

# EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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## MAN OF MANY HOUSES — STANLEY ST. JOHN

by Conrad Ormsbee

Although I have watched East Montpelier evolve from a town almost exclusively devoted to agriculture to one with a much more rural residential flavor, I was awed as I spent an evening really talking with Stanley St. John. He is a man who has been a participant in that transformation.

Born in Ryegate, the third son of a dairy farm worker, Stanley came to town at the age of four when his father accepted employment at what is now the Christiansen farm. His family lived there until soon after the 1938 hurricane had wreaked its havoc on this area, when they moved to the Dr. Vincent farm just south of the present elementary school. Now in the Four Corners school district, Stanley settled into first grade only to watch the school house burn in February. (He has talked to EMES students this year about what that was like and about going to school in the Barclay, now King, house while a new school was being built.) The rest of his elementary school years were not quite as exciting, and he went on to graduate from

Montpelier High School.

That was a time when people walked a lot more, even in rural areas, and, although Stanley found rides to high school most of the time, he walked to odd jobs and to work on farms. He also walked to the John Hall farm where Marjorie Holmes lived; this was the start of a courtship that led to their marriage in 1951.

After high school, Stanley worked at Delair's and then at

the Cross Baking Company in Montpelier doing a variety of tasks, perhaps the most visible being driving a truck on delivery routes. Since much of the bakery job was night work, he started working part time for James Anderson. James and his brother George were East Montpelier carpenters who built and remodeled homes in this area, and Stanley was soon working with them full time.

In 1956, he found time to build the house that he and Marjorie still live in at the corner of Putnam and Dodge roads. He later started in business for himself, and for twelve years continued to build houses in this and surrounding towns. There are now more than a dozen houses in town that he either built or had a part in building, another dozen in nearby towns, and countless more that have been remodeled. Not to be overlooked is the large free-stall barn that he built at John Hall's, plus two more barns in other towns, as well as the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Stanley reached the point where he started looking for work that was less physically demanding, and he started working for the A.G. Anderson Concrete Co. in 1978 as a field supervisor. This took him to the sites of many large construction projects including one in Essex Junction where two large buildings were simultaneously being built for IBM. He supervised all the men on both foundations. After about eleven years in this field, he left to semi-retire, doing only those jobs that he wants to out of friendship or special interest. Among the latter is a large tree house that he was hired to build.

Over the years, the school system benefited from Stanley's interests and skills, starting with repairs to the one-room schools. He served for six years on the elementary school board at a very busy time during which the central school was planned and built, and served on a committee that evaluated prospective sites for what became U-32.

Marjorie and Stanley raised two sons and two daughters, all of whom are married with children, so there are a total of ten grandchildren. Families involve travel, and theirs is no exception. One son has lived in California and now is in

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## Top of the Signpost

A longtime friend commented to me the other day that she used to know who lived in every house along her road, but now the old names had been replaced by new ones. This reflection started me thinking about our changing town, and I confess that it rather surprises me that there are still so many of those old families still living here. People working on the East Montpelier historical play to be staged in September as part of the year's sesquicentennial celebration are finding descendants of the earliest settlers of this town to play the parts of their ancestors. This is a remarkable tie with the past which we celebrate.

How is our community different for having such a generous mix of Clarks, Coburns, Morses, Cutlers, Bancrofts, Dudleys, Sibleys and other early families, along with the many newcomers and "middle comers"?

"Community" is a word we use a lot these days and well we should. It is the "glue" which binds people into a working group with common interests and common goals. Another thing a community must share is a common history, an institutional memory that shows us where we came from. And that is the special role of those long time families whose stories go way back in the history of this town. Without this vibrant awareness of our history, we can have no real community.

We are indeed fortunate to have a growing East Montpelier Historical Society, a superb town history, and great mix of older and newer residents to join in celebrating this historic year. It is my hope that all of us will share this celebration.

Jean Cate

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Mississippi. One daughter lives in Montpelier, the other in New Hampshire. Stanley and Marjorie have traveled extensively; in the last few years they have visited all of the states except Alaska, and it is in future plans.

