

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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SUMMER FUN IN THE AREA

JEWETT PARK

Kathleen Wheeler has started to make things happen again this year in Jewett Park. Park cleanup has begun and a pollinator garden is in progress! A “shout out” to Brittani Alexander and kids for helping with mowing and starting the garden (even braving the pouring rain)! They’re looking for plant donations, if anyone may have some in their yard that they’d like to thin out, Kathleen would be happy to help. Give her a call at (603) 852-4517 or email kd3960@yahoo.com. Thank you to Cheshire Floral Farm for their help picking out some great plants and giving them a good buy.

Since it is officially Summer Vacation, they will be periodically hosting little activities geared towards the kids and the park - something to get them out and involved. They’re open to ideas and would love feedback from residents. Monday, June 30th from noon to 2pm they hosted "Rocks for the Park". They planted more flowers, as well as painted more rocks to add to it. All supplies included. Similar projects in the future will also be completely free and anyone will be welcome to attend. Watch the Community Facebook page for more events <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sullivannh>.

A new park grill will arrive soon; and, occasionally they will be serving up hot dogs and hamburgers, too!

Kathleen has been brainstorming about future plans and welcomes your suggestions. She’s looking forward to perhaps a mushroom foray and plant identification walk.

When and if the ground dries out, they’ll be looking for clean fill. If you have contact with any tree companies that may be able to help, let Kathleen know.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Once again, Keene Parks & Recreation and the Monadnock International Film Festival are sponsoring free outdoor family movies at Fuller Park, on the lawn in front of the Rec Center, 312 Washington St. in Keene.

2025 Movie Lineup:

July 17 – *Moana 2* (@ Disney)

July 31 – *Mufasa: The Lion King* (@ Disney)

August 14 – *Captain America: A Brave New World* (@ Marvel Studios)

Movies begin at dusk and are played on a giant blow up screen outdoors. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. They’ll have free popcorn and snacks!

85th ANNUAL CHESHIRE FAIR

July 31 – Aug. 3

Family fun at the fair: farm animal shows, demolition derby, rides, games, truck and tractor pulls, entertainment, and of course a huge selection of foods. Hours: 8am-10pm daily. 247 Monadnock Hwy, Swanzey, NH, United States, New Hampshire. (603) 357-4740 <https://www.cheshirefair.org/>

ANNUAL NH CRAFTSMEN'S FAIR

The 92nd Annual Craftsmen’s Fair will take place at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, NH; August 2-10, 2025. <https://nhcrafts.org/annual-craftsmens-fair/>

KEENE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 30 – downtown Keene, always free to attend. As always, they will have some incredible musicians on stage! Watch for more information as the date gets closer. 11AM - 10PM **FREE ADMISSION** <https://www.facebook.com/KeeneMusicFestival/>

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.

2025 SBW CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

For the 42nd year, **Savings Bank of Walpole** is excited to sponsor the "Concerts on the Green" series in Walpole. The eight-concert series, which will be held on the town green in Walpole, kicked off on Sunday, June 16 with the Westmoreland Town Band and will go through mid-August. All programs will be held rain or shine on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Pack a picnic basket, bring a blanket and/or lawn chair and enjoy the show! For more information, call (603) 352-1822. <https://walpolebank.com/concerts-on-the-green/>

July 6, 2025	Nelson Town Band
July 13, 2025	East Bay Jazz Ensemble
July 20, 2025	Springfield Community Band
July 27, 2025	Brattleboro American Legion Band
August 3, 2025	The Temple Band
August 10, 2025	River Valley Dance Band

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON IN KEENE!

Bring a blanket or chair, sit back and enjoy. All concerts begin at 7pm

July 2 --	Sheep Dip
July 9 --	50 Shades of Blues
July 16 --	Westmoreland Town Band
July 23 --	Baba Ray
July 30 --	Tom Foolery Band
Aug. 6 --	In Clover

APPLE HILL - TUESDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July 1
July 8
July 15
July 22
July 29
August 5 – Summer Gala
August 12
August 19

Outdoor concert seating is always FREE!

