

College & Main

Your Guide to Building Connections and the Vitality in Poultney

Poultney Thanks & Giving



Greetings from José

Hello,

It is nice to greet you once again on this new edition of College and Main. I would like to thank you for your taking the time to read this newsletter. I truly hope that you can find information that is useful to you.

This fall has been a really exciting one! I am thrilled to see how much the relationship between the college and the town has grown over the last couple of months. GMC students have done remarkable effort in making this a reality! They have gotten themselves more and more immersed with the town community to work and volunteer on different kinds of projects. For example, three students volunteer the Young at Heart Senior Center and one volunteers at the local food shelf on a reoccurring basis.

A very dedicated group of students has also been planning a whole day of Thanks & Giving on November 19th (see article). Please get involved with this day in whatever capacity you can. I particularly encourage you to at least attend one of the free community meals. They'll be really fun! It is also a good way to say thank you to the students for giving their hearts to this town.

It is truly a blessing to live and work in a community that knows how to care for each other.

Also, did you know Chartwells welcomes all Poultney residents for any of the dining hall meals? Bruch on weekends from 11-1PM is pretty good because it costs \$4.50 and you can eat all you want. It is a great opportunity to meet our great students at GMC.

Before I let you go I'd like to ask that you please join me in a fun exercise. Think about yourself and from the heart please tell yourself three times: I am awesome! Believe it because you are!

"YOU ARE AWESOME!"

José Gálvez



Photo credit: José Gálvez Contreras, GMC's Outreach Coordinator. Group of GMC students planning for Thanks & Giving Day.

During the past month and a half, a group of 18 motivated students in partnership with the Sustainability Office at Green Mountain College have been planning a whole day of service called "Poultney Thanks & Giving," scheduled on Tuesday, November 19th.

Poultney Thanks & Giving is an all-day event that will bring the Poultney community together through community engagement projects around town.

Volunteer opportunities that range from raking leaves downtown to doing trail maintenance work on the Poultney Educational Trail to volunteering at the Young at Heart Senior Center and the Poultney Food Shelf. Additionally, there will be a series of workshops going on at Stone Valley Arts (third floor of the Journal Press Building), a Village Exchange

fair during lunch, Andrew Gunther - a keynote speaker who will address animal and food ethics by using the Bill and Lou as case study, a night dance at the Tiny Theatre with DJ Sannon Baillie, and much more.

Meals throughout the day will be served. These are free of costs.

Breakfast is scheduled at the United Methodist Church from 7-9AM, lunch at St. Raphael's Community Center from 12-2PM, and dinner at Withey Dining Hall at GMC from 4:30-6:30 - space is limited for dinner, tickets will be strategically distributed around town.

If you would like more information, get involved with the planning, or simply participate in Thanks & Giving, please contact Jensen Morgan at morganj@greenmtn.edu or José Gálvez at galvezcontrerasj@greenmtn.edu

GMC Theatre Presents "Grapes of Wrath"



The Green Mountain College fall theater production is coming soon--Frank Galati's adaptation of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." Performances will be Thursday, November 14 through Saturday November 16 at 7 p.m. in Ackley Theater. This is a powerful ensemble piece that was adapted by a member of the famed Chicago Steppenwolf Theatre Company. The play was performed on Broadway and won the 1990 Tony Award that year. The cast of 18 includes two children of faculty members and an adjunct music professor. The show includes a live three-piece folk band onstage led by music director Gus Bloch. Admission is free for GMC students, faculty and staff; general public is \$10.00.

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Poultney Actors Make Debut in Movie



Photo credit: Harold Bruant. Actor Ken Holms, Writer/Director Mark Lund, and Actor Tom Pomfret on the red carpet for the World Premier of "Justice is Mind at the Palace Theatre in Albany, New York.

It was delightful to see the movie *Justice is Mind* at the Tiny Theatre on a fine Saturday evening.

