

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP!

Saturday, May 7

Meet in the Town Hall/Church parking lot at 9 am for road assignments and to pick up a few of the familiar blue bags. Once you fill your blue bags, drop them off at the salt shed at the town barn. Note: this is for roadside clean-up only, please, no household rubbish.

Due to Covid, we still don't feel comfortable offering lunch, but we invite everyone to pack their own lunch and join us in Friendship Hall at the Church for a "picnic lunch". Conservation will provide beverages. See the Earth Day posters and enjoy a lot of good company - it's also a great way to meet your neighbors! Chip Woodbury will treat everyone to bit of music, too!

If you can't make it on the 7th, but would like to help, trash bags are available at the Town Hall, Library and Post Office.

SULLIVAN CENTER YARD SALES!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - May 27th & 28th

SULLIVAN FIRE DEPARTMENT YARD SALE

Once again the Sullivan Fire and Rescue can help you with your spring cleaning! They are accepting items for a yard sale fundraiser which will be held on May 27th and 28th. Donations of all types (except oversized furniture and televisions) are being accepted. To arrange donation, pick up or drop off, please contact Bonnie Blanchard at 847-9680 or leave a message at the fire station at 847-9020.

The Yard Sale will be held at the Fire Station, rain or shine from 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

SULLIVAN CHURCH YARD SALE – May 27 & 28

The Sullivan Congregational Church will also hold an inside yard sale on May 27th from 9am to 3pm and on May 28th from 9am to 2pm. There will be assorted household items, some clothing, perhaps a few vintage items - and who knows what? If you have items to donate, call Gaynelle Pratt (847-3271) or Becky Cummings (847-3477). Stop by and see what is available - it just may be your "treasure"!

LIBRARY PLANT & BOOK SALE – SATURDAY ONLY - May 28, 9-2

Looking for your favorite perennials? The Friends of the Sullivan Library are holding their annual Plant & Book Sale on Saturday, May 28 from 9am to 2pm at the library. Select hardy Sullivan-grown plants - available for \$3 each. Plenty of varieties and colors. And, many books for your choosing – mystery, fiction, science, cookbooks, historical, biography, etc. Lots of children's books, too! Come take a look!

See inside – Dungeons & Dragons, a Sullivan Archives webpage, message from the selectmen, "Remembering the Past", "Meet your Neighbor", gardening tips, safe grilling and more!

SULLIVAN MISCELLANY

Help Wanted: Town Deputy Treasurer

We are looking for someone to serve as Sullivan's Deputy Treasurer, a position appointed by the Selectmen for a three-year term. The Deputy Treasurer serves as backup to the Treasurer, performing the Treasurer's tasks when the Treasurer is unavailable. Ideally, the Deputy Treasurer would also be interested in someday becoming Treasurer. The Treasurer's activities include signing checks, maintaining records and filing documentation, and reconciling monthly bank account statements to our check register. The skills necessary, or at least very helpful, would be: familiarity with Excel, experience using client portals of financial institutions, attention to detail and a facility with numbers. The Treasurer's tasks normally take approximately an hour to complete each week. There is flexibility around when during the week the work is done, and with internet access some tasks can be done remotely. There is a small annual stipend, plus the enjoyment of working with other terrific people who help keep Sullivan running, and the satisfaction of making a valuable contribution to our community. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kathleen Rowe at the Town Hall, or Jim Casey, the Town Treasurer, at treasurersullivan@gmail.com, or 603-903-2305. Thank you.

Sullivan Food Pantry

The food pantry is available to any Sullivan resident who needs assistance. If you, or anyone you know, could use some help with food, please call the Town Hall at 603-847-3316, the Sullivan Church at 603-847-9030, or Gaynelle Pratt, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 603-847-3271. Donations of non-perishable food items and paper goods are much appreciated and can be left at the Town Hall, the Post Office or the Library. Many thanks to those who so generously donate to the pantry!

Selectmen Summer Meeting Schedule:

The Selectmen are now operating with their reduced meeting schedule, as they generally do each year. Meetings are held every other Monday at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. The meeting dates will be May 9 & 23; June 6 & 20; July 5 & 18; August 1, 15 & 29 and September 12 & 26. If you have business with the Selectmen, please contact Kathleen, the Administrative Assistant, who will be happy to put you on the agenda. 603-847-3316.

Town Website:

If you're not familiar with the Sullivan website <https://townofsullivannh.com/>, take a few minutes and peruse it. Many of your questions concerning Sullivan can be answered here. All town departments and officers are listed along with the minutes of many departments, building & site plan applications, tax maps, school district information, phone numbers, hours of operation for the town hall and so much more!