Alternately, you may enjoy a buffet dinner (\$25) ahead of time at 6 PM. Reservations required. Call Gail at 603.847.3371 or email gail@applehill.org

A pre-concert talk, listenUP, begins at 6:45. Concert begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$35 adult, \$10 student. Seating on the lawn is always free.

Concerts at Apple Hill are wheelchair accessible. If you have special needs, contact us at 603-847-3371 or music@applehill.org prior to your visit and we will do our best to address your needs. <https://applehill.org/concerts/concerts-apple-hill/>.

Bits & Pieces Around Town

DANGER! – Please don't blow or rake your grass clippings onto roadways. They can create slippery surfaces which causes motorcycles & bicycles to lose control, possibly causing accidents. Even a small patch can cause a life-threatening accident. A better use for the clippings would be composting or mulch around the yard.

REGISTER TO VOTE – MAKE CHANGES, ETC. **Saturday, August 2 at the Sullivan Library from 11 – 11:30am**, Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sullivan Library. You must have a photo ID, proof of age, residency and citizenship. You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk and on Election Day, but registering early will save you time

The **first day of school** is Aug. 27!

Sign up to help Sullivan Store with their **Adopted Highway Program for Route 9** – see Megan or Will. Help Keep Sullivan Clean!

Public Notice - The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on July 17, August 21 and September 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM 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.

Help Wanted on the School Board! The Board needs a **treasurer** and also another **board member**. Anyone who is interested should contact Michael Brooks, board chair at sullivanschooldistrict@gmail.com.

A Cleaner Route 9 and New Kitchen Hours at the Sullivan Country Store

From Megan & Will at the Sullivan Country Store

We're excited to share two quick updates from the Sullivan Country Store!

First, we've officially adopted **four miles of Route 9** through New Hampshire's Adopt-A-Highway program. This is something Will and I have wanted to do for a long time—we take a lot of pride in where we live and work, and this felt like one small but meaningful way to give back.

We're still working out the schedule for clean-up days, but we're hoping to gather a small group of volunteers who'd be interested in helping from time to time. If you'd like to be notified once we've got dates lined up, just send us an email at sullivancountrystore@gmail.com, and we'll add you to the list.

The second bit of news: **we've updated our kitchen hours!** Our kitchen is now open **6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday**. That includes **hot breakfast sandwiches, daily lunch specials, fresh pastry, pizza and made-to-order meals** throughout the day. On **Sundays**, while the kitchen is closed, we still offer **hot breakfast sandwiches, a fully stocked pastry case and plenty of ready-to-go deli sandwiches**.

We feel incredibly grateful to be part of the Sullivan community. Your support means more than we can say—whether you're stopping in for a bite, waving from your car, or helping us clean up the roadside. Thank you for keeping us going.

Warmly,

Megan & Will Hercher,
Sullivan Country Store
140 Route 9, Sullivan, NH
sullivancountrystore.com

Working Toward a Cleaner Town With Guidance from Our New Public Health Ordinance

Thanks to all who helped clean our roadsides on Town Clean-up Day. Having so many people take part, made light of a big job. Over 50 blue bags of roadside trash were taken to the recycling center, and the roads sure looked better afterwards.

In keeping along the same lines, the Conservation Commission recently met with Town Health Officer, Al Henry, for suggestions to help keep our roadsides, public areas and yards safer for all and a bit neater looking, as well. They learned the Town recently adopted a Public Health Ordinance, for the health and safety of all.

The complete Ordinance may be found on our town website www.townofsullivannh.com under Ordinances & Forms. Following is a summation taken from it.

