

News Notes



Before...

Last year, the historic Bianchi Block in Montpelier was home to one story of the Fisher Auto Parts store and two vacant floors occupied only by pigeons, mice and lots of unused space.



After...

Starting November 1, the transformed Bianchi Block is home to eight new residents/families, further increasing the vibrancy of this Barre Street neighborhood.

Going Green!

The Central Vermont Community Land Trust is moving toward greener practices in all our activities (you will soon see solar hot water panels on the roof of the Bianchi Block!!).

What you have in your hand is the replacement to the CVCLT newsletter. We are hoping that, as much as possible, you can communicate with CVCLT and see about our work by using your computer (or other gadget). We have an excellent webpage – that we will continue to improve – where all information is available. If you ask, you can join the email notice crowd and help us reduce even more paper waste (and expense).

Please call Chris (info below), give him your email and join our greening efforts. We will respect your email privacy. If you prefer, we will still mail all materials.



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“The Central Vermont Community Land Trust exemplifies the grassroots effort it takes to build and support healthy communities and to produce affordable housing. CVCLT has set a shining example for other collaborations to follow.”

— former U.S. Senator James Jeffords

Dear Friends,

It truly takes a conspiracy of good will to create new affordable housing. From our representatives in Washington... to our friends and neighbors in the community – your support has made the apartments at the **Bianchi Block Apartments** on Barre Street in Montpelier a reality.

- The **City of Montpelier**, in collaboration with CVCLT, secured funding for the project from the **Vermont Community Development Program** and also provided funds through their **Revolving Loan Fund** and **Housing Trust Fund**.
- The **Vermont Housing and Conservation Board** and **Vermont Housing Finance Agency** provided core lending support.
- Project team members included **Garth Genge, Ylian Snyder, Don Marsh, Steve Beloin, Colleen Scarola, and Bridgewater Construction**.

The Bianchi Block was transformed from a severely underutilized, historic building into eight beautiful, energy-efficient apartments for families in an area of Montpelier that, itself, has undergone a dramatic, uplifting transformation in recent years.

CVCLT thanks all **members and supporters** for their share of support in that “conspiracy of good will.” On behalf of the CVCLT staff and Board... and the new residents of the Bianchi Block, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Eileen Peltier

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Gingerbread House Contest

with Kellogg-Hubbard Library and New England Culinary Institute

Sat., Nov. 8, 2008

10 AM - 1 PM

City Hall, Montpelier

FREE (bring the kids)

- See over 50 gingerbread house creations
- See the judging and awards ceremony
- Decorate your own gingerbread cookies
- Many other kids activities
- See New England Culinary Institute students in action