Attention Dog Owners:

Did you remember to license your dog? If you have not yet licensed your dog(s), please do it now to avoid fines and interest. Note that your dog's rabies shots must be up to date. If you are unsure if they are up to date, call the Town Clerk's office, or your vet, and they can give you that information. Also, if you no longer have your dog, let them know, to avoid having unnecessary late notices sent out.

Hours of operation are: Tuesday thru Thursday 10-2 and the 2nd and last Thursday evenings from 6-8. Phone number is 603-847-3316 and email is sullivantownclerk@myfairpoint.net

May is Mailbox Improvement Month!

Many people don't realize that clearly labeling your mailbox and house helps more than just your mail carrier! We use them to deliver your mail as accurately as possible, but they are also vital tools to help first responders find your home quickly in an emergency. The cost of labeling your mailbox and house is far less than what could be lost. No one wants first responders to have to waste valuable time turning around or trying to find the right house, especially in emergencies where seconds matter.

With that in mind, after a long and snowy winter, it's no surprise that quite a few boxes are in need of some attention. You may have a leaning or slanted post from a near miss with a snow plow, a missing or broken mailbox door that exposes your mail/packages to the rain, or you might just be lacking the proper numbers to identify your box and house. Whatever the problem, spring is a great time to do a quick mailbox rehab! The ground has thawed and the mud has (mostly) dried up. Your postal carriers and local first responders will appreciate your help!

If anyone has any questions about how tall their box should be, or any other questions about mailbox rehab and requirements, please reach out to me at the post office and I will be happy to help, however I can. Thank you!
Melody Bennett Burdo, Sullivan Postmaster

CONTINUED SULLIVAN MISCELLANY:

Public Notice – Library Trustees: The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on May 12, June 9 and July 7, 2022 at the 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.

Coffee & Conversation at the Library: Saturday morning coffee at the library will begin again in May. The Keurig is ready to go with your choice of coffee. As before, there are plenty of extra mugs or bring your own! Stop by on Saturday mornings around 9:30 or 10; coffee may be either inside or out – depending on the weather (and black flies). Hope to see you there!

Summer break for the Monday quilting/sewing group: The last get-together for the Sullivan quilting/sewing group this spring will be on Monday, May 16. The group will resume again in the fall.

LETTERS TO THE SELECTMEN

Anonymous et al...

The Sullivan Select Board juggles a wide variety of issues - from building permits, managing budgets, to keeping up on New Hampshire RSAs and everything in between. In the course of our duties, we often find ourselves confronted with issues between our town citizens. We act in good faith to help all people who are part of our community in which we serve. These issues can range from barking dogs, to boundary disputes and a wide variety of neighbor complaints. In each case, we do our best to resolve issues by listening, answering questions and making suggestions and decisions that fall within town policy guidelines.

Recently we have begun to receive a number of letters from people in the community that bring to our attention a particular issue which the writer feels that we, as a board, should investigate and/or address. Although the board does discuss any issue that is put before us, it is difficult to take action with an anonymous complaint or request. We understand the reasons behind the desire to remain anonymous, but actions that are taken by the board are ultimately civic concerns that have legal ramifications and caveats.

The board is willing to hear from everyone, even in a non-public meeting, in an effort to understand the situation and be able to make an informed decision. We will do our due diligence in ensuring that your concerns remain private, but in any legal challenge, you may be called upon as a witness. In a small town like Sullivan, communication and having your concerns heard should be barrier-free. We encourage you to reach out to the Board directly to help address concerns that you have within our community.

Thanks for your understanding.

On behalf of the Sullivan Select Board,
Paul Bolduc

CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST LIBRARY DISPLAYS!

TRAINS – DID YOU KNOW MODEL TRAINS COULD BE THIS BIG?

Dave Jakway's collection of Garden Railway Trains are on display now. They're G-Scale size which runs on a gauge of 1.75 inches. This is the largest scale offered, making them suitable for outdoor use, rain or shine. On display are also models of real Narrow Gauge engines which are used in Maine as well as other parts of the world. The engine types are Forney's, Consolidated and Climax along with a few freight cars.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY

To celebrate Earth Day Tammy Rondeau is sharing her beautiful photographs, most taken in the Monadnock Region, and many in Sullivan.

“Library Footnotes”

From Sullivan’s Big Free Library

What a huge success **Dungeons and Dragons** turned out to be! We are pleased to announce that our little gaming day has turned into a 2-Saturday per month event. So much fun was had by all who attended. Thank you to Bert Thorndike for hosting! We are looking forward to even more matches as the summer approaches. Check our Facebook page for updates and upcoming gaming sessions.

