

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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STATE PRIMARY ELECTION Sullivan Town Hall – Sept. 10

The **NH State Primary Election is September 10th**. Polls in Sullivan will be open from 8 am to 7 pm. Enter through the door nearest Centre St. Sample ballots have been posted at the town hall, library, post office, Sullivan Store and on the town website - <https://townofsullivannh.com/> - click on the link at the top of the page. You will need to declare a party (either Democratic or Republican) to vote in this election. After voting, you have the option of changing back to Undeclared.

NH's General Election Day (Presidential) is Nov. 5, with voting from 8 am to 7 pm at the Sullivan Town Hall. You do not need to declare a party to vote in this election.

Absentee ballots for both the Primary and General Election are available from the Town Clerk. Stop by during regular office hours or call 847-3316 for information.

**Remember to bring your photo ID's.
The Town Clerk's office is closed on Election Days.**

Not registered to vote? You may register at the polls on Election Day or anytime with the Town Clerk. There will also be a Supervisor's Session for new registrations and corrections at the Library on Aug. 31 from 11 to 11:30am. Bring proof of residency, citizenship, age and a photo ID. Party changes are not allowed at this time.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SULLIVAN COUNTRY STORE! Saturday, August 31 from 10am to 2pm

The Sullivan Country Store is excited to celebrate its 1-year anniversary on Saturday, August 31, from 10 AM to 2 PM and they're inviting folks to stop by. It will be a day filled with local vendors and producers showcasing and sharing samples of their products.

They will also be hosting a raffle featuring a variety of locally donated items. No need to be present to win—the raffle winner will be announced shortly after the event. Stay tuned for more details on additional activities.

For any questions, reach out to Megan at sullivancountrystore@gmail.com .

Save the Date! Sullivan Fire Department Annual DRIVE THRU BBQ!

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at the Fire Station from noon-5pm for our well-known BBQ Pulled Pork and Beef Brisket Meals, including sides, dessert and a drink. Some outdoor seating will be available or enjoy your BBQ to-go. Meals are \$15. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope to see you on the 21st!

Mobile Food Pantry - Saturday, August 31, 2024
Gilsum School (Steam Academy) 1-3 pm. Sullivan residents welcome. Sponsored by Keene Community Kitchen

Time to Think About the Holidays - Save These Dates!

**Country Christmas Craft Fair, November 9
Santa Day, December 7**
(see the following page for more information)

SULLIVAN BITS & PIECES

SULLIVAN FIRE & RESCUE requests that all houses have street numbers posted where they can be seen clearly from the road – on an unobstructed sign or plaque or on the side of the house facing the road.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY - Selectmen remind residents (and guests) to not park in the right-of-way on any town road per NH RSA 265:68.

SEW & SEW'S (S & B's) TO BEGIN – sew, craft, crochet, quilt or just visit – it's a great way to meet people! The Sullivan group will start meeting each Monday, beginning on Oct. 7th from 1pm to 2:30pm in the upper level of the church (use front entrance with the long sidewalk). There will not be a lot of sewing machines available, so we're recommending handwork only (carry-in/carry-out). For more information call Becky Cummings at 847-3477 or speak to Mary Hull in the Town Clerk's office.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - November 9 from 9 am - 2:30 pm at the Sullivan Church. Find unique gifts for family and friends from local crafters. **For a table, contact Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan Library and the Sullivan Church.

SANTA DAY - December 7 from 1-2:30 pm at the Town Hall. Children and families can do their holiday shopping and visit with Santa. Gifts only 25 cents each, and you can have them wrapped by Santa's elves! Donations of new or gently used items appreciated - especially gifts for adults. Drop them off at the library or call Gaynelle Pratt to make other arrangements. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan Library.

SULLIVAN CONSERVATION – Needs members! Meeting nights are on the 4th Wednesdays, at 6:30 at the Town Hall. If interested, call Kathleen at the Town Hall 603-847-3316 or Chip at 603-357-3445. A description of the commission can be found on the Town of Sullivan website, <https://townofsullivannh.com/> on the home page.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on Thursdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14, 2024 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.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER – October 15! Because General Election Day (Nov. 5) and the Christmas Craft Fair (Nov. 9) fall early in November, the Nov./Dec. issue will come out a bit early.

Food Pantry Appreciation

Many thanks to those who generously donate to the Sullivan Food Pantry, contribute produce from their gardens, and provide financial support. Special thanks to Meghan and Will at the **Sullivan Store**, Carol and Steve at **Angel Wing Farm**, and especially to the team at **Feeding Tiny Tummies**, which provides frozen meat, produce and many other items every two weeks in support of the pantry. Also, much appreciation goes to the volunteers who deliver food to the pantry, assist users and maintain pantry shelves.

