

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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QUILT DISPLAY & PROGRAM AT THE SULLIVAN CHURCH May 6 – 1:30 pm

Read more about it inside this newsletter.

Looking for quilts to display!

If you have a quilt you would like to display, please bring it to the church on Saturday morning (May 6) from 10-11 am. If this time doesn't work for you, please contact Gaynelle Pratt at 847-3271 to make other arrangements.

SULLIVAN CENTER YARD SALES! Memorial Day Weekend - May 26 & 27

SULLIVAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Are you ready to start your spring cleaning but don't know what to do with all of those things that aren't ready for the trash yet? Step away from the trash can and donate them to Sullivan Fire and Rescue for the Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. Donations of all types (except oversized furniture and electronics) will be accepted after May 1st. To arrange a 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 on May 26th and May 27th.

SULLIVAN CHURCH

The Sullivan Congregational Church will hold an inside/outside yard sale on May 26th from 9am to 3pm and on May 27th from 9am to 2pm. There will be assorted household items, some clothing, always a few vintage/antique items. We never know what we have until we unpack boxes & bags. Stop by and see what is available - it just may be your "treasure"!

Donations wanted! If you have items to donate, call Gaynelle Pratt (847-3271) or Becky Cummings (847-3477).

LIBRARY PLANT & BOOK SALE - May 27 only, 9-2

Interested in adding perennials to your gardens? The Friends of the Sullivan Library is holding its annual Plant & Book Sale on Saturday, May 27 from 10am to 2pm at the library. Select hardy Sullivan-grown plants - available for \$3 each. Choices of varieties and colors. And, inside the library, there will be many books for sale in categories such as mystery, fiction, historical, biography, etc. Lots of children's books, too! Come take a look!

SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE Mid-May Soft Opening!

We are happy to share that the final major project for the store will be completed the second week of May. That means "dun, dun, dun", we can confidently say that we will be ready for a soft open the week of May 14th. (More information on the next page...)

SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE (continued)...

In the next few weeks, we will finalize orders with our vendors, put in our final grant disbursements and put the final touches on the interior (and front porch!). If you have any questions in the coming weeks, please email us at sullivancountrystore@gmail.com or ring the bell!

Small Farms & Producers

We are still inviting our small farms and producers who may be interested in selling their products in The Sullivan Store to reach out to us at sullivancountrystore@gmail.com . if you know of someone who might be interested, feel free to send them our way! Sell your products at the Sullivan Country Store!

Almost There....

As many of you saw via social media last month we received our coolers, commercial kitchen equipment and more! We have set up our commercial kitchen and moved almost everything into place (multiple times, because Megan is finicky).

If there are certain items you'd like to see us carry, please send us an email.

QUILT DISPLAY & PROGRAM AT THE SULLIVAN CHURCH Saturday, May 6, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Take advantage of this display and program to appreciate quilts, from antique to new, and the art of quilting! Many colorful quilts from people in town and friends will be on display in the church sanctuary. Some of these stunning quilts will be antique or vintage treasures; others are special gifts/accomplishments to admire. You may view the quilts anytime between 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

The speaker, Maurine Henry, will begin her program at 2 pm. If you are a quilter, perhaps you will learn a new quilting technique or two and some handy hints. Maurine started making quilts as baby gifts for family then for high school graduations. She joined the Cheshire Quilters' Guild about 13 years ago. This adventure gave her insight into a wide variety of techniques, procedures, and styles of quilting. She makes bed size quilts, baby quilts, wall hangings and table runners as well as bags. She has entered 2 of her quilts into the Vermont Quilt Festival. Quilting has become a passion of Maurine's and she is happy to share what she has learned with others. The program will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity to discuss and view all the quilts.

Everyone is welcome! There is no fee to attend, but donations to help restore the horse sheds behind the church are appreciated.

SUMMER BREAK FOR SULLIVAN'S QUILTING/SEWING/CRAFTING GROUP - The last get-together for the Sullivan quilting/sewing group this spring will be on Monday, May 8. The group will resume again in the fall.