Justice is Mind, directed by Mark Lund, takes place in the year 2026, in a future where MRI technology can read people's mind. Henri Miller, main character, is faced with the memory of double crime he does not remember. He has to prove his innocence in court despite memory evidence of him allegedly shooting two individuals.

Beyond the movie's unique and interesting plot, it was refreshing and a great honor to see Poultney actors Ken Holmes and Tom Pomfret as part of the cast.

Actor Ken Holmes has always had a strong passion for performing and acting. Since he was a kid he performed in as many plays as he could. In 2006, Ken spent a semester abroad in London where he went to a play nearly every night, sometimes seeing several in one

day. Ken graduated cum laude from Castleton State College where he studied Theatre with a concentration in Acting and Directing and a minor in Writing. Since graduating, Ken has been going stronger than ever, acting in films and plays, as well as writing.

Actor Tom Pomfret graduated from Poultney High School and CCV. While in school Tom became interested in drama, played jazz with the tenor sax, became an Eagle Scout and became interested in the Paranormal and is now a member of VAPOR, a local chapter that investigates local paranormal activity. Tom works at Home Service Store in Rutland, VT and is the son of Beverly and Thomas Pomfret II of Poultney, VT.

Ken and Tom both made a stellar debut in *Justice is Mind*. If you see any of these two gentlemen walking around town please congratulate them for their great talent and work! **Nov. 6**

Take a Class at GMC

Did you know that you can take classes at GMC at a discounted rate if you are a Poultney resident, senior citizen, or Poultney High School student? Check this out:

Community Tuition Rate:

Permanent residents of the town of Poultney, part-time, and non-matriculating students who enroll for 6 credit hours or less per term, You pay \$888 per three-credit course or \$296 per credit hour.

Senior Scholars:

Available to persons 60 years of age and older – preference to Poultney residents. One course per semester may be audited without charge; courses taken for credit will be available at \$520 per course. A total of two courses or 6 credit hours (including an audited class) may be taken by non-matriculating seniors.

Poultney High School Scholars:

Available to gifted and talented Poultney High School students, subject to recommendation of the High School. The program is limited to two courses or up to 8 credit hours per semester if course(s) include a lab. Tuition is \$200 for the first course plus applicable course fees (which are paid by the high school) and \$250 for the second course plus applicable course fee payable by student/family prior to the start of the first class.

Got Wheels? Rent a Zipcar

Zipcar is a nationwide car-sharing service available right on GMC's campus! More affordable than a personally owned vehicle, a Zipcar membership includes gas, insurance, and maintenance fees that are often not factored into the cost of owning a car. Sign up online at www.zipcar.com/greenmtn or <http://www.zipcar.com/greenmtn> to get wheels when you want them.

Community Resources

Public Library Hours

The Poultney Public Library makes available to all members of the community resources that contribute to personal, educational and recreational enrichment. Please visit them during business hours:

* Mon. and Fri. - 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

* Tues., Wed., Thurs., - 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

* Saturday - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Food Shelf Hours

The Poultney Food Shelf is located in the Stone Bridge Building on Beaman Street and is open on Tuesdays from 3-5PM. Volunteers are always welcome!

Some free public events worth checking !

- Nov. 9 *Book Discussion: The Road Not Taken and Other Poems*, Public Library, 9AM
- Nov. 15 *Humberto Ramirez Artist Talk*, GMC Griswold Library Dickgeisser Room, 4PM
- Nov. 19 *Poultney Thanks & Giving*, Town of Poultney and Green Mountain College, All-Day
- Nov. 22 "GMC Goes to the Movies" *Performace by GMC Concert Band*, Ackley Hall, 7:30PM
- Nov. 24 *An Afternoon of Chamber Music by GMC Cantorian*, GMC Ackley Chapel, 3PM
- Nov. 29 *Poultney Christmas Fair*, Poultney High School, 10-4PM
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BE PART OF POULTNEY THANKS & GIVING! EVEN IF YOU CAN ONLY JOIN US FOR ONE OF THE MEALS....