Public Health Ordinance SHO-005 Prohibited Acts Summation

1. No person shall deposit any trash, garbage, dead animals, decaying matter or organic substance of any kind in or upon any private or public lot, street, ravine, ditch or into any stream or body of water so that the same shall or may afford food, harborage, or breeding for rats, mice, mosquitos or other vectors.
2. All materials resulting from the construction or alteration of any structure, or from the landscaping of a property, shall be properly disposed of by the property owner or the contractor responsible for the construction or alterations. Only untreated dimensional lumber or clean brush may be burned after obtaining a fire permit from the town's Forest Fire Wardens.
3. No person shall have, keep, maintain, cause or permit any collection of standing water in which mosquitos breed or are likely to breed, unless such collection of water is treated or maintained effectually so as to prevent such breeding.
4. No person shall burn or cause to be burned trash, garbage or rubbish in any outside container, such as, but not limited to a 55-gallon drum, campfire pit or other container.
5. No person shall bury trash, garbage, rubbish or other materials in a dug pit intended for that purpose or shall allow to be exposed unburied any farm animal or other substance liable to become putrid or offensive, or injurious to public health.
6. No person shall deposit any refuse, garbage or litter in any place or manner that would allow the elements or animals or vectors to carry or move it to any public street, public place, or upon the land or premises of another.

G2 Holdings, LLC Gravel Pit and Other Hearings in Sullivan

Lately, there have been many questions about the recent G2 hearings. Wondering how & why the Sullivan ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) operates the way they do? An application for land use goes before the ZBA when it is not one that is permitted under our Rural Residential District. The ZBA must then follow the rules and regulations on pages 9-13 of the Community Planning Ordinance, which can be found on the town website <https://townofsullivannh.com/> under "Ordinances & Forms".

What has happened at recent meetings? Copies of the ZBA minutes are posted on the website: <https://townofsullivannh.com/> > Government > Planning & Zoning > Zoning Board Minutes. For more information, google "g2 holdings in sullivan nh".

Next hearing for **G2 - Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00pm on September 3, 2025 at the Sullivan Town Hall, which is a continuation of the previous meeting concerning a request by G2 Holdings for a Special Exception concerning Article VI:C of the Community Planning Ordinance.

Sullivan's website, www.townofsullivannh.com is filled with a lot of handy information - hearings, minutes, email addresses, ordinances, a town calendar, etc. are posted by town committees and officers.

"LIBRARY FOOTNOTES"

Your Big Free Library

Summer Reading Time is here and the librarians of Sullivan, Gilsom and Surry are continuing the reading weigh-off competition this summer. Weights of books, magazines, or other printed materials you have borrowed from the library or read on your own count. Audio books will be included at the weight of their hardback equivalent. Weights will be collected at the library during the month of July, with the winning library hosting an ice cream social on Saturday, August 2nd at 3pm. Summer Reading officially began on July 1st and will run through July 31st. Our theme this year is **Level Up At Your Library**. On July 12th, the Sullivan Library will host an indoor/outdoor gaming event at 3pm. We hope everyone will participate. Follow us on Facebook for more updates as we get closer to the event dates.

The **Saturday Book Group** will be held on July 12th at 11am to discuss *An Elderly Lady Is Up To No Good* by Helene Tursten. At that time, they will receive next month's book, *Mother Daughter Murder Night* by Nina Simon. The August 9th meeting attendees will be given *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by JK Rowling. If you have read any of these titles, or would like to, and want to discuss the stories with others, please join in.

Volunteers wanted - The library is always looking for volunteers. Do you enjoy doing some light cleaning, looking at book spines, or making crafts? The library could find ways of helping you to utilize those abilities to help benefit our community.

We hope to see you in library soon!

Your Librarians, Paulette Tuttle and Sara Bolduc

Little Free Library – across from the Sullivan Post Office

Summer, Sun, Warmth, Water and a good book or several. The Little Free Library on Center Street has a new selection of books to choose from. Stop by before heading to the beach or camping or just curling up with a new good read. Here are the top 3 books from "Good Reads for the Summer".

- *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

And here are some good beach reads from Penguin House.

- *Great Big Beautiful Life: Reese's Book Club* by Emily Henry
- *Problematic Summer Romance* by Ali Hazelwood
- *Wild and Wrangled* by Lyla Sage
- *One Golden Summer*. by Carley Fortune

Great story a consumer told me recently. They travel to visit Sullivan and one thing they love is stopping by the Little Free Library; they leave a book they brought and take a couple to read and bring back home to another Library. Thank you!!!

SURRY MOUNTAIN AND OTTER BROOK RECREATION AREAS

Recreation Update:

After several weeks of flooding within the recreation area, **Surry Mountain Lake Recreation Area** was still not open as we went to print. They hope to have it open soon. Call 603-352-4130 for current information.

