



Sullivan Community Newsletter

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PREPARING FOR TOWN MEETING

TOWN & SCHOOL BUDGET HEARINGS – Jan. 24

Joint **School and Town Budget Hearings** will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 24, beginning at 7pm. What are Sullivan's tax dollars being spent on? Come and find out. This is the time to ask all your questions. Do you have suggestions?

TOWN OFFICES OPEN FOR ELECTION

TOWN POSITIONS: One seat is open in each of the following offices: Selectman (1 year), Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 years), Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years), Cemetery Trustee (3 years), Library Trustee (3 years), Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years). Three seats are open on the Budget Committee (3 years).

SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS:

School Board: Two School Board positions of 3 years each are up for election, as is the position of treasurer, also a 3-year term.

Filing period for the elected offices is Jan. 25 through Feb. 3 at the Town Clerk's office. The filing fee is \$1.

Town Election Day is March 14, 2023 and Town & School Meetings are generally held the following evening.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office is closed on Election Day.

SOME COMING EVENTS – details on events inside newsletter!

Apple Hill Concert – Saturday, Jan. 21 at 4pm at the Colonial in Keene

Keene, NH Ice & Snow Festival - Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10am to 4pm, Central Square

5th Annual Chapman Pond Kids' Ice Fishing Derby - Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9am to 2pm in Sullivan

TOWN FOOD PANTRY OPEN SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY NIGHTS EACH MONTH

The Sullivan Food Pantry, located in the rear, lower level of the Sullivan Congregation Church, is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Any town resident may stop by and pick up food and paper goods. No registration required. If you would prefer home delivery, please contact the Town Hall (603-847-3316) or Gaynelle Pratt, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 603-847-3271. If you, or someone you know is in immediate need, feel free to call anytime. Donations of paper goods or nonperishable food for the pantry may be left at the Sullivan Post Office, the Town Hall or the Library. We are grateful for all donations to the food pantry and appreciate the many in town who help their neighbors through pantry donations.

CHECKING IN WITH TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Selectmen's Office

For personal reasons, Marsha Cook has resigned as chairman of the Sullivan Board of Selectmen. She will continue as a Selectman. The Selectmen have elected Dave Jakway as the new chair.

Selectmen's Meetings in January-February will be held every other Monday at the Town Hall, 6:30 pm. Meeting nights are Jan 2, 16, 30 and Feb 13, 27. If you want to get on the Selectmen's agenda, please call Kathleen at 603 847-3316.

Thinking of running for office and wondering what each job entails, how much time it takes? Kathleen Rowe, Administrative Assistant or Mary Hull, town clerk, can give you details of the responsibilities of each position.

Highway Dept. and Planning Board



Preventing Runoff from Driveways & Access Roads

Submitted by Leslie Casey, Planning Board Chair and Todd Smith, Road Agent

When properly designed and maintained, private driveways and access roads drain so there is no runoff of water from rain and snowmelt onto the public roads. Unfortunately, it is common to see runoff onto the roads from older driveways. Why is runoff a problem? Because the cumulative effects can damage roads, increasing the need for costly and disruptive repairs. Runoff can also contribute to dangerous icing on the roads this time of year. The purpose of this article is to encourage property owners to be good neighbors by taking steps to minimize runoff.

The Design Standards in the Sullivan Driveway Regulations (available at Town Hall or on the Town of Sullivan, NH web site) serve to protect public safety and keep our roads in good condition. The key design standards for preventing runoff are:

- Driveway cuts that do not interrupt the natural or ditch lines flow of drainage water. Where shallow ditch lines or natural drainage courses exist, driveways may be swaled at a point beyond the shoulder to accommodate the flow of storm water.
- Driveway entrances that drop 6 inches from the edge of the road to a point at least 6 feet back without a culvert. If a culvert is required, the drop shall be 1/4 inch per foot.
- If a culvert is required for proper drainage, it shall be a minimum of 15" in diameter and long enough to accommodate a 3: 1 side slope and to maintain the driveway width dimensions and a stable fore slope. It shall be of new galvanized steel or HDPE.
- Culvert design that conforms to the most recent NH DOT specifications. The culvert may be required to have a catch basin with a cover at the inlet end and a concrete or stone header at the outlet end. The culverts shall be installed by the landowner under the supervision of and with the approval of the Road Agent.
- Drainage ditches 6 inches below the outlet end of the culvert and dropping at least 1/4 inch per foot to the nearest point of drainage relief.