Who remembers having a **Summer Reading Program** that included some friendly competition with the Gilsum Public Library? Are you ready to get involved in that again? We are pleased to announce that Sullivan will be competing against **Gilsum** to maintain our **Ice Cream Sundae trophy**. We will have two ways to track our reading. One will be to weigh each item as it comes back into the library after you have read it; the other way will be to log minutes read. This summer reading program will run through the month of July. Whichever town holds the new record will host an ice cream social for readers in both towns on the last Saturday of July.

Our **Saturday book group** that meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month just finished reading *A Great Deliverance* by Elizabeth George, the first in the Thomas Lynley and Barbara Havers series. So many twists and turns in that one! Our next read is *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker. This is the first one in this series as well. The discussion for Bruno will be held on May 14 at 11 am. If this piques your interest, stop in to pick up copy and join us!

We have been diligently adding new books into our collection. Some of the new titles include:

Harriet’s Ruffled Feathers by Joy McCullough

The Bear and the Dragon by Tom Clancey

Run Rose, Run by James Patterson & Dolly Parton

Caramel Pecan Murder by Joanne Fluke (#28 in the Hannah Swenson series)

Shadows Reel by CJ Box (#22 in the Joe Pickett series)

Thank you to our volunteers, Ginger and Sionne, for helping us out! And a special thank you to all who have given donations of materials for us to use.

Yours Respectfully,
Paulette Tuttle and Sara Bolduc, your librarians

From Sullivan’s Little Free Library – by Tammy Rondeau

The Little Free Library had a visit from the Easter Bunny recently. He read a book or two while he visited with the children who stopped by. Both Echo and Clover enjoyed the visitors and even had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Photos are on the Sullivan Facebook page, but feel free to message me, and I’ll send you yours as well. We added a new bench and spring flowers, so if you are walking or driving by and want to stop, please take a break, grab a book; and as always, feel free to take books or leave books. Happy Spring everyone!



At the Big Library

Beginning May 7, the adventure continues. Every first and third Saturday of the month from nine a.m. to noon, dungeons and dragons will be at the Sullivan Public Library.

The Candlekeep Mysteries will continue. If you were not able to make the first sessions, that’s ok. All are welcome whether you have played before or not. No homebrew allowed during character creation, but any official 5e content is available. Please see the library Facebook page for the link to create your character.

Questions can be directed to the Sullivan Public Library.

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

On 21 February 1959 Carleton Nims visited Chester B. Price. Mr. Nims was conducting interviews and taking notes for a history of Sullivan that he had been compiling for several years. Chester Price was a subject because he had grown up in Sullivan in the 1890s and early 1900s. Mr. Price provided some details on life in town at that time. He reminisced about mica mining, confronting a bobcat, and Rev. Josiah Seward showing him where the first dwelling in Sullivan was constructed. As he was transcribing the interview, Mr. Nims made reference to Mr. Price's "voluminous research about Indians." The goal of the interview was to find information about Sullivan, so it does not expand on the "voluminous research." It turns out that Mr. Price's research was an important step forward in our understanding of the role of the Western Abenaki people in New Hampshire's history.

Chester Burton Price was born in Keene on 24 July 1889. He was one of the several children of James William Price and Maria Aldelphia (Pelkey) Price. Around 1888, the family came to Sullivan and rented a farm. In 1897, they purchased the old Perry Kemp farm on South Road. This stood for a number of years where the Hilltop Campground recently was. Chester grew up in town and attended the #4 school on South Road. He moved away after his marriage to Ethel Peterson on 29 June, 1912. He found work on the railroad and soon became a postal clerk on railway post office cars traveling all over New England. His work meant that he lived in several different towns in New Hampshire. At some point, he began taking an interest in local history and was probably curious about why more mention was not made about the time before Europeans arrived.

In the New Hampshire town histories written before the 1930s, little mention is usually found of Native Americans. If there is mention, it will be in regard to the almost constant warfare that occurred in the 17th and 18th centuries. Seward's history of Sullivan is typical in devoting only 2 paragraphs to pre-settlement days stating, "Sullivan has no prehistoric history." Yet the Europeans did not find an uninhabited land. People had been living here for at least 8,000 or 10,000 years.

Research into the Native American presence often concentrated on areas where they had gathered for seasonal hunting or fishing. The early researchers were often less than scientific about their approach to artifacts and other evidence. Moreover, many of these sites became flooded or destroyed as manufacturing interests dammed up rivers and drained wetlands that had been Native American sites. In the 20th century, the science of archaeology introduced a more systematic form of investigation and began discovering that Native peoples maintained extensive trade and kinship networks throughout New Hampshire and beyond. This helped explain why arrow heads made of certain kinds of stone not found in the state were found in many different sites or how seashells could be found hundreds of miles from the sea. For Chester Price, the question was not that Native Americans traveled around, but how they traveled in the forests of our states.