As a reminder, there will be no flush restrooms available at Surry Mountain Lake, but portable toilets will be available. **Otter Brook Lake** will be walk in only this summer

For complete updates, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OtterBrookandSurryMountain/> or call 603-352-4130.

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

For this issue of the Newsletter, I offer a print version of this year's Memorial Day remarks.

Once again, we gather on this day to remember those men and women who have given their lives in service of our country. In Sullivan, the symbol of that service is our soldiers' monument. It was erected after the Civil War by the Ladies Circle of Industry to remember those men who left our town and died in that war. There were, of course other wars that saw our soldiers leave—some never to return. So, during our Bicentennial Celebration, the monument was rededicated as a remembrance of all who have served.

This is a day to tell stories about those people, so they become something more than just names on monuments and in the pages of our text books. Those people who died were not generals or politicians who led the nation in times of conflict. Those who died were from humble backgrounds in our little New England hill town. However, their stories are not less important because, in the end, their service is what helped accomplish the objectives of the leaders. And, most importantly, their sacrifice should remind us of the consequences of warfare.

This year, we will begin to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Our War for Independence. So, I thought it appropriate to tell a story about two of the men who left here in the spring of 1775. Sullivan, of course, did not exist at that time. We were in the first stages of our settlement. Our historian, Josiah Lafayette Seward, notes that there were only about 6 or 7 farms established by 1775—mostly in Gilsum and Keene. Yet, there were no less than 10 volunteers who served in the war—mostly between 1776 to 1778. However, two brothers who just settled farms on South Road, answered the alarm that came from Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. Their names were Eliakim and Asahel Nims.

Word reached Keene two days after Lexington and Concord, and Captain Issac Wyman alerted the militia to meet the next day on the common. Eliakim was part of the Keene militia, but Asahel was not. As Wyman assembled his men, one of the soldiers asked to be excused, and Asahel stepped forward to take his place. Once mustered and equipped, the company left Keene on April 22 and reached Cambridge, Massachusetts, 3 days later. The units assembled there were from all over New England, but mostly from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Within a few weeks, each of these groups were organized into larger units. The New Hampshire men were organized into the 1st and 3rd New Hampshire Regiments. Captain Wyman, now Lt. Col. Wyman, commanded three companies, mostly from Cheshire County. Asahel Nims was promoted to be the sergeant of one of those companies. Eliakim was a private in another company.

In early June, the decision was made to fortify a large hill on the peninsula opposite Boston where Charlestown was located. This was called Bunker's Hill, but the Americans realized there was a better location on Breed's Hill, which was closer to Boston. The British quickly realized that this new fortification could be used to fire cannons into Boston. On June 17th, they decided on a frontal assault on Breed's Hill which they believed would scatter what they called the untrained American Forces.

The New Hampshire regiments were mostly along a rail fence that provided a temporary extension of defenses on Breed's Hill. The first assault attacked that area and was repulsed. The second assault attacked the hill itself and was repulsed. At this point, the Americans were running out of gun powder and knew they must retreat. It fell upon the 1st New Hampshire to hold their positions so that the others could conduct a fighting retreat. In the third attack, the British overwhelmed the defense works on Breed's Hill, but the defense by the New Hampshire forces held, then fell back in an orderly retreat. It was on that fence that Sgt. Asahel Nims was killed.

The retreat saved most of the American forces. A few weeks after the battle, George Washington arrived in Cambridge to take command and organize what would become the Continental Army. Part of the new army was the 1st New Hampshire Regiment and Eliakim Nims enlisted with them. Later in the war, he would see action at Fort Ticonderoga, Fort Independence and the Battle of Bennington. Upon discharge, he returned to Keene in 1778, married Abigail Briggs, and resumed farming his land on South Road.

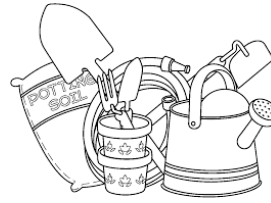
The post-Revolutionary period brought a number of new people to our town. Josiah Seward's history notes that 67 of the new settlers were veterans of the War. Many were signers of the petition that created the township of Sullivan in 1787 and were important in the early history of the town. The last of the Revolutionary War veterans was Eliakim Nims who died in 1846 at the age of 95.