Your support makes a difference! The pantry is assisting an average of 20-25 people in town with food each pantry day.

Food pantry hours are 5:30 – 6:30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. The dates for September are the 12th and 26th and for October, the 10th and 24th. You may have also noticed the Rubbermaid storage unit in the horse sheds behind the church. Feel free to leave or pick up fresh produce there anytime. For home food delivery, contact Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271.

A Fond Farewell

To the Town of Sullivan:

Ann and I have lived in Sullivan since July 1993. Our home was purchased by my parents in 1934. We have loved living in Sullivan, participating with many of you on town boards, outings and enjoying the lovely environment.

We are sorry to leave so many friends as we join the Covenant Community of Keene November 6, 2024.

We hope you will welcome the new owners of our property, Donna LaScaleia and Nancy Frye. The bees are already here. Chickens will follow.

Best to all of you,
Roger and Ann Sweet

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

I recently met with Peter B. Davis who is a descendent of a number of Sullivan families—particularly the Spauldings, Barretts and Davises, as well as having connections to several others. We met with Alan Rumrill at the Historical Society of Cheshire County where Mr. Davis shared a number of historical papers and photographs. These were mostly items his ancestors had saved over the years and he was donating them to both the HSCC and the Sullivan Town Archives. It turns out that the Sullivan portion of the donation may be one of the most noteworthy donations we have received in many years. It contains materials that I will be writing about in future articles; but, for now, I want to discuss one of the most significant parts of the donation—the diaries of Andrew Rugg.

I have written about Andrew Rugg before. He was born in Sullivan on 21 September 1841 and was the son of Martin and Lucinda (Beverstock) Rugg. He grew up on the Rugg Farm at 32 Cross Road. Andrew enlisted in the Civil War with the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment on 17 September 1861, participated in the Peninsular Campaign in the spring of 1862, was at the siege of Yorktown, the Battle of Williamsburg and the Battle of Fair Oaks. He contracted typhoid fever and died at a hospital in Philadelphia on 25 July 1862.

For the most part, that is all we know of his life. His widowed mother later applied for a pension, and her documentation has been preserved as part of the Lucinda (Beverstock) Rugg papers at the archives (Drawer 6, Folders 91-96). This includes two letters regarding Andrew's service. One was from his commanding officer to his sister, Ellen Jane (Rugg) Tolman, recounting his service—particularly during the Battle of Williamsburg. The other was from the chaplain at the Philadelphia Hospital to Rev. Nelson Barbour, regarding Andrew's last days. While these letters present more information about Andrew Rugg, the diaries give us a day-to-day account of his life.

Both diaries are in the style of the common, mass market pocket diaries used in the 19th century. Like most diarists of the time, Andrew recorded his daily work and an occasional comment on the weather. The 1861 diary begins in the winter and refers mostly to getting out logs and bark and taking them to the mills in East Sullivan. That is followed by sugaring in March and planting in April and May. Not every day contains an entry (sometimes no entries for several weeks) and there are no references to the national crisis that led to the beginning of the Civil War.

Then, suddenly on 11 September 1861, he writes, "Enlisted into the United States Services." He writes about joining up with the regiment and moving with them to Bladensburg and Budd's Ferry, MD. He writes very short comments on his duties as well as letters he received from his mother and sisters. He also mentions working for a sutler. Sutters were itinerant merchants who traveled with the Army. They sold notions, dry goods and other supplies to the soldiers in camp. From the entries, it seems as though Andrew was some sort of runner between his fellow soldiers and the sutler.

The second diary contains more views of camp life. Andrew records gathering wood for the cook and the hospital. He records almost constant drills and inspections as the Army prepares for the campaign ahead. Once on the Peninsular, the tasks turn to road building and picket duty. On 5 May 1862, the regiment was in the main column at the Battle of Williamsburg. This was the battle in which Andrew's actions were praised in the letter mentioned above. Andrew's diary, however, read, "Had a fight at Williams Burg (sic)."

The rest of the entries describe the maneuvers along with what Andrew describes as, "the road to Richmond." On June 1, he noted the arrival at Chickahominy and later the maneuver to the Battle of Fair Oaks. This was the point where the campaign began to slow and eventually would end in failure.