He began by studying old maps and historical accounts. His research included 18th and 19th century texts on the language and culture of the Abenakis. He studied various town histories for stories about trails. Gradually, he came to realize that many of the early trails used by the English to penetrate the forest had followed trails used by the Abenakis. Not surprisingly, the trails followed river valleys and lakes. However, the trails also had to navigate the crossings between watersheds which often involved hiking the hill country and long portages. The trails also intersected one another at key points. These often became villages or sites for trading.

He published his findings in the journal The New Hampshire Archeologist in 1958 which included an explanatory text and his now famous map of the trails that he was able to document. As one might expect, the map looks a lot like a modern highway map since the trails and the subsequent Colonial-era roads often follow the easiest grades and the "shortest possible distance between two points." Price also attempted to label the place names and geographical features as close as possible to their correct Abenaki names. For this he relied on works such as Joseph Laurent's, Etmology of Indian Names and other works on the Abenaki language. For example, Contoocook becomes Kon-wan-teg-ok. While he relied on works which attempted to transliterate a spoken language, his place names are much closer to the original than the efforts of the Colonial cartographers.

In Cheshire County, the trails follow the Connecticut River and the Ashuelot watersheds, with a key intersection in what is now Swanzey. In Sullivan, the Ashuelot River trail follows the river toward Marlow. Otter Brook provided another trail into town, but split off at East Sullivan and headed toward Granite Lake. Then it crossed the watershed divide into the Contoocook watershed much as Route 9 does today.

The Price map is still used as a general guide. Many archeological digs have used it as a source to begin an investigation. As happens in science, new techniques and understandings have shown that the map missed some key

points because the data was not available in the 1950s. Thus, while it may be used by archeologists, it should be approached with some skepticism. There has also been some criticism from the Abenaki community over some of Price's descriptions of Native culture. Again, this reflects the era in which Price lived.

Chester Price died on 26 September 1959. In 1962 the New Hampshire Archeological Society honored him by creating the Chester B. Price award. It is given annually to, "...members and non-members who contributed to a furtherance and better understanding of archeology as found in the state of New Hampshire."

VISIT THE NEW TOWN ARCHIVES WEBPAGE

Bob Switzer and Chris Pratt have recently updated the archives webpage on the Sullivan town website. The new page includes information such as location, hours, and contacts to request information. It also includes a collections section with indexes of the materials housed in the archives. The indexes are searchable either with a browser provided "search box" or by entering <Ctrl> <F>. It is a work in progress and suggestions and comments are welcome.

Access is from the Town website, <https://townofsullivannh.com/>. Go to the "government" search bar, scroll to "Sullivan Archives" and click. Or, you can also access the site directly by googling "Sullivan NH Archives."

Future additions to the website are planned. One is for "virtual exhibits" and another is for reprints of "From the Archives" articles from the *Sullivan Community Newsletter*.

ROLE MODELS FROM ANOTHER ERA

(a continuing series)

By Patricia McMahon Clark

I look back with fondness and a sense of awe at the ladies who inhabited the little village of East Sullivan. They were all born before the 20th century but shared characteristics of strength and independence well beyond their era. That time during my childhood and their vintage years lives indelibly in my memories.

Up the hill in East Sullivan, past the cemetery was the Rugg farm. Arthur Rugg had been a widower for many years and was nearing the end of his life when, for a year or so, my father shaved him every Saturday night; we would often go along for an hour or so. It was there that I became acquainted with Mr. Rugg's housekeeper, Leila Ellis. Miss Ellis was different from my other ladies in that she had a son; she had to find work and raise a little boy. Since making a livelihood usually meant caregiving in people's homes, employers had to be willing to take in her son Paul as well. Paul wore a brace on one of his legs, perhaps due to polio or a genetic problem. He went to school down the hill at District #1 and appears in old school photos. He was enough older that I don't remember meeting him. *While fact checking this article, I discovered that Paul was actually Leila's brother, born in 1919, the last in a family of nine. His mother died when he was 9 years old, and Leila likely took responsibility for him. Local lore and facts aren't always synonymous!*

Miss Ellis lived with Will and Lizzie Harris until their deaths. Their home was on the four -corners in East Sullivan, across the road from the Hastings farm. Where next could Miss Ellis and Paul go? I believe she had established an excellent reputation as a housekeeper, which helped her to find employment and living quarters for her and Paul. Brenda Hastings Parker recalled seeing Miss Ellis and Paul trudging up the hill to the Rugg farm with their possessions in a cart. How many trips the move involved I don't know; by the time I became acquainted with her, Miss Ellis was a valued employee of Mr. Rugg.