When we view the events of our country's creation, we do so at a distance, not in miles but in years. It is much like standing on a mountain looking at a town in the distance. We need binoculars to see the details. In the case of events that occurred 250 years ago, historians give us such an aid so that we may see the details.

Those details help us understand the importance of why we honor those who have died during our wars. There are many stories such as the one I have told today, set in many towns, over many years across the saga that is the story of our country. But the Nims brothers are part of our history. I would urge you to reflect on their story as we salute and play taps in honor of all of the history reflected by our Soldiers' Monument.

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

Submitted by Leslie Casey



Summer is here at last in the Monadnock Region! Everything is growing like crazy with the rain we've had, including the weeds. In this article I will talk about some ways to keep weeds from getting the upper hand without ruining your back or your budget!

Managing Weeds in the Lawn

In dealing with turfgrass problems such as weeds, UNH Extension advises that the first thing is to evaluate your site conditions. Improving drainage, increasing fertility, allowing additional light to reach the lawn, and raising the mower height to 3 inches will go a long way toward giving turfgrass a competitive advantage over weeds. Consider getting your soil tested to determine the fertilizer needs of your lawn, and if reseeding, choose a turfgrass mix that is shade tolerant. See <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/pest-disease-growing-tools/soil-testing-services> for more information on soil testing services.

Some lawn weeds like white clover and bugleweed (Ajuga) are good sources of nectar for bees and other insects. You may want to let them be. Some people even use those plants as grass substitutes in low-traffic areas of their lawns. Other weeds like plantain and dandelions may be hand pulled (I pop them out with a shovel -- easier on my back and hands than pulling!). In some cases, herbicides may be an option.

Managing Weeds in Gravel Pathways

Hand-weeding will probably always be part of maintaining a gravel path or driveway, unfortunately, even if landscape fabric is being used underneath. If you are sick of hand-weeding but want to avoid using chemicals, you could try using a flame weeder (propane or butane torch) to burn and kill weeds. Horticultural vinegar will control annual weeds and very young perennial weeds. For mature perennial weeds, a systemic herbicide will be a better option. Before purchasing an herbicide product, be sure that you have accurately identified the weed species in need of control!

Managing Weeds in Gardens

Mulch can be used in the garden and flower beds to help suppress annual weeds and to retain soil moisture. As an added benefit, organic mulches (i.e. not plastic) will increase the organic matter in the soil as they decompose. Options for organic mulches include bark mulch, wood chips, leaves, pine needles, grass clippings, hay (heat-treated to kill weed seeds) and straw. As a rule, 2"-3" of mulch is adequate for most applications.

Tilling garden soil each year is a common practice, but disturbing the soil brings new weed seeds to the surface where they germinate. Some weed seeds in the soil can remain viable for years or even decades. Whether you till or not, if you are diligent about removing problem weeds before they can set seed, the soil "seed bank" will be depleted and you will see fewer weeds over time.

Quackgrass is an annoying perennial weed that spreads by rhizomes underground. Tilling chops up and spreads the rhizomes, making the problem worse. Digging up quackgrass and removing as many rhizomes as possible is the best non-chemical approach, outside of smothering the grass for a few months. Hand weeding will need to be repeated frequently to completely eradicate quackgrass. I find a spade/fork to be an effective tool for digging up the rhizomes with minimal disturbance to the soil. A fast option is to use a non-selective systemic herbicide to control it. Spot treatment with glyphosate is effective, though two or three applications may be necessary to achieve full control.

For advice on no-till gardening methods, see <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2020/10/low-no-till-gardening>.

If You Feel You Must Use an Herbicide to Control Weeds

UNH Extension has a useful resource called "Selecting the Appropriate Pesticide Product for Use in the Home, Yard or Garden" (<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2020/05/selecting-appropriate-pesticide-product-use-home-yard-or-garden>). Ask UNH Extension (<https://ask.extension.org/>) for specific recommendations, and always read and follow the label before applying any herbicide product!