Please take a look at your driveway or access road to see if it is still draining optimally. If not, it is the owner's responsibility to get the drainage performance back to where it should be. NH statute (RSA 236:13) says, in part, "...unless the access is a public highway, the owners of property to which the access is appurtenant shall have continuing responsibility for the adequacy of the access and any grades, culverts, or other structures pertaining to such access, whether or not located within the public right of way."

And be sure to consult the Sullivan Driveway Regulations prior to embarking on a driveway maintenance project, to ensure that runoff will go where it is supposed to, and not onto the public road! Questions? Feel free to contact the Sullivan Planning Board (planning@townofsullivannh.com) or the Highway Department (highway@townofsullivannh.com). Thank you!

Icy Walkways and Steps?

Sand for personal use is free and available to Sullivan residents at the Town Barn on Church St. Bring your own container(s) and shovels. Note: This is only for personal use, not those in the business of sanding.



Fire Department - Watches, advisories and warnings...

We have all seen them on the news when the weather is being covered. The map of New Hampshire divided up and showing watches, advisories, and warnings. This time around, we are going to go over what those titles actually mean. Additionally, we will be going over some of the systems used for emergency alerting.

Watches, advisories and warnings can be used for any number of weather events. Here in New Hampshire, we are most familiar seeing them applied to wind, severe thunderstorms, or snowfall events (heavy snow or freezing). Alerts can be issued at the Federal, State or Local level based on information from The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In this area, alerts are normally issued at the state level. NOAA defines the different alert levels as follows:

Warnings: "A warning is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. A warning means weather conditions pose a threat to life or property. People in the path of the storm need to take protective action." These alerts denote the threat of the most severe and/or violent weather. In some situations, precautionary actions may accompany warnings.

Advisory: "An advisory is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. Advisories are for less serious conditions than warnings, that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property." Like the name implies, these alerts are issue more to advise people an event is going to happen. They are less intense than warnings, and protective action needed is minimal. A good example of this is if a winter storm advisory is issued, and people are told to avoid unnecessary travel.

Watch: "A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead-time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. A watch means that hazardous weather is possible. People should have a plan of action in case a storm threatens and they should listen for later information and possible warnings especially when planning travel or outdoor activities." Plainly put, this is issued when the weather service does not know the track of a storm, it but wants people alerted ahead of time. A good example of this (even if it is unlikely for this area) is when a flood watch is issued for a large section of the coast because a hurricane is coming, but it is unknown where it will make landfall. This will allow more time to implement evacuations or protective actions.

As was pointed out, most of us are used to seeing these alerts issue on the news; but, if needed, there are other systems that may be used for making people aware of potential dangers. They are generally use for rapid developing or extremely hazardous weather conditions (or events the public needs to know about like AMBER alerts or HAZMAT situations). Here are the five formats use for alerting the public:

--**Emergency Alert System (EAS).** These are issued through TV, cable and radio stations. Most of us are familiar with monthly EAS tests that interrupt regular programing.

--**Wireless Emergency Alert (WER).** This system targets phone and cellphone users. Normally in the form of a recorded message. Reverse 911 is an example of this. Reverse 911 is a general term that describes a process frequently used to contact citizens and businesses by matching a telephone number with an address

--**NOAH Weather Radio (NWR).** Special radios for the purpose of relaying weather information. This system is heavily used in maritime circles.

--**Internet Based Services.** The newest alerting platform to be utilized. It takes advantage of apps like Twitter or Facebook.

--**Unique State/Local Alerting Systems.** This would take into account alerting systems like sirens, loudspeakers or DOT message boards.

Supervisors of the Checklist - Register to Vote!

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sullivan Library on January 24th from 7 to 7:30pm and again on March 4 from 11 to 11:30am. Register to vote or make changes to your registration. Please bring proof of age, citizenship and domicile. You may also register to vote on Town Election Day, but not at Town Meeting. Note: In order to vote at Town Meeting, you must be a registered voter in Sullivan.

Sullivan Public Library – Public Notice

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on Thursdays - January 12, February 9 and March 9, 2023 at 3:30 PM at the library. The purpose of the meetings will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct any business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

"LIBRARY FOOTNOTES"

It's January! And do you know what that means this year? It's time to pass our coveted ice cream trophy from the Summer Reading Program on to the Gilsum Town Library! We may have won the weight of materials but they took it away by the sheer number of hours they read! Follow along on Facebook as we present the trophy to Lenoir and the people of Gilsum. We were thrilled to have so many active participants in our Summer Reading program in July and hope you will make plans to participate again this year!