Miss Ellis was short and heavysset. She moved slowly and deliberately. She had a crisp, clear voice, her words distinct and pleasant, possibly as a consequence of having considerable hearing loss. I believe she was skilled at lip reading.

Miss Ellis loved flowers, and in the sunny bay window overlooking the gravel road to Sullivan Center were shelves of gloxinias of which she was justifiably proud and pleased to show us plants in bloom in deep hued reds, purples and stripes. She was part of the family when Mr. Rugg's "daughters" visited. He had for many years been a guardian of Rua and Bernice Fifield, whose parents had died in a tragic accident on Bolster Pond. The girls were sent to Kimball Union Academy and became teachers. They married in a double ceremony at the Rugg farm and visited Mr. Rugg

with their families. He had one biological daughter, Helen, who married Mr. Knight, lived in Marlborough, and left numerous descendants.

Leila was in charge of the hens that lived in a henhouse across the road. She did all food preparation and cleanup. I can remember looking past the entrance hallway into the dining room and seeing the table set with tablecloth, silverware, and cloth napkins folded into napkin rings, ready for the next meal to be plated and served. I'm sure the way of life harked back to older generations of Ruggs. Miss Ellis cooked, cleaned and made the old house a home with her presence.

When Arthur Rugg died, Miss Ellis faced a similar problem—where next? She was fortunate indeed to be employed by a lady who lived in a lovely home on Roxbury Street in Keene where my mother and I sometimes paid calls, usually after a lesson with my piano teacher who lived farther up the street. I was usually asked to play something on Miss Tuttle's piano. Miss Ellis, all through the years, sent me cards and notes, often remarking of her pleasure in seeing my name on the honor roll or playing the piano, always as a thoughtful friend and mentor. (*See note below.*) She likewise remembered my young brother, years after she left the farm.

At Miss Tuttle's death, Miss Ellis reportedly inherited funds to enable her to retire at the home on Court Street where well-to-do ladies often spent late life. Thus, Leila was fortunate to live in pleasant surroundings for years until she needed skilled nursing, at which time she was moved to a nursing home farther up the street. Miss Ellis was a religious woman. I believe that she belonged to the Church of the Nazarene. She kept her Bible within her grasp as much as possible. She was proud of the accomplishments of her grandson, Byron Peters Ellis, who obtained a college education. His mother, Lydia, faithfully visited Leila until her early death in 1956. Leila lived until 1992, reaching the remarkable age of 96. The brother she had cared for died 2 years earlier at age 70. Leila Ellis is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Keene.

Dear Patricia,
I enjoyed your nice
letter.
So glad to see your name
on the honor roll.
Hope you have
a nice birthday.
Leila Ellis

SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE UP-DATE

Hi everyone! We wanted to give you all some updates on our Local Crowd Monadnock crowdfunding campaign & projects & other tasks we are working through. As of April 24th (the day we are writing this article) we are at 56.33% of our goal! We've had some tremendous support from all of you here in Sullivan, along with family, friends, & others throughout New England & beyond. We've received well over 20 rewards to incentivize folks to contribute to our campaign from Badger Balm, Cabot Cheese, Machina Arts, & so much more.

We know that our ask & use of the funds was a relatively large list, but they are all critical & we thank each & every one of you for contributing, sharing our silly updates on social media & more. Besides crowdfunding, we've received both approvals from the Department of Environmental Sciences for our septic system. This means we were able to move through the application process for the Department of Food Protection & the NH Liquor Commission. The last step in the septic system project is to make our old system inoperable, connect the plumbing for the new system, & landscape!

We are having some inoperable equipment removed, along with other scrap shortly, purchasing some new/gently used equipment, finishing the flooring, working with the NH Fish & Game to have a check station & the ability to purchase licenses and having more electrical work done from ESNE. Then we just need our inspections for licensing, and we will be ready to open back up for all of you! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at sullivancountrystore@gmail.com.

Megan & Will Hercher

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

by Risa Keene

Meeting Tammy Rondeau

When pulling into her driveway, you can immediately tell that Tammy Rondeau is a caring and creative person. The Little Free Library, the lawn ornaments and dog agility equipment give this away. I couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable first interview! Tammy has a gentle, warm smile which matches her kind demeanor. Don't let her quiet voice fool you though; she has tons of energy which she uses to support the community of Sullivan, fulfill her job responsibilities as a Global Tools Administrator at Markem, nurture her family, train her dogs and develop her hobbies.