NELSON CRAFT FAIR

June 24 – 9 to 3pm – On the Common

Nelson's annual Craft Fair on the Common in Nelson will feature 25 crafters this year.

Think gifts – birthday, hostess, shower and maybe even Christmas, for unique and locally made items.

Lunch is available, too!

HELP WANTED – OCCASIONAL DRIVER

Will compensate. Sometimes to transport cat to vet.

Must be a car – cannot get into a truck or high vehicle.

Ginny Yawarski at 603-847-5115

SULLIVAN FOOD PANTRY OPEN!

Located in the rear, lower level of the Sullivan Church, the pantry 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 can't make it during these hours, prefer home delivery or have an immediate need, please contact the Town Hall (603-847-3316) or Gaynelle Pratt, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 603-847-3271 to make other arrangements.

Help Us Plan for Sullivan's Future!

Submitted by Leslie Casey,
Sullivan Housing Task Force

Sullivan has received a Housing Opportunity Grant from the NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA). This grant is intended to help Sullivan determine ways to offer diverse, balanced housing options in town as well as to update the relevant sections of our Master Plan.

To manage this project, the Selectmen have appointed a Housing Task Force made up of five Sullivan residents, who will meet every few weeks. The meetings are open to the public. More information can be found at the "Master Plan Update" page (Government>Planning & Zoning>Master Plan Update) on the Sullivan town website. The meeting schedule is posted on the on the website and also on the Town Hall outside notice board.

The town has recently hired a planning consultant (fully funded by the grant) who will work with the Task Force on analyzing data on local housing and coordinating community engagement. Ivy Vann is a planner and designer with many years of experience in town planning both in New Hampshire and nationally. She works on brainstorming sessions, planning projects, code review, master planning, public engagement and comprehensive planning. Ivy is certified as a planner by the American Planning Association, and is an approved consultant for the NHHFA and PlanNH Housing Opportunity Grant program. She is a 42-year resident of New Hampshire who served on her own town's planning board for more than a dozen years, which provided her with an up-close look at the process for improving land use regulations to increase housing choice. She particularly enjoys helping citizens articulate their vision for their place.

A big piece of the work is finding out what residents think about housing in Sullivan. We need input from everyone! This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard. It starts with a survey. The survey is anonymous and will only take about 3 minutes to do. Only one survey per household IP address can be completed. You can take the survey online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sullivansurvey>. Click the up ↑ and down ↓ arrows next to each choice of answer so the list is arranged in order of favorite at the top and least favorite at the bottom. We ask that you do the survey online if at all possible. If you have difficulty, please email the task force at planning@townofsullivannh.com, or call the planning office at (603) 847-3100.

This work is funded by an award received from the InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program, funded by the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the \$100 million InvestNH Initiative with ARPA State Fiscal Recovery funds. This award will be administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and UNH Cooperative Extension.

This is just the beginning: expect to see many other opportunities to talk about possibilities for our town, including forums scheduled by the Sullivan Housing Task Force, focus groups, and other activities. Thank you all in advance for your participation!

FINAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST OF THE YEAR – Nelson School, May 20

Nelson & Sullivan students are looking forward to their final pancake breakfast of the year on Saturday, May 20th from 8-11AM. This breakfast will be hosted by our K/R students with help from their families. For \$5, breakfast includes pancakes and sausage with maple syrup, coffee, and juice. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Everyone from the Nelson and Sullivan communities are welcome to attend! All proceeds benefit the students in the K/R class, and will be used toward their class trip when they reach 5th grade. This will also be the first opportunity for the public to see their student-made mural.

THANK YOU FROM A RESIDENT...

I want to let our town know how lucky we are to have such a dedicated Fire & Rescue Dept. I have had to call them several times for their help and they were always available. Thank you so much!

I also want to thank all the people who have saved their newspapers for me, and to the library and Paulette for bringing them to me.