The library is a great place to borrow books as well as DVDs (movies & TV), audio books and magazines! Are you looking for a book, audiobook or DVD that we don't currently own? Chances are good that we can obtain it for you from another library in the state through Inter Library Loan (ILL).

We offer a book group that meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11AM. This group reads a lot of mystery novels and would enjoy having more people meet with them and discuss the current reads. In December we finished *The Witch Elm* by Tana French and in January will discuss *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie. The next book will be *The Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.

A few of the recent additions to the collection include:

A Deadly Affair by Agatha Christie
The Doldrums by Nicholas Gannon
The Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand
A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny

We want to issue a huge thank you to Virginia DeAngelis for sharing some beautiful Christmas decorations with us this year. And also, the "Ladies of The Road Not Taken: Artistic Interpretations of the Poetry of Robert Frost" from Derry, NH.

Your librarians,
Paulette Tuttle and Sara Bolduc

WANTED - OLD NEWSPAPERS!

One of our patrons can use your old newsprint pages (not colored ads). Drop them off at the library anytime.

Little Free Library on Center Street

NEW BOOKS have been added for both children and young adult reading, stop by to check them out. I would love to start a wish list for books that you may like to see added. Send me, Tammy Rondeau, your requests on Facebook. Donations are always welcome, if the library is full or overfull, please leave your donated books on my side porch, I will add them as there is room.

Winter weather is here; while we plan to keep our library accessible all year, please be careful both parking & accessing the library in the winter. Grab a few books just in case we get a storm. Be on the lookout for winter activity books starting in January and cute little Valentine's crafts in February.

March - New books for St. Patrick's Day and in April - Will the Easter Bunny will be back? Let's find out.

Little Free Library on Valley Road

Don't forget to stop by our Little Free Library. We're overflowing with books! Almost half are kid's books (lots of picture books), some for older kids, and we haven't forgotten adults, either. There's a little something for everyone.

Questions about Sullivan?

Don't forget to check the webpage.

<https://townofsullivannh.com/>

You'll find information from and about each town department and the school board. Included are minutes, contact names & numbers and much more. You can print out many permit applications at home and also find copies of many local regulations! They include: the Community Planning Ordinance, Driveway Regulations, Regulations Governing Earth Excavations, Site Plan Review Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and the Wetland Conservation District Ordinance.

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

The Friends of the Sullivan Public Library are offering a set of note cards for sale. They feature photographs taken at various places around town and one of the photos is of a flock of Milton Trimitsis' sheep marching along one of our roads. As many of you know, in the summer months, Milton moves his sheep regularly between various pastures around town—and the photograph was meant to capture that activity. It also reminded me of an article I wrote in 2012 regarding the “sheep craze” in Sullivan. I have recently begun some research using the tax rolls to gain an understanding of agricultural activity in our town in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This enabled me to provide some more detail into the role of sheep on our farms.

As I pointed out in the earlier article, the “sheep craze” was an era when a combination of international events and economics intersected to encourage New England farmers to begin raising sheep in large numbers after about 1820. The introduction of Merino sheep into America by William Jarvis in 1813 provided farmers with a breed that produced large quantities of wool, and the invention of machines to pick, card and spin wool increased production efficiency. American import tariffs were passed by the U.S. Congress to protect both wool production and the growing American textile industry. As a result of these events, the demand for wool skyrocketed, and soon farmers all over New England were raising sheep.

The hill towns of northern New England (such as Sullivan) were particularly well suited for sheep. They were gifted or cursed with a great deal of land that was mostly vertical. These were often called upland pastures and were unsuitable for growing crops or for hay. Thus, they became places for animals to graze and were very good places for sheep. As the 1820s and 1830s progressed, accounts of sheep farming in many towns often marveled at the hills seeming to move because so many sheep were grazing. John Hayward's 1848 *Gazetteer of New Hampshire* notes that Nelson had 4,300 sheep, Stoddard had 5,175, and Walpole had an incredible 13,825. Sullivan's output was a little more modest with over 3,000 sheep producing 5,104 pounds of wool. However, that did not mean that our agriculture was completely devoted to wool. Farmers seldom depended on one crop in the 19th century and Sullivan was no exception. As Haywood notes, our town also produced 5,295 pounds of maple sugar, 1,793 tons of hay and 24,938 bushels of potatoes

In the 1850's, competition from the western states began cutting the price for eastern wool. The decision by the federal government to drop the tariff on wool from South America and the British Empire led to a glut on the market. New England hill town farmers turned to other crops and products. The Civil War led to a revival due to demand for woolen cloth for soldier's uniforms, but that ended when peace came. For most towns, the upland pastures were soon overgrown with trees which would lead to a revival of the timber trade that had been largely dormant since the early 19th century. But that is another story.

