes notice of the changes and improvements happening in their neighborhoods. The church around the corner from us is rising up once again beautifully, and I'm looking forward to the flower boxes coming out to the bridge soon. My daffodils are coming up and the lawn is green... what more can I ask for?

Well, it turns out I can ask for more!!! I would like everybody out there to celebrate Mother's Day (May 10th) with GUSTO! Please remember your Mothers, Grandmothers, anybody who is a Mother in the family and all the wonderful people

out there who "Mother" those that may not be family. As a Mother and Grandmother, I can tell you it is one of the most wonderful, rewarding, frustrating, exhausting jobs out there. And I wouldn't trade it for anything. But like any job, it helps to be appreciated. It feels good to know that somebody thinks you did a good job and deserve a "thank you" for superior, eternal service. I would do anything to have my Mom back for just one more minute to tell her I love her, so don't waste the precious gift of the ' here and now'. Make sure your Mom (Wife, Grandma, etc.) know that, no matter how near or far, you care. Happy Mother's Day.

Darcy Duval

LVRS THANKS THRIFTY ATTIC

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad wants to thank "Thrifty Attic" for their donation towards the purchase of two Zoll Heart Monitors. These monitors, one for each ambulance, will provide improved heart monitoring of patients. These new monitors will be capable of transmitting results directly to the hospital while in route. These two monitors came with a price tag of \$53,000.00. Local organizational support like "Thrifty Attic" help to maintain a valuable volunteer organization. LVRS serves the towns of Londonderry, South Londonderry, Weston, Peru, Landgrove, Winhall, Stratton, and Windham.

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THE WINDHAM COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ARE BACK AT NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Londonderry.... The Windham County Master Gardeners are back at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections for an informative series of gardening lectures from 10am – 11:30. On Monday, May 4th, Bob Butler Little Tree will talk about *Creating Balance in our Neighborhoods* and on Monday May 11th, get the *Real Dirt on Composting* from Cheryl Wilfong.

These lectures are offered at no charge, but reservations are a must, so call 824-4343 to reserve your space today.

Neighborhood Connections needs volunteers to staff our front desk in the afternoons!!!! Responsibilities involve answering the phone, directing calls and taking messages for our staff. We have five volunteers who have committed to a specific afternoon each week, but need a strong list of substitutes who could fill in. Training will be provided....

Please respond if you can commit to being a sub. If I can get at least 3 who are interested, we will have a training session within the next two weeks.

And.....thank you for considering helping us out.

New Freely Accessible VT Historic Newspapers Online

Isn't the *Londonderry Sifter* a great name for a newspaper? Soon readers will be able to find this and other newly digitized historic Vermont newspapers online.

The Vermont Digital Newspaper Project (VTDNP) recently [announced](#) the titles, including the [Londonderry Sifter](#), that will be digitized as part of the final phase of the Project. The new selections feature newspapers from various regions of the state, including titles from Rutland, Manchester, Brattleboro, and Bellows Falls. These newspapers will be online and freely available by mid-summer 2016.

The VTDNP has already digitized over 250,000 pages of historic Vermont newspapers during its first two cycles. This third cycle will be the last for the federally funded project.

The titles currently in process are:

- *Orleans County Monitor* (1913-1922)
- *Rutland Weekly Herald* (1861-1873)
- *Brattleboro Reformer* family (1879-1922)
- *Londonderry Sifter* (1884-1921)
- *Manchester Journal* (1861-1922)
- *Herald and News* (1888-1910) (West Randolph, Orange County)
- *Barre Daily Times* (1903-1922)
- *Bellows Falls Times* (1856-1903)

Add these to the plethora of Vermont historical newspapers already digitized under the project, and it is clear that the VTDNP is an unqualified success. All of the titles already digitized can be accessed for free at [Chronicling America](#).. There are over 250,000 pages of keyword searchable Vermont historic newspapers chronicling history as it happened in Vermont.

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Easter at the South Londonderry Free Library

Over 34 children decorated cookies and made floral Easter bonnets with artist, Casey Junker Bailey on Saturday.



SPRING CONCERT

Springfield Community Chorus is pleased to announce it's spring concert [Saturday June 6th @ 7PM](#) at the Springfield High School. The chorus will present The Creation by Joseph Haydn with full orchestra. Soloists are soprano Julie Olsson, tenor James Anderson and baritone Steve Curylo.