Andrew's entry for 2 July noted that he had taken sick. On 5 July, he was evacuated to a hospital that had been established in a barn and reports his arrival at Philadelphia on 9 July. There are no entries until 18 July when he reports, "Fever has almost gone." This seems to follow the pattern of other typhoid victims who seem to rally and then succumb to the disease. As mentioned above, Andrew died at a hospital in Philadelphia on 25 July 1862.

While much of what we know about Andrew Rugg can be found elsewhere in the archives, the acquisition of these diaries gives us some picture of his daily life. While the entries are sparse, they give us some insight into the life and death of this young soldier from Sullivan.

Fall Hospice Volunteer Training

Hospice at HCS (Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services) is offering a volunteer training program for those who are interested in becoming volunteers. The training will begin on September 27 from 9:00am to noon and will continue Friday mornings through November 1. Training will be held at the agency's Keene office at 312 Marlboro Street.

Volunteers are members of the hospice care team, providing support to the patient and to family members. After completing the training, volunteers assist hospice patients with interests such as writing letters, reading, playing board games or scrap booking; volunteers also provide respite to family members. Hospice volunteers are especially needed during the day, but scheduling can be very flexible and worked around employment and travel commitments.

The training program is offered free of charge, but class size is limited, and pre-registration is required by September 13. To register, contact Lorraine Bishop, Hospice at HCS Volunteer Coordinator at lbishop@HCSservices.org or 603-352-2253.

Hospice at HCS is a not-for-profit hospice with offices in Peterborough, Charlestown and Keene. Care is provided wherever a person calls home – their own home, in an assisted living facility or nursing home.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

IT'S JASON TAYLOR!

by Risa Keene

He's soft-spoken, yet strong; kind, loves physical activities and enjoys new adventures! I'm speaking of Jason Taylor, our Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector. He said he loves his job as he gets the opportunity to meet new people and sees them at least yearly.

Jason moved to Sullivan 7 years ago, but he has a history with our lovely town. When he was a youngster, he enjoyed coming to Sullivan to visit Hilltop Campground because they had animals and a barn. He also delighted in exploring the old "Indian cave" in the woods.

Jason grew up in Keene and graduated from KHS in 1992. He has also lived in Georgia, Alabama, Wisconsin, Swanzey and Surry and loves residing near a body of water. He enjoys being able to jump into his kayak without going far in the car. He'll paddle around, & then go fishing or swimming.

Jason served in the Army for approximately 2 years. While in the service he was stationed at Fort Benning, now known as Fort Moore, located on Georgia's border with Alabama. His job was that of a cavalry scout. According to the Army National Guard website, cavalry scouts "engage the enemy in the field; track and report their activities and deliver the employment of weapon systems to their location." Jason noted this job required many skills. He learned how to check if roads were safe for the troops to drive on, assess whether a bridge could hold a large army vehicle, perform vehicle identification and repair vehicles as well as army radios. The cavalry scouts needed to have these skills because they preceded the soldiers into battle. Although he did not experience battle, his company had to be on alert because if something happened within the USA or abroad, they needed to be ready to leave to the affected area immediately. His hope was to make the military his life career, but due to a significant injury, he had an honorable medical discharge.

After a few years in Alabama, Jason returned to the Monadnock Region where he attended Franklin Pierce University, majoring in business (accounting). From there he did some work in the town of Swanzey, and then in 2022 we were lucky to have him come and work in Sullivan!

When asked what people might be surprised to learn about him, Jason said his age. He's 50 years old, I was shocked because he looks younger. His birthday is in October, so later next month wish him a Happy Birthday. There were other things about Jason I found unexpected as well! Last year he began playing pickleball, and line-dancing for the first time. He attends the lessons at Benders in Keene on Friday nights. Jason described it as, "dancing for people who can't dance." Most of it is country music. The instructor walks you through all the steps first, then she'll call out the steps with the music.

And there's more! Jason also plays Dungeons and Dragons, paintball, volleyball and participates in disc golf on a regular basis. This summer he built his first raised garden and has really enjoyed it. He also enthusiastically loves to taste new foods & has enjoyed traveling. He says he'll, "try almost anything once."

Jason spoke passionately about a trip he and his daughter took to O'ahu in Hawaii (March of 2023). They went to visit his son who is stationed there (Marine Corp Base in Hawaii). Jason said that they avoided the cities and did some fantastic things instead. They visited beaches, the Waimea Botanical Gardens, went hiking in Hanauma Nature Preserve & snorkeling with the sharks without cages. When asked about his favorite part of the trip he noted the scenery, plants and large variety of different birds really impressed him.

