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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM WAITSFIELD AND CHAMPLAIN VALLEY TELECOM

## WCVT Employees Volunteer Time to Build Playground in Bristol

Earlier this month, WCVT employees provided more than 100 hours of community service time to build a playground in Bristol. The playground project has been a year in the works with the Bristol Downtown Community Partnership and the Bristol Recreation Department spearheading the effort. WCVT was proud to donate people power and monetary assistance to the worthy project. Enjoy your new playground kids and *great job*, *Team WCVT!* 



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## Office Closure:

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day



## Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom Receives National Recognition as Smart Rural Community

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT), is one of 13 communities nationwide to be honored with the title Smart Rural Community by NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association. NTCA cited WCVT's advanced fiber communications services and collaboration with local leaders in education, manufacturing and health care as keys to its success.

WCVT achieved this recognition in a competitive process conducted by NTCA this past summer. Applications from communities across the country were reviewed by a panel of experts from a variety of fields. WCVT was honored with an award for deploying advanced technologies and leveraging those technologies to enable innovation in the areas of economic development and commerce, education, enhanced health care, government services, security and energy use.

"We are pleased and excited to accept this award," said Gregg Haskin, president and CEO of Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom. "We have worked hard with our local leaders to ensure that our citizens have access to advanced communications and the many benefits those services enable. We look forward to building on our success for many years to come."

The NTCA Smart Rural Community initiative recognizes and celebrates the efforts of rural telecommunications providers and their communities to deliver technologies that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. The goal of the initiative is to foster the development of Smart Rural Communities throughout rural America by recognizing trailblazers and providing resources to assist broadband providers and connected industries.



WCVT employees Kurt Gruendling, V.P. Marketing and Roger Nishi, V.P. Industry Relations accept NTCA Smart Rural Community award from CEO Shirley Bloomfield.

## **Customer Spotlights**

## The Sweet Spot – Waitsfield

The Sweet Spot is home of Sweet Simone's Bakery and Scout's Honor Ice Cream. Owned by Lisa Curtis,



Sweet Simone's is a full scale bakery, specializing in custom desserts for any occasion. Whether a birthday, anniversary, shower or wedding, The Sweet Spot can help make your day a little sweeter. Scout's Honor Ice Cream crafted by John Vitko, makes small batch ice cream with seasonal and local ingredients. A favorite is his French, custard style ice cream utilizing cream and milk from Monument farms, a wonderful small farm in Weybridge. Come in and enjoy a freshly baked pastry, delicious scoop of ice cream and your favorite coffee drink. The Sweet Spot is located in beautiful Historic Waitsfield Village at 40 Bridge Street in Waitsfield. Visit them online at www.sweetspotvt.com or call them at 496-9199.

## **Bridport Creamery – Bridport**

Co-owned by Nicole Foster and Julie Danyew, Bridport Creamery is nestled near the shores of



Lake Champlain and produces farm fresh Vermont made artisanal cheese. Both Nicky and Julie are seasoned farmers; Nicky grew up on her family farm and was always involved with the dairy and farm work. Julie has spent the last 10 years raising goats on her family farm. Since opening last February, Bridport Creamery has begun to ramp up on their cheese production. Their initial offerings included popular cheese curds which are used in poutine and also make excellent snacks. They currently are producing Swisserella, a mild cheese with a variety of herb amendments, and aged cow milk cheeses using the milk from Nicky's family farm in Bridport. They also produce aged goat milk cheese, and goat milk feta under the name of Julie's farm, Danz Ahn Farm Feta. They plan to eventually include aged cheeses. Visit their website at www.bridportcreamery.com to find out where their products are currently sold. Bridport Creamery is located on Lake Street in Bridport. Visit them online at www.bridport creamery.com or call them at 758-6800.





# We Love It When You "Like" Us on Facebook

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom/Green Mountain Access is on Facebook, and we encourage you to visit our page and "Like" us. By doing so, you'll be able to take advantage of special promotions, events and enter some great raffles offering prizes from some of our amazing local businesses.

## You'll also be the first to know what's happening at WCVT including:

- Addition of new products and services
- Company developments
- Upcoming promotions

- Service enhancements
- Community activities
- Customer alerts

To join our Facebook community, click on the Facebook link on our homepage at www.wcvt.com. Once you're there, simply click on the "Like" button at the top of the screen.





## Champlain Valley Telephone Directory Closes December 26, 2014.

To make a change in the white pages, please contact our Customer Service Department at 800-496-3391. For yellow page advertising (business accounts), please contact Alan Jones at 802-496-8328.

### **Welcome New Businesses**

It's now more important than ever to support our local businesses. When you buy local, everyone benefits. Please support the community by doing business with these new neighbors.

Balance Yoga – Richmond	434-8401	Forgues Dairy – Addison	759-3089
Charlotte Solar – Charlotte	425-7399	Green Mountain	
Citizen Reports – Waitsfield	496-5998	Valuations – Richmond	434-4500
Clark Keefe Recruiters, Inc. – Richmond	434-5903	Rack & Reel Sporting Goods – New Haven	453-2000
Foodagtech – Waitsfield	583-3663	TSR, Inc. – Charlotte	425-3948