Their other son lives in Chittenden County and works for a concrete construction company. This writer wonders whether it was watching men repair the hurricane damaged roof on the Christiansen barn or maybe watching others build a new Four Corners schoolhouse that started Stanley, and in turn his son, towards careers in construction.

*Conrad Ormsbee lives on Center Road with his wife Anne. With the exception of service time during the Korean War and a year after he and Anne were married, he has lived all his life in East Montpelier.*

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### JOIN YOUR FRIENDS ON RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 1999



If you haven't been to Rally Day in a couple of years, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 11th and come share in the fun with your neighbors and friends.

You can start off the morning with a running race; this is for young and old alike. This year we will be having a craft show/farmers' market out on the lawn featuring East Montpelier's crafters and farmers.

Maybe you'll want to sell your excess garden bounty! We will have music in the afternoon to help inspire your artistic abilities during the art workshop. Or bring along your lawn chair to listen to the musicians play. Our sesquicentennial parade will need people to march, floats and bike riders. Get your neighbors together and build a float.

Maybe we could have "professions" floats with teachers, doctors, artists, farmers, small business owners, each making their own float! Let your imagination loose! There will be a bike decorating contest using recycled materials. Look around your house or use items from the Restore and show us your creativity! Save some energy for the evening contradance. Throughout the day, the Silent Auction will raise money for the *Signpost*. Bid high and bid often! Enter your photos in the Photo Contest. There will be many more activities for your enjoyment. Come share in the surprises.

For parade information call Hobie Guion, 223-1808; Silent Auction call Jane Burroughs, 229-2107; running race call Mark or Sue Stephen, 223-6256; other information call Rachel Senechal, 223-0539.

A special feature that we are working on is a group photo of ALL East Montpelier residents who are able to be at the Elementary School at 11:00 am on Saturday. What a great way to preserve the sesquicentennial on film!



MILESTONES

Land Transfers

- >Mary M. (Foote) Drew to Mary M. & Thomas J. Drew, 7.4 acres & dwelling, Dillon Rd.
- >T. Wayne Clark to Amy E. & Gerald W. Papineau, 12.1 acres, Gallison Hill Rd.
- >Theodore R. & June L. Boardman to Gary E. & Pamela M. Hudson, 5 acres, Brazier Rd.
- >Carroll Witham Jr. to Carroll Witham Jr. & Joan M. Witham, 2.25 acres & dwelling, Center Rd.
- >Steven R. Shearer to Everett L. Jones, mobile home, Hammett Hill Rd.
- >Lilli Lenz to Joseph E. Cross, 1 acre & dwelling, North St.
- >Robert John & Earline Louise Miner to Donald G. Cote, 10.6 acres & mobile home, County Rd.
- >Howard S. & Doris W. Fairbanks to Howard S. Fairbanks, mobile home, Sandy Pines Trailer Park.
- >Patrick A. Phillips to Doris Phillips, 15 acres & dwelling, VT Route 14S.
- >Roberta Borland to Jean M. Borland, 1/2 interest, 1 acre & dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- >Jean M. Borland to Carolyn Borland, 1/2 interest, 1 acre & dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- >Steven M. Somers & Pamela W. Dunkling to John F. & JoAnn Ihley, 3 acres & dwelling, Bliss Rd.
- >Warren A. & Mary L. Noyes and Edgar & Gale Badeau to Steven W. & Janet P. Noyes, 1 acre & condo unit, US Route 2.
- >Warren A. & Mary L. Noyes and Edgar & Gale Badeau to Warren A. & Mary L. Noyes, 1 acre & condo unit, Creamery building, US Route 2 village.
- >Gary D. Hawkins & Laura A. Hawkins to Laura A. Hawkins, 1 acre & dwelling, Rock Rd.
- >Carolyn A. Lawrence to Eugene J. & Patricia A. Pettinato, 2.5 acres & dwelling, Horn of the Moon Rd.
- >John H. Thetford, Alan A. Lendway & Stephen A. Ribolini, 78 acres, Coburn Bridge Rd., to State of Vermont.
- >Linda A. Darrow to Ronald Metevier, 5 acres & dwelling, VT Route 14N.
- >Roger C. & Linda Pastore to Linda Pastore Trust, 3.91 acres & dwelling, Powder Horn Glen Rd.
- >Scott St. John to Donna St. John, Clark Rd., .41 acres & mobile home, Clark Rd.
- >Harriet F. Papineau to Alice Jessica Moseley, .21 acres & dwelling, Factory St.