Virginia Yawarski

“Library Footnotes”

School is almost out for the summer. It's time to enjoy all of the fun things about summer! And part of that fun will be a Summer Reading Program at the library! We are going to be joining Gilsum and Surry again this year, to see which town can read the most books. Are you willing to join us? More details will be coming, but plan to come during the month of July and do some fun activities and get some good reading done to help us out.

The 2nd Saturday book group is currently reading *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We will be discussing this on May 13 at 11 AM, and will pass out our new selection of *I've Got You Under My Skin* by Mary Higgins Clark.

Your librarians would like to highlight a book and a poem for you to consider reading this month:

Fiction: *Custom of the Country* by Edith Wharton. Ambitious, vain, selfish – these are some of the kinder words that can be used to describe Undine Spragg of Edith Wharton's novel *Custom of the Country*, published in 1913. Undine Spragg (note her initials U.S.) is the anti-heroine you love to hate. She is an upstart social climber who discards husbands and friends like last season's dresses. She paves a swath of destruction between New York and Paris in her continual quest for social acceptance and glory. With Edith Wharton's brilliant writing, the timeless topics of marriage, social status, parenthood and greed are brought forward in this vivid, classic novel. Come check it out! Plus, this book is being adapted into an Apple TV series – just another affirmation that excellent writing and storytelling always endures and never goes out of style!

A Poem for you to consider: *I Love to See the Summer Beaming Forth*

John Clare

I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play.

We are so thankful for all of you who utilize the library and are generous with your donations of time and materials.
Your Librarians,
Paulette Tuttle and Sara Bolduc

Little Free Library on Centre St.

I was lucky enough to visit a LFL in Lamazzo, Italy (30 mins. north of Milan) in early April. I did not take a book as they were in Italian, but I did leave a bookmark and picture of my little free library, and a set of my photo note cards.

The Little Free Library on Centre Street had a beautiful day for the Easter Bunny to visit; the sun was shining, and a lot of children showed up to say hello. Pictures are posted on the Sullivan Facebook page.

Look for expansion at the Little Free Library on Centre Street; the adult library will be expanded this spring. The Children's library will have new 3D created decorations as well. Thank you to a good friend for making them.

Now thru May & June look for spring items, new bookmarks and rocks for your garden. SEEDS!

Help me help the butterflies! Grab some butterfly garden seeds from the LFL and plant some wildflower seeds at your house. Send me pictures of your flowers as they grow.

Little Free Library on Valley Rd.

April showers bring May flowers! Thanks to Tammy, you can help make Sullivan more beautiful by planting wildflower seeds and attracting butterflies! Grab a book and some seeds, and find a cozy spot to read while you wait for the flowers to bloom. The Valley Road LFL is stocked with books for all ages. Happy reading!

Public Notice: The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on May 11, June 8 and July 13, 2023 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.

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

The crime was committed on Thanksgiving weekend 1983. The day may have been picked deliberately by the thieves as it was a time when people would be away visiting family. The weather was cold and cloudy with snow squalls. It was just the sort of day that would keep the neighbors inside. Not that that mattered much, as the closest house in either direction was about a ½ mile away in those days. In any event, the thieves went to work, loaded their vehicles, and left with what they were looking for. Unlike other burglars, they did not take money, electronic gear or art work. They left Sullivan carrying about 800 pounds of dynamite.

They had robbed a company called New England Explosives Corporation, and it was located at what is now 841 Centre Street. The land had originally been part of a farm that had reverted to forest. A large deposit of gravel there had been taken out over the years. In 1958, New England Explosives began building a series of bunkers in the gravelly area. These were used for the storage of dynamite that was sold to construction companies. The land was chosen for its isolation in a rural community with few neighbors who might be affected by an accident at the bunker. Like all such companies, New England Explosives was regulated and licensed by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and was subject to regular inspections. The ATF had never found a problem with the company's paperwork, security or safety.