Tammy and her husband, Jeff, live directly across the road from our post office. She grew up in Sullivan, and Jeff grew up in Wisconsin. The first thing that drew me into their home were the beautiful photos from New England that hang on the wall. There are samples of colorful fall pictures, glistening crystal photographs of icicles hanging from branches of nearby trees, as well as images of mountains in NH. Tammy explained that she just happened into photography about 10 years ago when she bought an inexpensive camera and started playing around. She's upgraded that camera & now she's not only taking pictures of the natural world, but portraits of close friends and family members.

Her job with Markem Image has taken her to England and France. While in Nottingham, England she explored the "City of Caves," underground. These sandstone caves that have been part of the city since the Vikings, in about the 9th century, had been used for a tannery, a public house cellar and an air raid shelter. She also visited Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest in Nottingham. While in France, she and her co-workers hiked up Montagne de Crussol in Valence, just outside of Paris where they could see for miles!

Sadly, her two dogs, Echo, a 15 month old chocolate lab, and her very active 2 month old yellow lab, Clover, were not there on the day of our visit. They were at doggy daycare. Tammy told me that she works hard to get Clover tired out. "She's got lots of puppy energy." Tammy also works on agility with Echo, teaching her how to go through tunnels, climb the A-frame, and walk across moving tippy boards.

Involvement is her middle name, but she does not boast about it. When her grandchildren were living in Sullivan she was very involved in the Nelson School PTO. Tammy took part in the Sullivan Fall Festival - she's always helping friends, and, of course, there's the Little Free Library on their front lawn.

Jeff made the Little Free Library for Tammy because she needed to share the many books she'd read during the peak of COVID. The Little Free Library continues and now contains books for adults, children and even cardboard books for babies. No need to return them, keep them or pass them on. Some people have even added books that they have wanted to share with others. Just stop on over and check it out. Around Easter time she hopes to have a "Little" Easter Egg Hunt inside the Little Free Library and a reading contest sometime in the future. Tammy told me that you can go online and find out where there are other Little Free Libraries near you.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap>

Something surprising about Tammy: Did you know that she attended the New York Square New Year's Eve celebration!! WOO HOO, what a blast that must have been!

Thank you, Tammy, for helping me "Meet My Neighbor"!

If you would like to be interviewed or know of someone you would like me to interview, please drop me a line at risagkeene@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

LIVE & IN-PERSON AGAIN...TUESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS AT APPLE HILL!

Apple Hill is delighted to announce that the Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series at in the Concert Barn at Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music is back live and in-person! Location is 410 Apple Hill Road in Nelson.

For more information, as summer draws closer <https://applehill.org/concerts/concerts-apple-hill/> .

Concert Dates are: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 26, August 2, August 9 and August 23.

Nelson Congregational Church 2022 Artisan Fair

Saturday, June 25th 9-3

Nelson Common

Quality Artisans from the Monadnock Region

Vendor spots - \$35.00

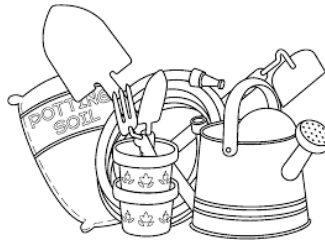
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Tips from a Master Gardener: Better Lawns & Garden with Less Work

Submitted by Leslie Casey



Belated Happy Earth Day! With the arrival of May, things can start to really get busy in the yard, garden and orchard. Pace yourself and be realistic about how much you can or should control (unless you are a glutton for “type 2 fun!”).

Underlay mulch with wet newspaper for better weed suppression. Dense, low-growing ground cover plants such as wild strawberry can be no-maintenance alternatives to mulch and are worth considering. Keep mulch 2-3” from plant trunks to prevent rot. Blueberry bushes are an exception: they should get 2” of mulch annually right up to the trunks to support growth of new fibrous roots.

When fertilizing fruit trees, apply fertilizer evenly beneath the dripline of the branches, staying at least 18” away from the trunk. For the best-quality fruit harvest, it helps to spray on the right schedule to control insect pests & diseases throughout the season. Before mixing any pesticide sprays, thoroughly read labels for precautions. Wear all recommended personal protective equipment, and dispose of waste properly. Questions? The Ask UNH Extension Infoline can be reached toll free at 1-877-398-4769, M-F, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by e-mail at answers@unh.edu . Links to fact sheets are provided below.

If your lawn isn't great, it could be the soil. Submit a sample to the UNH Cooperative Extension soil testing service, and in a few weeks you will get specific recommendations for optimizing soil pH and nutrients to grow healthier grass. This may also be the year to invest in a mulching mower: clippings feed the soil and cut the need for fertilizer in half. Final thought -- grass blades are the same as the leaves of any plant: if they are removed the plant cannot photosynthesize, so the roots starve and the plant is weakened and dies. Don't punish your poor grass by mowing it short!