The concert will feature a multi-media presentation that will not only show the text of the oratorio but will show artwork appropriate to the creation story. Several local artists have offered prints of their work to be used. The concert is free and the high school is handicap-

accessible. Free-will donations are greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION WOODLAND OWNERS

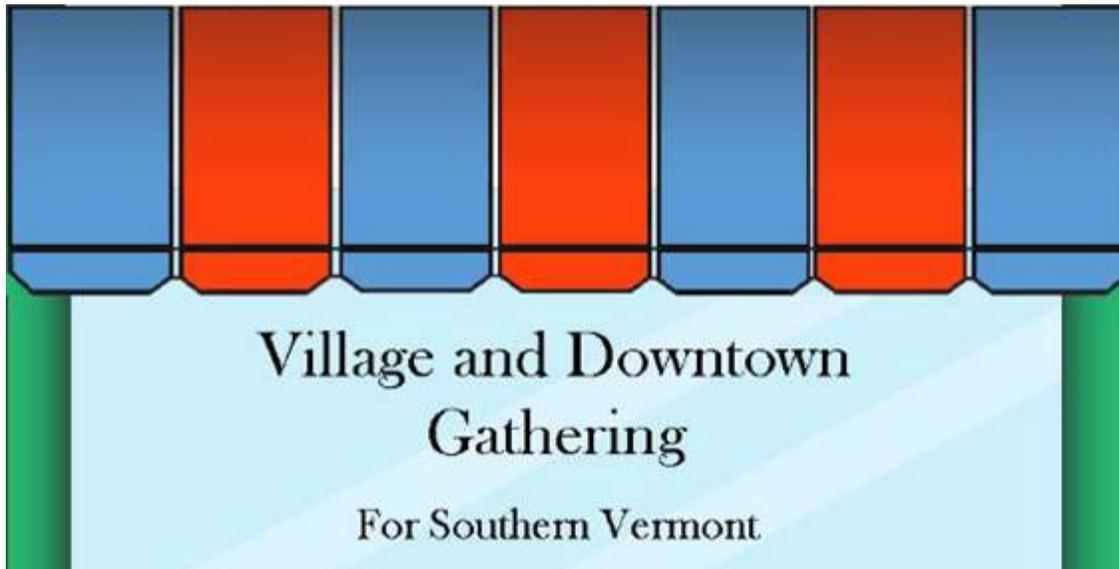
Forest landowners are an aging population and planning for the future of our forested landscape is increasingly more important.

In an effort to address this need, Vermont Woodlands Association and UVM Extension have partnered to offer Succession Planning for woodland owners during three separate workshops this spring: April 25 in Montpelier, May 9 in Rutland, and June 2 in Fairlee. The program is funded in part by a grant from Vermont Housing and Conservation Board as part of their Forest Viability Program supported through the Working Lands Enterprise Fund. With a landscape that's 75% forested, every town in Vermont has a stake in the future of our forests. *VWA and UVM Extension are offering the 2015 "Succession Planning Workshop for Landowners."* **TIES TO THE LAND: Take steps to guide the future of your land.**

<http://www.vermontwoodlands.org/worksops.asp> Or contact Kathleen Wanner, VT Woodlands Association 802-747-7900

THANK YOU CHAMPION #5 Thanks to the South Londonderry Volunteer Fire Dept for unearthing all the manhole covers and flushing out the sewers at Magic Mountain.

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Making Things Happen...

Join us on May 6th to learn from your peers the work that villages and downtowns in southern Vermont have undertaken to bring renewed vitality to their communities. The Friends of the West River Trail will highlight the steps they took to revitalize the South Londonderry Depot and the West River Trail. This event will offer valuable opportunities to network with other local communities and regional and state entities.

Where: South Londonderry Depot, 34 West River Street, South Londonderry

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 5:30-7:30pm

Who should attend: Individuals and groups who work on or are interested in working on village and downtown revitalization in southern Vermont.

Please let us know if you are planning on attending. To RSVP or for more info contact: Susan McMahon 802-257-4547 susan@windhamregional.org or Bill Covin 802-257-

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DON'T FORGET THE UPCOMING EVENTS!!!

Medical Clinic

MVMC is celebrating 40 years of caring as the area's only primary care medical clinic. To kick off our anniversary year, we are holding a raffle featuring twin kayaks along with vests, paddles, and two passes to Vermont State parks for the season. If you would like to show your support and participate in this featured fundraiser, please stop by the clinic or ask a board member. Cost is \$20 per ticket or \$100 for a book of 6. Drawing will be held July 11th but the winner need not be present to win. MVMC thanks Equipe Sports for supporting our "Kayak Raffle".

2015 West River Farmers Market

Open May 23rd thru October 10

Every Saturday 9 to 1

Londonderry, VT 11 and 100

All the details @ westriverfarmersmarket.com

3rd Annual WEST RIVER TRAIL RUN

Saturday June 6th - National Trail Day

Run or walk 11 miles of amazing trail along the beautiful West River from South Londonderry Depot to Jamaica State Park

Solo Runners/walkers or Relay teams of 3. Sign up now for \$25 individuals. April 1st \$35

Link for more information and registration:

<http://thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/>

THE BOOK LAUNCH PARTY 3:00 pm TO 6:00 pm

MAY 31, 2015 @THE COACH BARN, SHELBURNE FARMS

SHELBURNE, VT.

The Curtains from the Old Town Hall in South Londonderry are included in this very special book!