The story of sheep, however, does not end here. An examination of the tax rolls for 1883 (the earliest year available in the Sullivan Town Archives) shows almost 1,100 sheep in town. While that is a lot lower than the 1848 reference sighted above, it still represents a significant amount. However, those sheep were owned by only 30 individual taxpayers (out of 169 listed on the rolls). The largest flocks were kept by Amos Wardwell, Jr., (81 Gilsum Road) and George S. Kingsbury (in the area of Landcruiser Drive). 11 farms accounted for 75% of the total number of sheep. Thus, the “sheep craze” might have been long gone, but some farmers were finding a market. While wool production was probably practiced by the farmers, it also seems logical that the sheep were being raised for meat. This would be for individual use as well as for the market in nearby Keene.

Skipping ahead to the rolls for the year 1900, we find a decline to 152 sheep. The largest flocks had declined from over 100 sheep to just around 30. Over half of the sheep were raised on just three farms (Addison Wilder, 108 Centre Street; the Rugg Family, 64 Centre Street and the Rawson family, 402 Gilsum Road). Most of this change was due to the farms in Sullivan converting to dairy products. While milk and butter had always been part of a farmer's income, better transportation enabled them to reach more distant markets. Between the two tax rolls cited above, cattle held steady at around 350. However, the number of farms keeping cattle in 1900 was around 60 as opposed to 14 that kept sheep. Eventually, sheep farming would decline even further. By 1910, only 8 farms were still raising sheep.

Agriculture as a whole would continue to decline until it was almost extinguished in the Great Depression and further hampered by the break-up of our large farms in the 1950s and 1960s. Thus, the photograph on the note card showing sheep making their way from one pasture to the next recalls two things. One is the persistence of individuals to make farming work in our town. The other is a recollection that at one time, the hills of Sullivan seemed to be moving because large numbers of sheep were grazing in the upper pastures.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

It's Mike Blanchard!

By Risa Keene

I went to visit the Sullivan Fire Department and one of the first things I saw was a photo of a firefighter with the words, "Committed, Dependable, Experienced" below his image. These words were used to describe Mike Blanchard, our Deputy Fire Chief. After spending some time with him, it became evident that these words describe him quite well. Mike grew up in Marlow, NH and at the age of 18, he joined their fire department, which his father was already a member of. He's been a part of the Marlow, Keene or Sullivan fire departments ever since.

During approximately the past 40 years of being a firefighter, Mike has seen many changes. Although still a dangerous job, equipment and training have been improved to reduce the risk of injuries. Mike noted that, "breathing apparatus has changed a lot!" There is now a thermal image camera and microphone that are a part of the breathing apparatus. If a fire fighter is wearing this equipment, and for some reason does not move for 30 seconds, the pack puts out an alarm, warning his/her team that something is possibly wrong. Changes are also evident in the responsibilities the firefighters have; they now include medical emergency calls. Each member of the team must be recertified every year by taking classes through the National Registry of Emergency Technicians. These include such courses as CPR, childbirth, cardiac emergencies, diabetic emergencies and a NH protocol exam, to name a few. Mike's job has also changed. He has taken on many more managerial responsibilities to support the Chief, Al Henry. They must make sure that the department has the equipment they need to do their job safely.

Mike said that his job would be much more difficult if it wasn't for his wife Bonnie's support. He is extremely grateful for it. She takes up the extra responsibilities at home when he is on a call. Bonnie assists with a variety of fund raisers for the department (e.g. Memorial Day Yard Sale & Labor Day Barbeque), She is always willing to take pizza and coffee over to the fire fighters when they're fighting a large fire.

I was given a tour of a couple of the department's trucks. They are well-organized and filled with interesting equipment. Mike noted that Al Henry did much of the interior remodeling of the cabinets in the trucks, making it easier to find necessary equipment quickly.