The late 1960s and early 1970s was a time of political backlash to the Viet Nam War, the assassinations of prominent leaders, and, at times, heavy-handed response by law enforcement to political demonstrations. One reaction to the chaos of the era was seen in the rise of a number of radical groups. They called for a revolution to overthrow what they saw as a corrupt and oppressive economic system. While these groups never achieved anything close to political support from society as a whole, they attracted a lot of attention—especially when their actions involved violence. By the late 1970s, these groups had declined to little more than small terrorist cells who occasionally pulled off a high-profile bombing.

The theft in Sullivan quickly involved the NH State Police, the FBI and the ATF. The immediate concern was that explosives were in the hands of potential terrorists and that the robbery was similar to ones that had taken place in other rural areas in Texas and Georgia. The agents canvassed the neighborhood, but nobody had seen or heard anything unusual. There were security cameras on site, but for reasons that were never made clear to the public, these systems had either failed or been bypassed. The heavy metal doors to the bunkers which were designed to deflect bullets had been breached with a cutting torch—very dangerous, but effective.

About a month later, a bomb planted at the offices of the Honeywell Corporation offices in Queens, NY failed to detonate. The ATF investigated and concluded that the dynamite had come from Sullivan. The group that claimed responsibility was something called the United Freedom Front. They had also claimed to have committed several other bombings elsewhere in New York and New England since 1980. The connection to the northeast soon led investigators to a group of individuals wanted for harboring fugitives, for bank robberies and for confrontations with police, including the death of a New Jersey State Trooper. Members of the group were arrested in March of 1985. The dynamite remained at large, and those who were arrested were not willing to reveal its location.

That created another problem. Dynamite was invented as a safe way to handle nitroglycerine. Nitroglycerine is a notoriously unstable liquid that can easily explode. To make it safe, the liquid is combined with a neutral medium such as diatomaceous earth, which stabilizes it. However, the “shelf life” of a stick of dynamite can be as little as a year, if not stored properly. Over time, the nitroglycerine, which is an oily liquid, begins to separate from the medium. Once it reaches the paper surrounding the dynamite stick, it will leak. This process is known as “weeping” and can form puddles of nitroglycerine which will explode, if shocked and exposed to extreme heat.

In June of 1986, a landlord in New Haven, CT, opened a garage he owned. The rent had gone unpaid for several months and he was there to clean out the building. What he found was about 700 pounds of deteriorating dynamite—enough to level all structures for a radius of several hundred yards. He called the police who evacuated the area and called in the ATF. The explosives were successfully removed and disposed of.

Thus ended one of those stories where our town became part of a larger story on a national level. In the end a very dangerous situation was resolved.

From the Fire Department

Snow Loads and Roof Safety



As we saw last month, Mother Nature showed us that she can pile it on when she wants. The storm touched on quite a few topics that we have written about in several past articles. The loss of power for multiple days touched on generator safety and usage. There is no doubt the wood stoves got a good work out for the those few days, so safety and maintenance for the stoves and chimneys came into play. Some of you may have dipped into your disaster kits if you were snowed in for a while, at least with no running water or entertainment without power. One thing that worked in our favor was the temperature never got too low, so hypothermia and frostbite were not a huge concern. Something we have not touched on yet, that we will this time is snow loads and roof safety.

Something that needs to be pointed out right at the beginning is you need to know your limitations. Shoveling snow is physically demanding work. Not everyone can exert themselves to those levels. Get someone else to do your shoveling, if you cannot. Another option is only do small sections at a time, taking many breaks when you get tired.

Working on a ladder, or up on a roof compounds the hazards. Be extra careful when doing so. Roof rakes are one option for clearing some roofs without leaving the ground. If you do have to work on a ladder or a roof, do so with someone else around, in case there is a problem.

We were fortunate with the weather conditions after the storm that we had quite a bit of melting occur shortly after the storm. Be mindful of conditions that can increase the weight on your roofs. Rain, sleet, or even melt and refreeze can convert light, fluffy snow to ice, raising the total weight on the roof and increasing the risk of damage or collapse. It does not have to all be from one storm either. Multiple storms close together can deposit large amounts of snow on your roof and create the same problems.

