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SCHEDULE

The Mad River Valley Planning District is sponsoring a series of public forums to discuss relevant issues affecting change in the Mad River Valley. These forums are designed to provide information and fresh perspective to many of the issues important to the Valley's social, natural and economic well being.

In addition to providing Valley residents with an opportunity to gather and discuss issues of concern, each presentation and discussion will be summarized in a format which could serve as an agenda for future action.

The full schedule of the forums are listed below, all of which are open to the public. At least a week prior to each meeting, a short paper briefly describing the topic and introducing the guests will be made available. For further information, feel free to contact Brian Shupe, Mad River Valley Planning District, at 496-7173.

All visitors and residents of the Mad River Valley are encouraged to attend.

I. Patterns of Growth in the Mad River Valley.

Date: Monday, September 17, 7:00 P.M.
Place: Founders Hall (Our Lady of the Snows) Route 100, Waitsfield.

Speakers: Randall Arendt, Associate Director of the Center for Rural Massachusetts & principle author of "Dealing with Change in the Connecticut River Valley: A Design Manual for Conservation and Development."

Jeff Squires, Planning Consultant, Humstone Squires Associates & Former Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District.

II. Economic Growth in The Mad River Valley: Boom Bust Boom

Date: Thursday, October 4, 7:00 P.M.

Place: Bridges Conference Room, Sugarbush Access Road, Warren.

Speaker: August St. John, Professor of Marketing and Future Studies, Long Island University & Economic Planning Consultant for Manchester, Vermont.

III. The Cost of Growth: Fiscal Impacts of Development

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 P.M.

Place: Valley Players Theatre, Waitsfield Village

Speaker: Deborah Brighton, Municipal Finance and Planning Consultant, Ad Hoc Advocates.

IV. The Future of the Mad River

Date: Thursday, November 1, 7:00 P.M.

Place: Mad River Barn, Route 17, Fayston.

Speakers: Jack Byrne, Executive Director of the RiverWatch Network.
Phil Huffman, National Park Service.

V. The Cost of Growth: Housing in the Mad River Valley

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Place: Warren Town Hall, Warren Village

Speaker: To Be Announced (speaker will be consultant(s) hired by MRVPD to conduct Housing Needs Assessment of the Mad River Valley.

VI. Rural Resource Protection in the Mad River Valley

Date: Thursday, November 29

Place: Mad River Barn, Route 17, Fayston

Speaker: To Be Announced

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