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FREE to residents & charities

Businesses must call ahead to make arrangements

ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015 9AM - 1PM



**at THE LONDONDERRY TRANSFER STATION
RTE 100, LONDONDERRY, VT**

**For information call 824-3306,
email londonrecycle@vermontel.net
www.londonderryvt.org (click on link)**

WHAT TO BRING:

- *Computers *Monitors *Televisions *Copiers**
- *Microwaves *FAX Machines *Typewriters**
- *VCRs and anything else with a cord**

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SOIL SAVER HOME COMPOST BIN SALE

Only 20 available. Order and prepay by filling out form below



ONLY 20 AVAILABLE - \$49 includes tax

- Keep food scraps out of the landfill, reduce your trash disposal expenses, and make your own compost!
- Tough and weather-resistant, the SoilSaver 86 Gallon Recycled Plastic Compost Bin is made of 0.25-inch-thick structural foam, black recycled plastic.
- The material and bin structure are designed to hold heat inside for successful composting.
- The sturdy, insulated side panels bolt together, so you won't have to worry about breaking snaps or clogged plastic tabs.
- Rust-free, nylon-threaded fasteners hold up well in the outdoor elements.
- The two top latches hold the lid securely in place.
- The 2-foot-square top opening makes it easier to fill and mix the contents, and two bottom doors provide full access for harvesting finished compost.
- Each door measures 15L x 10W inches. Made of 0.25-inch-thick black recycled plastic

Compost Bin Order Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Number of Bins: _____ @\$49 Amount Enclosed: _____

Pay by check or money order and mail to Town of Londonderry, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155 or pay at Londonderry Town Office. Compost bins will be available for pickup at The Londonderry Transfer Station. You will receive a call or email to let you know when you can pick them up.

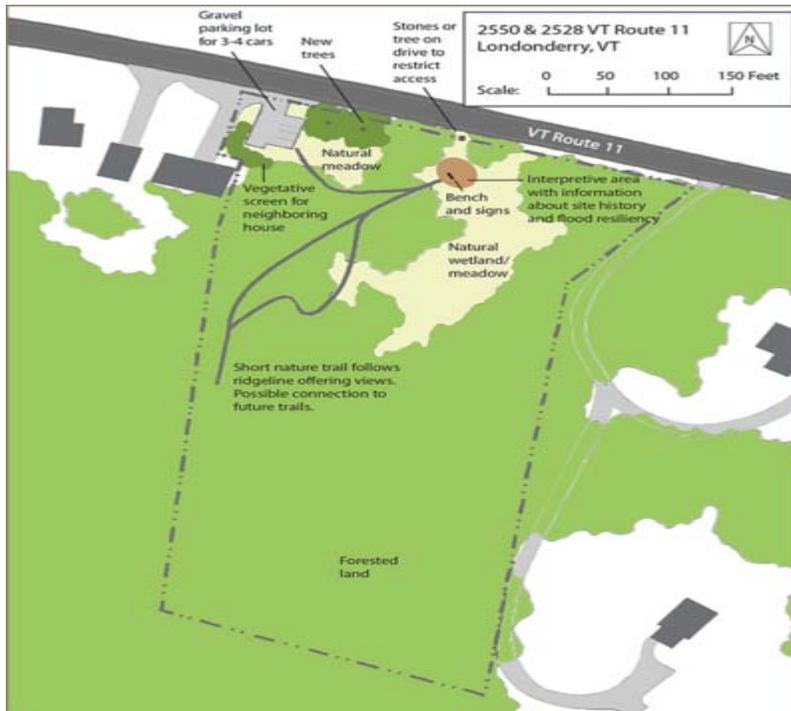
Londonderry Transfer Station *and* Recycling Center Hours: Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., Sat.
9am to 4pm Pilot program – Sunday hours 10am to 2pm

Green Up Day is this Saturday May 2nd, bags are available at the town office and transfer station.

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AFTER THE FLOOD



Two additional parcels have been received as part of the post-Irene Buyout Reuse program funded by FEMA – one opposite the Mill Pond at 2550/2528 Route 11 in Londonderry and one at 434 Main Street in South Londonderry. These parcels have been considered for low-impact reuse as the 'After the Flood 2' initiative. Concept plans have been developed by the After the Flood (ATF) Task Force in cooperation with [Windham Regional Commission \(WRC\)](#), and grant funding has been approved for 80% of the project costs.

The ATF Task Force and the Londonderry Planning Commission presented the plans to the public at an Open House on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Londonderry Town Office (Twitchell Building), and are soliciting feedback and comments to gauge support for the projects..

If you'd like to learn more or leave feedback on the website, please go to www.londonderryrenewal.org, the [Comments](#) page.

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Bone Builders meet FREE at the Twitchell Bldg every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. NO MEETING May 25th – Happy Memorial Day

TOWN EMAIL LIST

The town has established an Email/distribution list to send important and emergency information to town residents and property owners. If you have not submitted your email address, please consider doing so. Your information will not be shared with anyone. Call the town office at 824-3356 or email to londontown@vermontel.net.

Article Submission Information

If your group or organization has community news to share, and you would like to submit an article to The Monthly for publication, please contact us via email at derrynews@aol.com. For your reference, our article submission deadline is the 23rd of each month. Due to space limitations it is up to our discretion to edit any and all submissions and/or reject submissions. The articles and information enclosed do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Town of Londonderry or its board members.