We had a valuable conversation about how we as a town can support the firefighters. It is important to make sure the batteries for your smoke detectors and CO2 alarms are changed regularly. In fact, he noted that it is also important to change the detectors and alarms themselves approximately every 10 years. You can find the manufacturing date on the back of the devices. It is recommended to make sure your furnace is operating properly; chimneys are cleaned annually and all appliances are vented adequately.

Mike was full of praise for Sullivan, saying, "The town has been extremely supportive and generous, making it possible for the department to purchase much-needed and updated firefighting equipment."

Mike couldn't stress strongly enough, repeating it several times during our interview, that the department is ALWAYS in need of more firefighters. The entire team is made up of volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about the department, you may call Mike at 603 847-9680.

When Mike was asked if there is something people would be surprised to learn about him, he said, "Yes, I enjoy growing flowers in my gardens."

I would like to thank Mike for sharing his valuable time with me. What a fascinating job he has. Thank you also to Bonnie and ALL the significant others, of firefighters who support their partners so they have time to be a part of the department. The residents of Sullivan are grateful. Next time you see: Tyler Arlen, Mike Blanchard, Paul Bolduc, Tim Donahue, Emilee Guyette, Junior Guyette, Al Henry, Oliver Howard, Erik Kazlouskas, Tim Newcombe, Brian Peniuk, Amanda Roberge, Liam Sharder, Dan Corinda, Al Jones or Scott Lake, please extend a warm "Thank You," to them for all they do to keep us safe.



Hospice at HCS Offers Bereavement Support Group

Hospice at HCS will offer a safe, supportive group for those grieving a loved one's death. Groups may use discussion, meditation, readings, videos or writing to deal with loss due to illness, accident, suicide or other causes.

Groups will meet Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. for six-week sessions. New six-week sessions will begin the first Wednesday of every other month (January 4, March 1, May 3, and so on). Meetings will be held at the HCS Keene Office at 312 Marlboro Street. There is no charge to participate, but pre-registration is necessary. To register, contact John Everest, Hospice at HCS Bereavement Coordinator, at 603-352-2253 x4255 or jeverest@HCSservices.org.

Hospice at HCS is a comprehensive non-profit hospice program, providing end of life care to patients and support to family members. Care is offered in the home, in assisted living facilities or in nursing homes throughout southwestern New Hampshire.

Tips from a Master Gardener: Better Lawns & Gardens with Less Work

Submitted by Leslie Casey



Our gardens, fields and yards are truly amazing natural systems that support a web of life! I recently listened to some fascinating presentations on that topic; and in this article, I hope to give you a few of the highlights to perhaps inspire you to really observe your own slice of nature and appreciate what is living there.

One of the presentations was called "The Secret Lives of Bees," offered by the Harris Center for Conservation Education (now on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrPlyOaal60>). Did you know that New England is home to hundreds of species of native bees? Native bees are excellent pollinators that have adapted perfectly to America's plants over millions of years. The vast majority are solitary nesters. That means they are very gentle since, unlike imported honeybees, they don't have hives to defend. The most familiar of our native bees are probably bumblebees, which nest underground - often in rodent tunnels! Unfortunately, many bee species have been in decline in recent decades, but you can help the bees by remembering "SEEDS":

Spread native flowers. A wide variety means all-season bloom. Try not to mow them down!

Eliminate pesticides.

Employ a life-cycle approach. Leave fallen leaves and hollow stems for winter shelter, patches of bare ground and unmown grass for nesting.

Discover what's around you. Who is gathering pollen from nearby flowers? Where does she have her nest? As a famous quote says, "Attention is the beginning of devotion."

Share with others. Interesting bees enrich our time outdoors. Share the joy!

Another presentation was called "Farming with Soil Life," offered by the Xerces Society (see https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLj0YpC88441kMjTDDgOmXWJ-17_35lVdP). It talked about the little-understood, but incredibly intricate web of life under the ground, and its vital importance in building fertile soil. It was fascinating to learn how invertebrate organisms such as fungi, nematodes, bacteria, tardigrades, springtails, mites, protozoa, rotifers, millipedes, sowbugs, etc. all live in balance. I also learned that the presence of soil "megafauna," especially beetles, is a great indicator of overall soil health. And unlike much of soil life, you can see those guys without a microscope! This summer I encourage you to set up a pitfall trap for soil-dwelling insects and see what you catch overnight. For extra credit, bait it with fresh animal poo and see if you can catch a dung beetle! Is your soil healthy?