Births

- >Emma Grace Kinter Curchin, born March 20, 1999, daughter of Thomas James Curchin and Sara Courtney Kinter.
- >Thomas Robert David Parker, born April 7, 1999, son of Todd L. & Bethany Sue Parker.
- >Savannah Lyn Yates, born April 21, 1999, daughter of Jody Ann and Donny Earl Yates III.
- >Jacob Ryan Tosi, born May 21, 1999, parents Gregory & Erin Tosi of Ellsworth, ME, grandparents Donald & Sylvia Tosi of East Montpelier & Maurice & Mary Lussier of Ferrisburg.

Deaths

- >Susan Page, died March 8, 1999, former resident of East Montpelier village.
- >Jesse F. Gibbs, Jr., died March 12, 1999, lived in Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park.
- >Harry Irving Morse, died April 19, 1999, spouse of Dorothy Morse.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

Rachel Senechal, President

At our annual meeting on April 21st, Barbara Fitch was elected to a 3-year term on the Board. Rachel Senechal and Hobart Guion were re-elected to three-year terms. At the May 12th meeting, Elaine Manghi was elected to a two-year term. Weston Cate, Jr. and Ruth Frost have finished their terms as Board members, and we thank them for the effort they have expended for several years to the Four Corners Schoolhouse operation and events.

Marion Codling is the current scheduler and can be reached at 223-2058.



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**SELECTBOARD**

*Tim Meehan, Chair,  
Edie Miller, Tom Brazier*  
**March 31, 1999**

- >Tim Meehan elected Chairperson.
- >Appointed Town Officers.
- >Norma Raymond, Delinquent Tax Collector, discussed status of delinquent tax accounts. Will start tax sale process on several accounts.
- >Reviewed and signed letter to Agency of Transportation re: Routes 2 and 14 intersection and Winooski River Bridge in East Montpelier Village. Encouraging AOT to keep these projects moving forward and to check safety of bridge.
- >Reviewed and signed annual financial plan for town highways to be sent to AOT.
- >Approved two items that were not listed in Town Meeting warning and budget as had been approved by Selectboard: \$200 for Women Centered, and \$4000 for 9-1-1 dispatching contract with Montpelier.

**April 14, 1999**

- >Fire Chief Jonathan Winston described proposed air pack training facility - an older mobile home - to be filled with smoke to create training opportunities with air packs. Approved if receives zoning approval and not in way of Road Dept.
- >Met with Planning Commission Vice-chair Tracy Phillips on updating Town Plan. Selectboard members Meehan and Brazier attended last Planning Commission meeting and discussed ways to improve communication between the two boards.

**April 21, 1999**

- >Sylvia Tosi and Dave Grundy will solicit quotes for vote tabulation machine.
  - >Approved Sheriff's contract at the same level of expense and patrol as 1998.
- May 5, 1999**
- >Hired Marlene Betit as new Administrative Assistant.
  - >Discussed Tax Abatement policy. Will send out with tax bills.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

*Carol Welch, Chair*  
**April 8, 1999**

- >Met with Selectboard members Tim Meehan and Tom Brazier. Positive discussion of ways to maintain open lines of communication. Will hold future joint meeting about rewriting Town Plan.

**April 22, 1999**

- >Request from North Star Fireworks for sign permit. Approved.

**May 6, 1999**

- >Tracy Phillips interested in serving as alternate to the CV Regional Planning Commission. Planning Commission in agreement.

**EAST MONTPELIER TOWN OFFICE**

Phone: 223-3313  
Email: EastMont@together.net

Clerk-Treasurer - Sylvia Tosi  
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer - Pauline Coburn  
Asst. Clerk - Ginger Hopkins  
Administrative Assistant - Marlene Betit  
(W & Th 9-5)  
PO Box 157, E. Montpelier, VT 05651  
(Office Hours: M-Th 9-5, F 9-12 noon)

**EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Jan Aldrich, Chair, Richard Curtis, Lisa Rice, Cheryl Rus, Nancy Thomas*

**April 1, 1999**

- >Will sign revised bus contract with Laidlaw Transportation.
- >Approved school calendar for 1999-2000.
- >Will install power for new scoreboard. It will be introduced at one of the school functions.
- >Fred McKnight will be at school during April vacation to do re-balancing and checking of indoor air quality in the

school.