If your roof is prone to forming ice dams, keep the edges of your roof clear, at a minimum. Even with higher roofs, this is where roof rakes can come in handy. The last thing that needs to be pointed out is any vents on your roof should be kept clear. This will prevent unpleasant, or potentially harmful gases from backing up into, or being trapped in your house.

Department Fundraising

With another year here, your fire department will be holding several fund-raising activities again. The money we raise is used to support the Fire Department without adding to the tax burden. Some of the things we use those monies for are uniforms, emergency equipment & tools, office/building supplies, and also when we make donations to other organizations.

For starters, we will be holding our **Memorial Day Yard Sale** on Friday 5/26 and Saturday 5/27. We look forward to receiving your donated treasures. Donations will be accepted any time after May 1st and up to Friday the 26th. DO NOT leave donations unattended outside of the station. Last year we had several donations ruined when they were left outside and were rained on. Leave a message on our machine at the station, at 603-847-9020, and someone will contact you about your donations. We are at the station every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, so you can drop items off then or we can go to your place and pick them up. Please no large furniture, tube style TV's/computer monitors or computers.

The **October Raffle** is on again this year. We are currently soliciting prizes from local businesses. Tickets will go on sale on the first day of the yard sale and will continue to the end of September.

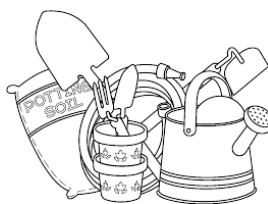
Now, for the one you have been waiting for. We will be holding our **pulled pork and beef brisket BBQ drive-thru** again this year on September 30th. There is no need to pre-order or reserve your meal. Just show up and place your order that day. There will be limited seating at the station if you want to eat at the firehouse. Whether you are well acquainted with Al's awesome smoked BBQ or you are looking to try something new, we look forward to seeing you there to support your fire department.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

Per NH law, all dogs must be licensed annually by April 30th. Stop by the Town Clerk's office to get yours licensed. A current rabies certificate is required. The licensing fees range from \$3.00 for the first dog of a senior owner to \$9.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. Save the Sheriff's Dept. a visit to your house.

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

Submitted by Leslie Casey



Many of us have a supply of wood ash on hand at this time of year. Don't let it go to waste - wood ash has a long history of use in New England as a soil amendment to add nutrients and raise the soil pH. It contains significant amounts of potassium and calcium, while providing smaller amounts of phosphorous and magnesium.

New Hampshire soils are naturally acidic (below a pH of 6.0), reducing the availability of most plant nutrients. Most crops grow best in a slightly acidic soil with a pH between 6.0-6.8. Wood ash is a natural substitute for lime to help maintain proper soil pH, and it brings about a change in soil pH more quickly than lime. As a rule of thumb, you will need to use 2-4 times as much wood ash as you would lime to see the same response. The amount of wood ash required for your soil should be determined by soil testing through UNH Extension. Recommendations are based on the current soil pH, target pH, and the soil's buffering capacity – a measure of how readily pH changes in the soil, depending on its clay and organic matter content. Too much ash can easily raise the soil pH higher than is optimal, so don't leave it to guesswork. (Some plants, like blueberries, rhododendrons and scab-susceptible potatoes varieties thrive in acid soils and should not be supplemented with wood ash.)

A typical garden of 1,000 square feet with a pH of 6.5 would generally require no more than 20 pounds of wood ash per year, mixed into the top 3 inches of soil. Avoid applying ash to germinating seeds! You can also apply a maintenance application of about 10-15 lbs. of ash to 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn each year. Wood ash is caustic, so protective equipment should be used during application: eye protection, gloves, long sleeves and a mask. It is best to apply wood ash on a humid, low-wind day.