I asked Jason if money was no object what kind of adventure he'd love to go on. Without hesitation he noted that he'd want to get in his truck and camper and drive cross country to explore any place that seemed interesting. He'd avoid the more touristy sights, and meet up with local people, asking them where they would recommend he go.

Jason has many fond memories of his teachers in public school. He talked about his art instructor during elementary years who had a positive impact on him. This teacher chose a few students from Jason's class (Jason was one of them) and invited them to participate in 3-D drawing art sessions after school. He once had a math teacher who insisted that ALL the students show their work when completing their math problems on their homework. Jason did not do this; he said he was able to do the problems in his head. His teacher asked him to demonstrate that. He did, and she never required him to show his work after that. In high school, his English teacher, Mr. Dubois who taught New England Literature told the class that they needed to read one of Stephen King's books. King turned out to be one of Jason's favorite authors. Teachers can really have a positive impact on their students!

Jason, it was so much fun interviewing you. I hope you continue to try new things, meet new people and explore new places. You have a very adventurous personality. We are so lucky to have you living and working in our community. Thank you. Oh, by the way - HAPPY early BIRTHDAY, JASON!

Cheshire County Conservation District Announces Honoring our Veterans at Farmer's Markets in September!

Every September, the Cheshire County Conservation District partners with local farmer's markets to celebrate Cheshire County Veterans! Each market day in September Cheshire County Veterans are invited to participating farmers' markets to receive a \$20 voucher to purchase food items.

This program in Cheshire County is not based on need, but rather serves as a way for our community to say "Thank you" to our local service members for protecting our freedoms. This program also serves to boost the local farm economy by bringing more business to our local markets – a win/win for the Veteran and the farmer!

Cheshire County Veterans are invited every week, and will receive another \$20 each week they attend! The goal of this program is to show our gratitude and appreciation to service members for protecting our freedoms, and to expand markets for farmers. Valid forms of ID include: Copy of DD214, Veteran Healthcare card, "Choose VA" Veterans ID card, NH Driver's license with a Veterans designation or a retired military ID card.

Participating Farmer's Markets Honoring Veterans

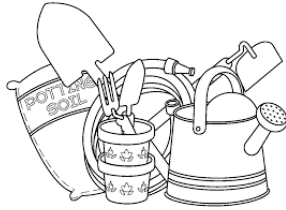
The Farmer's Market of Keene - Commercial Street Parking Lot off of Gilbo Ave.- Saturdays 9am-1pm.

Winchester Farmer's Market - 1 Richmond Rd. - Saturdays 9am-1pm.

Hinsdale Farmer's Market – Saturdays 9am -1pm and

Jaffrey Farmer's Market - Fridays – 3pm-6pm.

[Veteran Appreciation Month | CCCD \(cheshireconservation.org\)](https://www.cccd.org/veteran-appreciation-month)



TIPS FROM A MASTER GARDENER: BETTER LAWNS & GARDENS WITH LESS WORK

Submitted by Leslie Casey

As another growing season comes to a close, this is a good time to take stock of how your yard and gardens fared this year. What went well, and what could have gone better? For help with specific problems, I again encourage you to take advantage of what UNH Cooperative Extension has to offer. The Infoline is a free service of Extension that connects home gardeners with Master Gardener and Natural Resources Stewards volunteers. With the Infoline (877-398-4769) you get answers backed by the full resources and expertise of UNH Extension. Please note: the email option is being phased out and will be replaced by a fillable online form available at the "Ask UNH Cooperative Extension" website <https://extension.unh.edu/person/ask-unh-extension>.

Gardens are always full of surprises, not all of them good ones! This August, local gardens suffered serious damage from a hailstorm that struck Sullivan. Severe summer weather is something we should expect to impact us more frequently as the climate warms. UNH Extension held a symposium this past spring on "Climate Resilient Gardening" that made a number of practical recommendations:

