

# East Montpelier RALLY DAY



Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010

## ★ ACTIVITIES AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ★

**Information Table** — Rally Day has fun, food, and festivities for all ages. Stop by and make a name tag, find your favorite activity, volunteer to help, and pick up your walking card.

**“Signpost” Silent Auction** — Bid high and bid often to support our local free newspaper's printing and mailing costs. In the school hallways, noon to 6:30. Pick-up items after dinner.

**Historical Society Exhibit** — The East Montpelier Historical Society will have their exhibit on "Putting Food By" in the gym. See also Memory Hour

**Local Displays** — By hometown businesses and civic organizations. Exhibitors will include East Montpelier Energy Team, League of Women Voters, Community Connections, and Central Vermont Humane Society, and more. To exhibit, call Teresa Doyle at 454-7328.

**Cozy Corner Cafe** — A place to sit inside the school gym and enjoy tea, board games, and conversation throughout the afternoon. Possibly some acoustic music, too. Elliot Morse will present his "Photo Trip Through the Cemeteries of East Montpelier and Calais" during Cozy Corner.

**The Grand Finale** — When we get fully dark skies, enjoy a fireworks display by our neighbors, Northstar Fireworks!



**Rally Day Fireworks Fund** — Northstar Fireworks owners David and Deedee Swenson are generously donating a fireworks show to our town. We'd like to help pay some of their out-of-pocket costs. Please send a tax-deductible contribution in any amount to:

**East Montpelier Fireworks Fund**  
c/o Town Clerk, P.O. Box 157  
East Montpelier, VT 05651

## ★ MORNING ★

9:00–Noon . . . . . **Open House at the new Fire House** — Drop in for a behind the scenes tour.

## ★ AFTERNOON ★

Noon–3:30 . . . . . **Lunch & Snacks anytime** — Benefits EMES food service program.  
\* Food donations and helpers needed! \*

Noon–6:30 . . . . . **“Signpost” Silent Auction** — Bid all day to benefit our local free newsletter. Pick-up and pay after the evening events. Bring your checkbook!

12:15–1:00 . . . . . **Bike Decorating for the Parade** — At the Four Corners Schoolhouse.

1:00–2:00 . . . . . **Home Grown Parade** — Fire trucks, tractors, vintage cars, bicycles, farm animals (no dogs). Join in or cheer for friends, family, and our **Citizen of the Year!**

All afternoon . . . . . **Pick up Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee games.**

2:00–3:30 . . . . . **Canine Agility** — The Central Vermont Humane Society will have dogs demonstrating this exciting sport!

2:00–3:00 . . . . . **Veggie Decorating** — For kids and the inner child in all of us! Be recognized for your talent!  
\* Donations of any **garden surplus** will be much appreciated, even those XL zucchinis! \*

2:00–3:00 . . . . . **Memory Hour** in the School Gym: **“Canning Clubs, Stringing Apples, Brining Pork”**  
Come and share your memories of how food was prepared for storing before “convenience foods”, or come and listen to how it was done and learn!

3:00–3:30 . . . . . **Water Balloon Toss** — If you're not doing it, you gotta see it!

3:30–5:00 . . . . . **Community Walk** — Everyone invited to walk any distance on a beautiful and well-marked course starting right at school. Rest stops along the way. Or, pin on a number and race the entire 3.5 mile loop! There will be a **StoryWalk** along the first half mile for the younger set.

5:30–6:30 . . . . . **Community Potluck Harvest Dinner** — Perhaps the biggest potluck dinner our town has ever seen! Bring a course for 6 people, and your appetite. Dessert provided by a VT ice cream maker!

After Dinner . . . . . **Local writer/storyteller Willem Lange** — Come hear a few tales.

7:00–8:00 . . . . . **Silent Auction: Pick-Up & Pay** — Don't leave without your purchase!

At Dark . . . . . **Fireworks display by Northstar Fireworks.** Thanks, Dave and Deedee!  
(7:30 or 8:00)



Many thanks to all who make Rally Day a very special day for East Montpelier.

## New Happenings ★ Old Favorites

Rally Day is a volunteer-based, zero budget event. It runs on people power. Please consider assisting for an hour to help share the workload and keep this day fun for everyone. You may check in at the Information Table to see what help is needed. Also, the Rally Day Committee needs members for next year. It's a modest time commitment, just four meetings. Please contact any committee member for more information. Thank you!



### First Annual East Montpelier Community Walk

Choose your distance and join the fun! Our quest: How many people can we get walking? How far can we walk—the length of Vermont? Course will be marked and walkers will tally their distances. Runners may race on the same course—the starter's bell will sound at 3:30 sharp!



### East Montpelier Fire Department Open House

Come visit all morning, 9:00 to 12:00, for a hands-on tour and special activities.



**Celebrate Community** — Spend a few hours with friends and neighbors. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Please remember that Rally Day is a multigenerational town event, organized by volunteers, to celebrate community. We ask parents to talk to your kids about appropriate behavior. We also ask all adults to kindly but firmly speak to anyone who appears to be misbehaving. Steer them to an activity they'd be interested in—or to the Information Table and we'll find something helpful for them to do.



**Parking** — The area in front of school will be for unloading and Handicapped Parking Only. This space and the parking space at the Four Corners Schoolhouse are reserved for the Fire Department, the Parade, and other activities. Please park in lots. And PLEASE respect no parking signs. Hike, bike, or carpool if you can. Be safe and have fun!

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Many hands make light work.

**Help make Rally Day happen!**



To help with **Set-Up & Clean-Up**,  
or with **General Questions**,  
call Bill Merrylees 223-4951



To donate an item or service  
to the **Signpost Silent Auction**,  
call Joan Witham 223-2881



To help with preparation or  
serving of **Lunch & Snacks**,  
call Sue Olander 456-7465



To enter a **Vehicle** or **Float** in the **Parade**,  
call Peter Burroughs 229-2107



To enter **Animals** in the **Parade**,  
call Erica Zimmerman 223-6930



To ask about the **Community Walk**,  
or to help, call Lucy Patti 223-4951



To help with **Veggie Decorating**  
or to **Donate Veggies**,  
call Karen Gramer 229-9305



Questions about the **Potluck Dinner**,  
Call Jessica Moseley 223-6772



**Volunteer for an hour on Rally Day!**  
Call Bill Merrylees 223-4951



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# 22nd Annual RALLY DAY

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**Rain or Shine**



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East Montpelier tradition!  
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