I hope you have enjoyed these tips. If you have gardening questions, email me: LCasey29@hotmail.com. I will try to find you the answer or I will forward your question to one of our UNH Extension experts.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sullivan School District

Congratulations Graduates! The Sullivan School Board would like to congratulate all our graduating students! Our high school graduates are J Goodnow, S Kurtz and L Suratt. Our middle school graduates are A. Howard, S. Willette, A. Ginsberg, E. LeMoine, L. Plankey and R. Paquette. Our elementary school graduates are L McNichol, L LeMoine, W Donohue, Z Wilcox and J Shepard. Congratulations again!

Openings on the School Board - We continue to have openings on the school board. We have one school board position open as well as the treasurer position. Anyone who is interested in serving on the board or as treasurer should contact Michael Brooks our board chair at sullivanschooldistrict@gmail.com.

Hope everyone has a great summer and stays safe! Malinda Sherpa, for Sullivan School District

Sullivan School District - Bus Transportation Update

SAU 29 has entered into an agreement with Student Transportation of America (STA) for student transportation services, effective as of the week of May 19, 2025. STA currently serves districts in the Manchester region, as well as Peterborough and Jaffrey-Rindge, and is now expanding into the Keene area.

This new SAU29/STA contract offers more favorable terms than those proposed by the previous provider, First Student. By partnering with STA, Sullivan aims to better coordinate bus routes, schedules and overall transportation management with neighboring districts, including SAU 29 Keene and Nelson. This alignment will help improve efficiency and service for families in Sullivan.

The Sullivan School Board approved the STA proposal at its June 2025 meeting. The superintendent is currently working with STA to finalize the agreement and begin implementation. We will continue to provide updates as the transition progresses and appreciate the community's support as we work to improve student transportation services.

For any questions contact the Sullivan Superintendent Kim Caron or School Board Chair. sullivanschooldistrict@gmail.com

Nelson Elementary School

Dear Sullivan Families,

Happy Summer from all of us at Nelson School!

We had a fantastic end of the year together, and we are excited for all of the adventures our students will have over the summer. Special congratulations to all of our 5th grade graduates! Five of our nine graduates are from Sullivan, including: Walker Donohue, Lachlan LeMoine, Lila McNichol, Jebadiah Shepard and Zane Wilcox. We are so proud of everything that all of our students have accomplished this year, and we are already looking forward to what next year will bring.

Ms. Cindy Benner has resigned her position at Nelson School after more than 30 years of service to the children and families of the community. We extend deep gratitude to her for the countless lives she has touched as an educator. Community members have been planning a celebration event for the fall; more information will be passed along as more details become available. As we end our year, we have some other staffing changes to formally announce. We are sad to say goodbye to Cindie Bunn (long-term substitute, Kindergarten); Acacia Johnston (tutor); Dr. Bran Gregory (school psychologist); and Danielle, Zoe, and Jaime from Educational and Behavioral Consulting (EBC). We are thankful for the time that you worked with our students, and wish you all the best in the future!

This means we will be seeing some new faces at Nelson school. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Ashley Guida to the Nelson School staff. She will be teaching Grade 1. We are also looking forward to working with Adam Wirth (tutor), and Sarah and Curtis from EBC. Welcome to our Nelson School family - we are lucky to have you on board!

Just a reminder – **new students** who are enrolling for the first time at Nelson School, whether new incoming K families or transferring from other schools should contact the school as soon as they know they will be joining us. While we have an abbreviated office schedule for the month of July and the first part of August, I will be checking email at a regular interval, even when I am not in the office. If you need to enroll your child at Nelson School for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, please reach out as soon as possible to ngordon@sau29.org. I will be happy to help you to navigate our registration process.

As we move into August, please be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher about August conferences. We are trying something new this year, and we are requesting that all of our families attend a get-to-know-you conference before school starts. Our goal is to build proactive, positive relationships with all families, and we are looking forward to seeing you then!