- >Reviewed wood chip storage options.

**May 6, 1999**

- >Welcomed Robin Gannon and her students and Cub Scout Pack 742.
- >Robin Gannon has been selected as one of three Vermont recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in science and math.
- >Approved Sara O'Hare's request to use building for one week in July as in previous summers for her camp.
- >Hot lunch program is in good shape. Applying for grant for software to facilitate record keeping.
- >EMES was selected as one of 25 schools in Vermont to participate in the Vermont Excellent Schools Program which will provide technical support.
- >Expressed support for researching a full day kindergarten program.

**U-32 JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

*Tony Klein, Chair, and Ginny Burley,  
East Montpelier members*

**March 24, 1999**

- >Meetings will be first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- >Marta Cambra spoke of Mid-Level Steering Committee.

**April 7, 1999**

- >Approved revised educational specs/building design.
- >Jon Winston appointed site work Clerk of the Works.
- >Approved renegotiated Laidlaw bus contract.

**April 21, 1999**

- >Discussed in-service plan for 1999-2000.
- >Approved FY99-2000 calendar.
- >Mark Berry shared that constituents are pleased to have agenda in the newspaper.

**May 5, 1999**

- >Cast and crew of Dogg's Hamlet introduced. Cast thanked Board for their support.
- >Marta Cambra spoke of goals for Middle School for next year.
- >School is conducting a Y2K audit. Manufacturers are being contacted for statements of compliance.
- >Approved Middle School foreign language program revision.

**WELCOME...** to Marlene Betit, our new Administrative Assistant, replacing Bill Bryant. Marlene and her husband Kenneth Lorden Jr, live on Horn of the Moon Road. She brings to her job, among other skills, considerable experience with computers. We will miss Bill but we're glad you're here Marlene!





**EAST MONTPELIER RECREATION NEWS**

Clean Up Day brought changes to the Recreation Field. A new dugout was built; the concession/storage shed was moved to better serve both playing fields; the old wooden goal posts were taken down; the metal goal posts were painted; leaves were raked and brush cleared. Thank you to all the carpenters, painters and cleaners. The dugouts will be painted in June and a new design for the entrance of the parking lot will be implemented this summer.

**TRAILS COMMITTEE  
FUN TRAIL DAYS AHEAD!**

Jamie Shanley is organizing a trail work day from the Sparrow Farm to the Montpelier Section, July 11th at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the trailhead on Sparrow Farm Road (1/2 mile downhill from the farm). Fun for all and a chance to get to know this part of our growing trail system. Bring a shovel and/or a hammer, and we'll be assembling and installing a boardwalk near the beaver pond. Call Jamie at 223-4856 for more information.

We also need help doing some finish work at the new bridge on Section 3 -Templeton-Fairmont. Call Laura Medalie and Dave Kissner at 229-4523.

 Plan to get to know this beautiful section and meet friends of the trail. Remember — July 11! 

*Nona Estrin, Board Member*



**TENNIS IN EAST MONTPELIER  
FOR ALL AGES**

Paul Dayton, tennis instructor and coach of Montpelier High School boys tennis team, has constructed two clay courts on his property on Cummings Road, just off the County Road. This will be known as 2 Barn Tennis Center. He plans to run a tennis camp for young people this summer. For more information call 229-4172.