New research has shown that the use of pesticides such as neonicotinoids and ivermectin can harm soil fertility by indiscriminately killing invertebrates (not just "pests") and disturbing that natural balance. More about soil life and improving soil health can be found in the free online companion handbook available at <https://xerces.org/publications/guidelines/farming-with-soil-life>.

I hope you have enjoyed these tips. If you have gardening questions, email me: LCCasey29@hotmail.com. I will try to find you the answer or I will forward your question to one of our UNH Extension experts.

SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE

Hi Neighbors,

The end of the year always sneaks up on us, but this update is *filled* with good news & progress!

- Commercial refrigeration & kitchen equipment is ordered!
- Deposit made on new windows for the front of the store (no more draft!)
- Customer bathroom done!
- Subfloor repaired & new commercial kitchen floor installed.
- Remaining coolers (3) repaired.

Next Up:

- Professional basement cleaning.
- Upgraded wiring in kitchen complete (hello more power!)
- Ordering fixtures.
- Installing front windows.
- Ordering inventory!

Once we have a firm date of installation on the windows, we will share an opening date with all of you.

Visit us on Facebook at [Sullivan Country Store | Sullivan NH | Facebook](#) .

Upcoming Apple Hill Concert in Keene Jan. 21 at 4pm – Colonial Theatre

The Apple Hill String Quartet will be featured as they perform a premiere by Dana Lyn (commissioned by the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College), *Double Weaving for String Quartet* by Raven Chacon and Maurice Ravel's *String Quartet in F Major*.

Information: 603-847-3371 <https://applehill.org/>

Keene Ice & Snow Festival 2023 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 AT 10 AM – 4 PM

A day of free, family-friendly fun in beautiful downtown Keene at the peak of winter. The 2023 festival will host 10-12 ice carvers alongside many free family events and activities including; snow sliding, a children's train ride, roaming circus acts and buskers, roasting s'mores, sugar on snow, snow sculpting competition, "find the yeti" scavenger hunt, hot cocoa stations and more.

5th Annual Chapman Pond Kids' Ice Fishing Derby SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 AT 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM EST

A FREE event for children ages 2-15 years old with door/entry prizes. Hot cocoa and donuts will be available in the morning.

All bait will be supplied at no cost. There will be a limited supply of tackle for those who do not have their own, available by first come, first served. However, we will do our best to ensure that every child has at least one tip-up or jig pole to use. Volunteers will be on hand to drill holes and help set up.

Bring extra clothing to stay warm (gloves, socks, boots etc.) Every year at least one kid sticks a hand right in the water, gloves and all! Also, if anyone has an extra little bucket, please bring it to keep your bait in.

Trophies will be awarded for: largest perch, largest crappie, largest trout and the most fish caught.

Hosted by Kevin & Kathleen Wheeler - all are welcome! There will be a portable toilet available.

Questions – call Kathleen at 603-852-4517 or email her at kd3960@yahoo.com .

Sponsors are needed – call or email Kathleen, if you can help!

Birding on the Farm Workshop Series!

This winter and spring, the Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) in partnership with the Antioch Bird Club, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District (Windham NRCD), and Southeastern Vermont Audubon Society will launch a two-part workshop series running through March 2023.

Participants will learn about farm habitat dynamics for birds, habitat management, wildlife conservation on the farm, as well as species identification from experienced bird guides. This workshop series is open to birders and enthusiasts of all skill levels! Participants may bring binoculars with them, and weather appropriate dress and boots for walking are recommended.

Workshop dates and locations:

- January 21st, 2023 at 9:00AM: Green Wagon Farm, Court St., Keene, NH
- March 22nd, 2023 at 10:00AM: Location TBD

More details for 2023 dates will be made available soon!

Registration is required: <https://birdingonfarm.eventbrite.com>

For more information or assistance in online registration please contact CCCD at 603-756-2988 x3011 or benee@cheshireconservation.org .

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter. However, you should always call ahead or check the website to confirm dates, times, location and other information.

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SEW, QUILT, VISIT OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU – Take a break from winter and join us Monday afternoons, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in the Sullivan Church upstairs meeting hall where everyone is busy with all sorts of handiwork or just plain visiting! Questions? Speak to Mary Hull at the town hall.

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