We are already eagerly awaiting the start of the 2025-2026 school year. We can't wait to welcome our students back on Wednesday, August 27!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer,

Nicole Gordon, Principal/Curriculum Integration Specialist at Nelson School

Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

A great opportunity to clean toxic wastes from your basement, workbench, garage, and cupboards.

Summer 2025

Sat. July 19 Wed. July 23 Sat. July 26
Sat. Aug. 9 Wed. Aug. 13 Sat. Aug. 23
Sat. Sept. 13 Wed. Sept. 17 Sat. Sept. 27

All collections run 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

<https://ci.keene.nh.us/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-schedule>

What to Bring

Products marked toxic, poison, corrosive, irritant, hazardous, flammable, danger. If you think it's hazardous, bring it up.

What Not to Bring: empty containers (can be recycled), latex paint, ammunition, fireworks, radioactive materials, makeup & toiletries

Other Information: Containers must be labeled as to their contents. No containers larger than 10 gallons will be accepted.

Collection takes approximately 10 minutes from time of arrival.

WHAT'S COOKING?

By Bonnie Blanchard



It's zucchini!

The gardens have been planted and hopefully the rain has eased up a bit. Now is the time to make plans for what to do with the bounty of zucchini that will be coming our way in the next few months. My completely unscientific guess is that one plant can feed the entire town of Sullivan! Luckily, zucchini is extremely versatile and can be used in cakes, breads, side dishes and chips for snacking.

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

½ cup vegetable oil	¼ cup baking cocoa
1 ½ cups granulated sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs	½ teaspoon baking powder
½ cup sour milk or buttermilk	½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla	½ teaspoon cinnamon
2 ½ cups flour	¼ tsp ground cloves
2 cups (packed) grated zucchini	

Topping: ½ cup chopped nuts and ½ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

In a mixing bowl, combine oil and sugar. Add eggs, milk and vanilla. Mix and set aside. In a separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and cloves. Add dry mixture to wet mixture and stir in zucchini. Spread mixture into a lightly oiled 12x9x2 inch baking pan. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

Light Zucchini Bread

3 eggs	2 ½ cups flour
¾ cups vegetable oil	¾ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups granulated sugar	½ teaspoon cinnamon
Zest of 1 lemon	¼ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon orange extract	1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon vanilla extract	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups grated zucchini	½ cup chopped pecans

Beat eggs, oil and sugar. Add lemon zest, orange extract, vanilla extract and zucchini and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, salt, cinnamon, ginger, baking soda and baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Stir to combine then fold in nuts. Bake in small lightly greased loaf pans at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. This recipe can also be baked in muffin pans. Both muffins and breads freeze well.

Zucchini Pancakes

2 ½ - 3 cups grated zucchini	½ teaspoon salt
1 egg beaten	½ teaspoon black pepper
½ cup flour*	2 tablespoons olive oil (for frying)
1 ½ teaspoon onion powder	

Place grated zucchini into a strainer and allow to drain for ½ hour. Squeeze zucchini in a towel to remove as much liquid as possible. Place zucchini in a bowl, add egg, flour, onion powder, salt and pepper (*the amount of flour can be adjusted depending on the zucchini's moisture content). The mixture should hold together when scooped. Heat frying pan to medium/low and oil. Oil should sizzle when mixture is added to pan. Use an ice cream scoop to form patties and flatten with a spatula. Fry in each side until golden brown.

Baked Zucchini Chips

Zucchini cut evenly in 1/8" slices Quantity depends on how many chips you want to make
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt to taste (I prefer Kosher salt, but regular table salt works too)

Slice zucchini into 1/8" slices. Using a mandolin helps to keep the slices consistent. Lay the slices in a single layer on paper towels. Cover with more paper towels and set a baking sheet on top. Press down on the baking sheet applying slight pressure to help squeeze out some of the moisture. The more moisture you remove, the crispier the chips will be. Preheat the oven to 250 to 275 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Brush the paper lightly with olive oil. Lay the zucchini slices, in a single layer, on the parchment paper. Lightly brush the top of the zucchini slices with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Bake for 1 ½ to 2 hours until crisp and golden.

When your neighbor offers you a basket full of zucchini, take them. You will be glad you did!

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