Summer is a great time to establish a new garden bed for next year. Most new gardens start out as turf or a combination of perennial weeds that need to be removed. The easiest way to get rid of the unwanted plants is to cut them to ground level and cover them up with mulch. Successful mulching *completely* blocks light and is left in place for several months. The best material for this is heavy (6-mil or heavier) UV-stabilized black plastic, weighted down along the edges with heavy rocks or sandbags. You can also use biodegradable materials such as newspaper or cardboard layered with leaves, straw or wood chips. Wetting these mulching materials will make them less likely to blow away in the wind.

If you decide on raised beds for your new garden, fill them with 80% quality garden soil and 20% compost. The mineral component of the garden soil helps keep the level from dropping too much over time, so the bed containers don't have to be refilled each year. Just top off with compost.

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.

First Annual Seed, Seedling and Equipment Exchange (SSEE) May 20th 10am-Noon, Nelson Common

This event will be held in Nelson Village on the Common. It's free and open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend and bring extra seeds and seedlings they won't be using.

- Sometimes all you want is four seedlings to plant and end up with two that you don't know what to do with! Come to the SSEE!
- Too many seeds? Not enough time to plant? Come share with your neighbors.
- Extra or leftover equipment such as six packs from seedlings, 2", 3" 4" and gallon size pots, 1020 plant trays, etc. Come share the wealth!

Bring your own table and chair, enjoy the exchange, visit with neighbors and new & old gardening friends.

Valerie Van Meier

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Fador Four (Family)

by

Risa Keene

Have you recently driven down Hubbard Road and thought to yourself, "Things feel a little different here. What is it?" Well, I can tell you, there is a "new," family who moved into # 23, the Fador Family. They relocated to Sullivan from Georgia last fall. It was time to move back up north; they were raised in New England, they all love the cold weather, the change of seasons and all things New England. Steve was driving approximately 14 hours to Connecticut for his job every week, he was away a lot. It was time to move back home!

How did I meet the Fador Four? After Christmas, I posted a free wardrobe closet that I no longer needed on the Sullivan Facebook page. Soon after, Aimee left a message for me. "If this is still available, I would love it. We are new to town and adore beautiful pieces such as this..." Aimee, Steve and their son came to my house to pick it up. What a friendly family, full of positive energy and so thankful that they found the house in Sullivan, a town like the one Steve grew up in.

As a boy, Steve loved anything with an engine; so, when he graduated from high school, his father convinced him to attend the Maine Maritime Academy. Once he completed the Academy, Steve shipped out to the deep sea, traveling all over the globe as a Merchant Marine, before becoming an engineer at Cross Sound Ferry Company. Steve has been a Senior Chief Engineer for them over 30 years. Approximately twenty-one years ago, while on one of the ferries, he met Aimee who was working as a bartender. Their relationship was born on the water. It was love at first sight and they have been inseparable ever since.

Aimee & Steve have two children. Liam (14 years old), whose nickname has been Moose since he was in utero, now lives up to that name because he towers over everyone. Like his dad, he loves working on small engines & is a car enthusiast. His knowledge has astounded adults on countless occasions. Steve and Liam plan on starting their own small engine repair business. If it has an engine or motor (diesel too), Steve can fix it and Liam is right there, learning and helping, eager to get as proficient as his dad one day! Aimee describes Moose as a gentle giant, quick to help people out and loves rocking to 60's and 70's music. Gianna Marie is their 11-year-old daughter, interested in animals, arts and crafts, music, a movie buff, and has a heart of gold. Aimee says that young and old alike are drawn to her. There is a fifth member of the family, Capone, who is a ten-year-old Great Pyrenees-hound mix.

Aimee is Sicilian and loves to entertain and cook! Sundays are for making sauce and a get-together is always accompanied by a yummy array of homemade dishes. She is an educator and loves basketball. At the end of high school, she was recruited heavily for many Division I and II programs, however, due to circumstances beyond her control she was unable to pursue this dream. The moment she found out she was not going to be playing at the collegiate level, a goal she had her whole life, she decided to pour herself into coaching. Aimee graduated Cum Laude from the United States Sports Academy in Alabama. She has been an athletic director, health/P.E. educator and coached basketball for 17+ years, traveling all over the country and helping many of her players get recruited. Aimee still keeps in touch with many of her former players & is hoping to get back on the sideline again, since the family is now settled her in NH. Aimee enjoys homeschooling her children and finds whatever subject they are studying fascinating. She has recently written and published a book, Healing Words. It is a faith-based, patriotic book.