Lately it seems there are a lot of ads urging us to purchase and plant spring flowers to help the bees. Sounds like a lot of work and expense to me. Here's the good news: Sullivan's landscape already offers spring-flowering maples, willows and other plants to provide all the nectar and high-protein pollen our bees need to feed growing broods. If you really want to help bees, skip the pesticides and make your yard bee-friendly! Check out the wonderful U. Maine Extension page on this topic, linked below.

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.

More Information:

“Fertilizing Fruit Trees and Shrubs,” UNH Extension fact sheet: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/fertilizing-trees-and-shrubs-fact-sheet>

“Home Fruit Spray Schedule,” UNH Extension fact sheet:

https://extension.unh.edu/sites/default/files/migrated_unmanaged_files/Resource005256_Rep7402.pdf

UNH Extension Soil Testing Services: <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/pest-disease-growing-tools/soil-testing-services>

“How to Create a Bee-Friendly Landscape,” UMaine Extension:

<https://extension.umaine.edu/gardening/manual/ecology/how-to-create-a-bee-friendly-landscape/>

REMEMBER THE 5 R'S OF GLOBAL WARMING!

Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle – You can help fight climate change!

Refuse non-recyclable products where you can.

Reduce what you buy. Reducing your consumption of energy, water and natural resources. Walk, bike or carpool; change household & business light bulbs to CFLs, unplug unused power cords and turn off power strips when not in use. Eat less meat, especially red meat. Reduce use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Reuse: Buy products you can use more than once.

Repurpose: Find a new use for an old item.

Recycle: Take items to second hand stores or recycling centers.

From the Fire Department



Safe Grilling...

Whether you are just now pulling out the gas grill, or you are one of the normal people who kept the path to the grill cleared of snow better than the front steps though the winter, it is a good idea to check for damage to avoid injury or accidents. Here are a few easy things you can do to keep you and your family safe.

The first thing you want to do is make sure nothing has taken up residency in your grill. If so, you need to remove any nests or litter that has been placed in it. While cleaning the grill out, remove any burnt food or grease build up at the bottom of the grill. Also, check the burner for damage or excessive rust. Damaged burners may release too much propane at once, or release it unevenly, and cause explosions. Damaged burners should be replaced before use. Check your igniter switch to make sure the battery is not dead.

Next check the tank and connection. The tank should not have damage or dents. Ensure there is no dirt or rust on the connection threads or in the hose connector. Dirty or damaged threads can prevent you from getting a good seal, or may cause propane to leak. Visually inspect the hose for cuts, cracks, or dry rot. If you find any, have the hose replaced (this is one thing duct tape cannot fix). The last thing you want to do is mix up a soapy water solution (like what you would use to wash your dishes is good) and spread it over everything from the tank hook-up to the end of the hose. Make sure your burner switches are off, and turn the tank on slowly. Watch for bubbles to form. If they do replace the damaged equipment. You should not smell gas either.

Now the grill has been checked, it is important to talk about grill placement. Never use a gas grill inside an enclosed space, including in the house, a garage, or a shed. Grills should not be placed against or near buildings or combustible materials. This includes fences and porch railings. Place the grill on a flat and stable surface to prevent it from falling over. Make sure the area over the grill is also clear. To reduce the fire hazard, there should be no low branches, awnings or roof coverings over the grill. Avoid operating the grill under power or utility lines.

To close out, here are some start up and shut down safety tips. Before each use inspect the grating for foreign objects that may get on your food, in particular wire brush bristles. NEVER clean the grill with a wire brush while you have food on the grill. Ingested wire bristle can cause serious harm to your digestive tract, as well as just OUCH! This type of injury is more common than you think. When turning the gas tank on, open it up all the way. This way there is only one-way to turn the knob (off) when you shut down. This prevents accidentally leaving the tank open. Always light the grill with the lid open to prevent a buildup of gas in an enclosed space. If you cannot get the grill to light and start to smell gas, shut everything down and give the gas time to dissipate.

When shutting the grill down, turn the tank off first to allow all remaining gas in line to bleed out and burn off. If the fire does not go out you may have a leaky tank that needs to be replaced. Make sure no scraps or grease deposits are still burning in the grill. Once the fire is completely out turn off the burner switches. If you use a grill cover, allow time for the grill to fully cool down before placing it on the grill.

If you have any safety questions or concerns about grill use, feel free to call the fire department at 603-847-9020, not 911. (Unless everything is on fire!)

LOOK WHAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS UP TO!