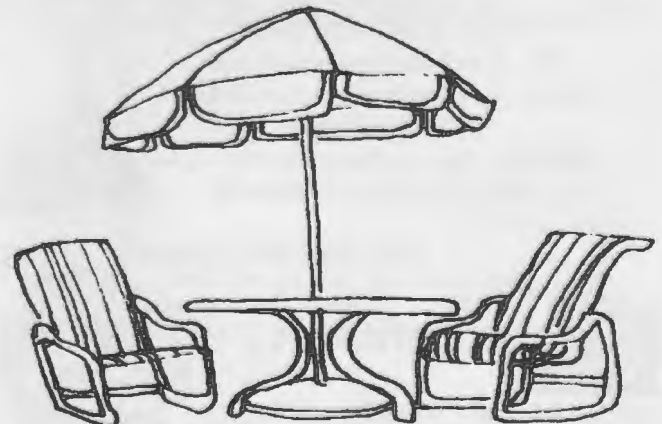
**Y2K - ARE YOU READY?**

Computers are an essential part of our transportation, power, food distribution and banking networks. Everything from cars and coffee makers to nuclear power plants and oil rigs rely on tiny computers called microprocessors. Unless you light your house with candles, heat with wood, grow your own food, get around on horseback and keep all of your money in your mattress, you depend on these microprocessors.

Some of these will fail on or around January 1st, 2000. Nobody knows how many or which ones will fail. Businesses, government agencies and individuals are working hard to test each computer and microprocessor and to replace the faulty ones. But there is not enough time left to test and replace all of them.

It's quite possible that all of the most important computers will function smoothly, and that most of us will hardly notice any problem. It's also possible that there will be bigger problems and that the supply of gasoline, electricity, food, water and heating fuel that we rely on will be interrupted - for hours, days, even weeks. Why not prepare for the worst while hoping for the best?

Do you have a wood stove? Do you have plenty of fire wood? If you do and the power goes out, can you take someone in who doesn't? If you don't, do you know where you can go? How much food do you have stored in your house? Do you rely on an electric pump for water? If East Montpelier residents begin to organize now, we can be prepared for whatever might happen. People can prepare themselves and their families and be prepared to help their neighbors. We can all know ahead of time who will need help in an emergency. At least one neighborhood in town has already begun to do this. If you would like to learn more or to help organize, please come to an informational meeting at the Four Corners Schoolhouse on Sunday, July 11th at 7:00 p. m., or call Jim Grundy at 476-5680.





### WASHINGTON COUNTY FIELD DAYS QUILT SHOW AND CONTEST

Area quilters are invited to participate in the 1999 Washington County Field Days Quilt Show and Contest. Field Days will be held July 9, 10 and 11 at Parker Field on Route 2 near East Montpelier village.

There will be six contest classes: tied baby and youth size quilts, quilted baby and youth sized quilts, tied twin and larger quilts, quilted twin and larger quilts, tied wall hangings and quilted wall hangings. Judging will occur before the quilt show.

If you are in the process of creating a quilt or wall hanging or have made one within the past two years (completed after July 1, 1997), here's an opportunity to show off your handiwork. For more information, contact Anne Ormsbee at 223-5372 or Judy Fowler at 454-7823 (evenings).



### EVER WONDER WHO SETTLED EAST MONTPELIER?

Would it surprise you to know that several direct descendants are still living in our town? *Early East Montpelier*, an original three-act play by Marilyn Blackwell, Ellen Hill and Johanna Nichols, first performed in July of 1976, will be staged once again by the town's Sesquicentennial Committee on September 24 and 25.

Come out and join the production team and cast members for a play reading at the Four Corners Schoolhouse on Monday, July 12, at 7:00 pm. Sign up for an unfilled role or a backstage job — or just to hear what it is all about. No acting or production experience needed — just enthusiasm.

For more information call Maurice Cerutti at 454-1720 or Alban Richey at 454-7862.



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9:30 a.m.



#### CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Rev. Bob Walton*

Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.



The East Montpelier Historical Society will not be meeting during the summer. They used up all their energy presenting the Town's history for *Vermont Heritage Days*. They will begin again in the fall with a schedule which the *Signpost* will carry. Come and join in!

## STEVE AND LAURIE JUSTIS - MANY VENTURES, MANY GAINS

by John S. Hall

Steve and Laurie Justis have done what few if any of us could ever dream of achieving. As the old saying goes they've "made a silk purse out of a sow's ear." How? By taking an eight acre, seemingly worthless piece of land and generating a potpourri of income producing endeavors.