The Fador Family are looking forward to becoming more involved in the Sullivan Community and hope to make a positive impact here. Thank you, Aimee, Steve, Liam and Gianna. Welcome to Sullivan; we're glad you're here!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

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

Spring 2023

Sat. May 13 Wed. May 17 Sat. May 20

Sat. June 10 Wed. June 14 Sat. June 24

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

Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

<https://keenenh.gov/public-works/household-hazardous-waste-information>

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. 603-352-5739

Collection takes approximately 10 minutes from time of arrival.

SULLIVAN SCHOOL NEWS

Sullivan School District

The Sullivan School District would like to welcome Ann Gray as our new treasurer! We look forward to working with her and having all positions filled. Stephanie Milotte and William Thorndike were also re-elected for 3-year terms on the school board. Michael Brooks was re-elected as school board chair.

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 Sullivan Town Hall.

Nelson Elementary School – May/June

We are having a busy end to our year here at Nelson School! There are many wonderful activities happening as we move toward the end of our year.

We are especially thankful to the support we receive from the Sullivan community to continue our partnership with the Harris Center. Over the course of the school year, we have enjoyed a variety of nature-oriented educational experiences with Ms. Karen Rent, including our 4th graders raising two turtles, who will be released before the end of the year. Our school community is extremely thankful for this continued program, and we could not do it without your support!

During the first week in May, our students will be working with our Art teacher, Yumiko Sandoe, and a community partner, Julie Brown, to create a mural that will be displayed at the Nelson School. Students have been working hard with Ms. Sandoe to create a theme and design for our school mural. We are excited to have this unique opportunity for our students.

We are looking forward to our final pancake breakfast of the year on Saturday, May 20th from 8-11AM. This breakfast will be hosted by our K/R students with help from their families. For \$5, breakfast includes pancakes and sausage with maple syrup, coffee, and juice. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. Everyone from the Nelson and Sullivan communities are welcome to attend! All proceeds benefit the students in the K/R class, and will be used toward their class trip when they reach 5th grade. This will also be the first opportunity for the public to see our student-made mural.

Our date for the 5th Grade Class of 2023 graduation is Thursday, June 15th. We are proud to announce that two students from Sullivan will be graduating this year: Anthony Scherpa and Andrew Smith. We wish all of our graduates success in the next step of their education and beyond!

Believe it or not, we are also already planning for our new Kindergarteners to arrive next year. If you have a child entering Kindergarten in Fall 2023 and have not already contacted the school to let us know, please call our administrative assistant, Joy Birdsey, at 603-847-3408 at your earliest convenience. We will have Jump-Up day program for incoming Kindergarten students on Monday, May 8th. We will provide more information on the registration process and upcoming events when you contact the school.

Our last day of school will be a half day for students on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023. We are wishing everyone a fantastic summer and already can't wait to see our students at the end of August!

Thank you for your continued support,
Nicole Gordon – Principal, Nelson School

APPLE HILL TUESDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Apple Hill is delighted to announce that their Tuesday Night Summer Concert Series will be back at the Louise Shonk Kelly Concert Barn this summer with a full season of ten concerts! Location is 410 Apple Hill Road in Nelson.

Tuesday concert dates are: June 20, June 28, July 4, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8 (Gala special event), August 15 and August 22.

The evening features a buffet dinner at 6 PM (advance reservations required), pre-concert ListenUP! talk at 6:45 PM, and the Concert is at 7:30 PM.

Seating:

Dinner: \$20

Reserved seating in the barn: \$30, \$15 student.

Outside seating is always free. Donations appreciated.

Call 603.847.3371 for dinner reservations, reserved seating in the Concert Barn or questions.

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