There are many great services right now, as well as fun events coming up. Check their website to stay up to date on how they can help your animals - <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/> !

1. Monadnock Humane Society has partnered with Branch and Blade Brewery and West LA Beer Company in a search for our first ever “**spokesdog**” & “**spokescat**” to be featured on the 2022 Rescue Brew Beer Label. Nomination opens through April 30th. Voting, May 1st through May 29th. More information at <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/mhsrescuebrew>
2. Save the Date - the Monadnock Humane Society's **34th Annual Walk for Animals Event** is on June 25th, 2022. More information at <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/events/the-34th-annual-mhs-walk-for-animals/>
3. **Every Wednesday at MHS: Low Cost Vaccination Clinic** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - more information at <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/health-clinics/>
4. **Every Wednesday at MHS: Rabies Vaccination and Microchip Clinic** from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM - more information at <https://monadnockhumanesociety.org/vaccination-microchipping/>

Sullivan School District News

Malinda Sherpa for the School Board

The Sullivan School District is in the midst of some transitions with Kenneth Dassau, our current superintendent & special education director and Brian Gallagher, our business manager, both leaving at the end of this school year. Ken is retiring and Brian is moving on. Both Ken and Brian have been with us since the inception of the Sullivan School District, July 1, 2012, with our withdrawal from the Monadnock Regional School District. The board would like to thank them for their years of service to the Sullivan School District and wish them well in their future endeavors.

As such, Juliette Fenrich will take over as director of special education effective May 1st. She has been working with Ken throughout this school year and is well prepared to fully take over these responsibilities. Ken will remain as superintendent until June 30th. The board has hired Kim Caron to be our next superintendent. He will be working with Ken for the next couple months and taking over the role of superintendent July 1st.

Nathan Castle will be taking over as business manager for the district, also on July 1st when Brian leaves. Juliette, Kim, and Nathan all have significant experience in their respective roles, and we would like to welcome them to the Sullivan School District. We look forward to working with them and are confident these transitions will go smoothly.

The board also discussed the current situation at Keene High School and are well aware of the challenges at the high school. We understand steps have been taken which appear to be improving the learning environment. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and discuss ongoing issues as needed.

As always, the public is welcome to attend our board meetings. Currently we meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the downstairs conference room at the Sullivan Town Hall.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

No fee for Sullivan residents!

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

Spring 2022

Sat. May 14 Wed. May 18 Sat. May 21

Sat. June 11 Wed. June 15 Sat. June 25

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

Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

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, make-up & 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.

DO NOT MIX PRODUCTS!!!

QUESTIONS: Please call 352-5739

WHAT ARE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS?

Look in any storage cabinet in your home. Do you see products such as paint thinner, spot remover, oven cleaner, furniture polish, drain opener, pool chemicals and hair spray? These products are hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic. When you look at these products you might not immediately recognize hazardous products by their name. When you see words like pesticide, acid, fungicide, caustic, herbicide, or solvent, you know they are hazardous.

CVTC - "No Fee" Transportation for Residents

Community Volunteer Transportation Company provides "no fee" transportation for residents of 34 towns in the Monadnock Region who do not have access to transportation because of age, ability, economic situation, or other limiting circumstances. Rides are provided by Volunteer Drivers and handicap-accessible van providers to non-emergency medical and social service appointments, as well as the bank, grocery store and pharmacy.

Volunteer Drivers are urgently needed. Call 1-877-428-2882 ext. 5 to get or give a ride. Learn more at www.cvtc-nh.org and like us on Facebook.

WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD FAMILY PICTURES TAKEN?

OR, MAYBE ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE PET(S)?

Was it during the holidays, was it years ago? I can help out. I am a non-professional photographer who loves to just take pictures. You can see my work on display at the Sullivan Library from now until the end of May 2022.

I have done school photos, prom photos, senior photos, family photos and small weddings. I would be honored to take that special photo for you and your loved ones.

I have a few favorite places right in Sullivan! The stone wall at the Civil War Monument, the horse sheds behind the Church, any open fields or at your house. Do you have a favorite place? Call or message me, Tammy Rondeau, for special Sullivan newsletter pricing @ 603-499-3768. Huge savings for anyone over 70 years old. You will receive 3-7 watermarked digital prints to choose prints from. All printing will be done at New England Art Reproduction in Keene.

<https://www.facebook.com/neartreproduction> . This offer is valid spring and summer 2022 only. All orders must be placed by August 1, 2022.

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9" Wood Heart Print \$35.00 / \$40.00 with stand

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June 16-18, 2022

WANTED – DISPLAYS FOR THE LIBRARY!

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Let the librarians know –

603-847-3458 or

sullivanpubliclibrary@gmail.com

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