Steve, born and raised a Virginia farm boy, graduated from Virginia Tech. with an MA degree in plant pathology. He moved to Vermont and married Laurie Watson some nineteen years ago. Laurie had graduated from UVM with a BS in animal science. Steve says, "Laurie has an eye for property". She found what is now their home in East Montpelier Center, a story and a half house with acreage. If you're driving east through "The Center" and don't have a cell phone clamped to one ear by your cocked shoulder and are not eating a foot long sub with salad oil dripping off your elbow, you'll be able to see their place on the left just as you leave the pavement. It's really best if you have both hands on the wheel because there is usually a BIG pothole at the transition from pavement to gravel. (Actually, Mike and his road crew do a good job of keeping such places smooth, however, it's a never ending battle). Steve tells me they've had at least one vehicle jump off the road at that very spot, landing on the stone wall by their house.

Along with their home, Steve and Laurie purchased nearly eight acres of marginal pasture which surrounds the house. When they bought the property, at best the land could most descriptively be called WET; caused mainly by road run-off directed onto their property, as well as the fact the land is located at the bottom of a long gradual slope. When I visited them for information to write this article, soft spoken Steve remarked, "Water just sheeted across this place". Laurie added, "When I first walked the property in some parts of the field, the water was over my boots".

With the help of a diversion ditch and some subsurface tiling, the land started to change and over time it became productive. Steve, employed for twenty-four years by the VT Department of Agriculture as a marketing specialist, had a number of ideas how to generate income from their land. He offered, "I love my work which entails helping people to improve the quality of their life. Quality of life to me mainly means improving income". Therefore, he and Laurie set out to be an example of what can be accomplished on land that, prior to their owning it, was a wet, "run-out" pasture.

Steve started by establishing and growing trees to resell for landscaping, such as Norway maples and Japanese birch. He has enough tilled land to

grow 1200 mums he buys each spring as rooted cuttings. By August these plants are ready to be transplanted into pots using composted horse manure for soil. He wholesales about half of his crop and sells the remainder at their home. He also has enough land to grow a patch of miniature pumpkins (the Jack-Be-Little variety) which he sells through his brother-in-law. Laurie adds, "Steve loves to have his hands in soil". I would add he seems to have a knack for making things grow. The old timers called it "a green thumb".

Laurie in no way stands idly by as she also has her projects that produce income. They have built a six stall horse barn, and she usually boards up to four horses that graze on their property. Laurie laughs, "We have a little competition here between grazing vs. growing".

They have also built a small dog kennel with grassed yards placed under a sweeping shade tree. Laurie uses the kennel to board dogs, usually for people who want to go away for the weekend. Her plan is to eventually be trained to groom dogs after she chooses to no longer work full time. She is now employed at the VT Office of Child Support. However, Laurie is best known in the agricultural community as having worked as a milk inspector and later in the Ag. Testing lab in Waterbury. I first met Laurie about twenty years ago when she came to our farm as a Vermont State milk inspector. It was then that I realized such people don't have to be cranky old men who delight in writing long lists of MUST DO orders, but instead can be pleasant and smile as is Laurie's usual demeanor.

Through Steve's efforts, they have added a number of attractive landscaping features to their property such as stone walls, a cedar hedge plus plantings of a large variety of various evergreens and deciduous trees. He has even found room for a few apple trees. One of his specialties in the Vermont Dept. of Agriculture is helping apple orchardists.

As you can see, the Justises lead busy lives centered mostly around their work and home where they used their land to improve the quality of their lives. They also have enjoyed being the representatives for the E.F. Au Pair service out of Cambridge, MA. Through this service of interviewing families in need of a resident au pair, they have met many young people from foreign lands who have enriched their lives.



*John S. Hall is a partner in Fairmont Farms. He and his wife Donna live on Putnam Road. John also enjoys writing as well as farming.*

## COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
U-32 School Board	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Mon-Thur. 9-5, Friday 9-12		Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1-2:30	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assn.	2nd Wednesday	7:30	Four Corners Schoolhouse

**Meeting times are subject to change.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Y2K Meeting	July 11	7:00	Four Corners School
Play Planning Session	July 12	7:00	Four Corners School
Start of school	August 30		EMES & U-32
Rally Day	Sept. 11	all day	All over town
Town Photo	Sept. 11	11:00 a.m.	EMES
Presentation of Play "Early East Montpelier"	Sept. 24	evening	EMES
	Sept. 25	afternoon & evening	U-32 Auditorium

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