- **Soil Testing** - Heavy rainfall can wash nutrients out of the soil, making it even more important to get soil tested regularly. UNH Cooperative Extension's soil-testing service provides reports with guidance on how to amend the soil appropriately.
- **Raised Garden Beds** - Design gardens for good drainage, and avoid compacting soil by walking or tilling when soil is wet. Soil that drains poorly can lead to fungal diseases and root rot. Raised garden beds can be a good solution. To get started with raised beds, I recommend the article "How to Utilize Raised Beds for Small Space Gardening," available on the UNH Cooperative Extension website.
- **Organic Mulch** - Mulching gardens helps reduce erosion caused by heavy rainfall and helps retain moisture in dry conditions. Organic mulches (not plastic mulches) additionally help to moderate soil temperatures, so plants aren't stressed. UNH Extension has a useful fact sheet titled "Garden Mulches" that lists the types of mulches and how they should be used.
- **Diversity of Plantings** - A diversified vegetable garden will increase your chances of a successful crop in the face of unpredictable weather patterns and pests. Flowers and berries that are indigenous to our area are often more adaptable to local conditions.
- **Disease-Tolerant Varieties** - Warmer growing seasons can leave plants more vulnerable to diseases. Severe weather can damage plants, creating wounds where infections can gain entry. Warm, humid weather encourages fungal and bacterial pathogens. Those pathogens are less harmful to plant varieties that are bred to be resistant. Identifying what plant diseases you have is tricky, so to be certain of what you are dealing with you can send diseased plant tissue to the UNH Plant Diagnostic Lab for analysis. The lab web page has links to instructions for preparing samples and the submission form: <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/pest-disease-growing-tools/plant-diagnostic-lab>.
- **Tunnel Gardening** - Low tunnels supported with hoops and covered with plastic or garden fabric can be a cost-effective way to protect plants from wind, hail and frost. The UNH Extension website has a USDA-sponsored publication titled "Low Tunnel Strawberry Production Guide" that provides an excellent introduction to low tunnel systems, as well as tips for construction and management of low tunnels, including options for ventilation.

By making small changes to make our gardens more climate resilient, we can continue to have successful growing seasons, no matter what Mother Nature throws at us!

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.

“LIBRARY FOOTNOTES”

Your Big Free Library on Centre St.

Summer Reading 2024 was a success! Thank you to all who participated with us this year! Our combined goal for the towns of Sullivan, Surry and Gilsum was to see how many pounds of materials we could read in the month of July... and we read 440.2 pounds! Way to go! And just in case you were wondering about the town totals, they were as follows:

Surry – 52 pounds
Sullivan – 167.2 pounds
Gilsum – 221 pounds

Now that schools are back in session, do you need some good books to read? Perhaps you need something for school? Let the Sullivan Library help you with those! Your librarians would love to help you find some books to enjoy.

Are you looking for something to do one Saturday at month at 11 am? Join us for a lively book discussion! On September 14, we will be discussing *Moonflower Murders* (featured on PBS Masterpiece Mysteries this fall) by Anthony Horowitz. And then, we will be handed the next book *Murder She Wrote: A Time for Murder* by Jessica Fletcher and Jon Land.

“Young Jessica Fletcher's life couldn't be more ordinary. She teaches at the local high school while she and her loving husband, Frank, are raising their nephew Grady together. But when the beloved principal dies under mysterious circumstances, Jessica knows something is off and, for the very first time, investigates a death.

Present-day Jessica returns to high school for a colleague's retirement party and has fun seeing familiar faces. That is, until the colleague winds up dead--and his death has mysterious links to Jessica's very first murder case.

With nothing but her own instincts to guide her, Jessica embarks on a quest to find out what really happened all those years ago and who's behind these murders. Because time is running out to catch this killer....”

A few titles that we have added into the collection are: *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series by Sarah J Maas, *Throne of Glass* series by Sarah J Maas and *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden.

Many thanks to all who have donated their time or materials to help improve our library!

MUSEUM PASSES AVAILABLE!

The Sullivan Public Library Currently has passes for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord and Fort at # 4 in Charlestown and they are expecting the passes for the Cheshire Children's Museum to arrive any day. Individual pass benefits vary from one museum to another. Contact a librarian for details about the passes and their use. The passes have been purchased for Sullivan Library patron use by the Friends of the Sullivan Library.

Your Librarians,
Paulette Tuttle and Sara Bolduc

Little Free Library on Centre Street across from the Post Office

Welcome back to school! Enjoy these back-to-school quotes.

“No one is perfect. That's why we have erasers.” Wolfgang Riebe

“Wake up! Wake up! C'mon, first day of school!” — Nemo, “Finding Nemo”

“Be the best of whatever you are.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“If you keep your eyes open enough, oh, the stuff you will learn! The most wonderful stuff!” —Dr. Seuss

“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” — Lily Tomlin

“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you see, and smarter than you think.” A.A. Milne, “Winnie the Pooh”

Sporadically you may find a few back-to-school items in the library, please be considerate and take just 1 or 2 things. Also, you will find a template for sending your first letter in the mail. While it appears to be geared towards younger kids, how many school age children have sent letters in the mail at the Post Office? Use this template to send a letter to anyone: your parents, grandparents, family, friends or your neighbor. From now until September 20, if you use the template (quantity limited) and mail it at the Sullivan Post Office (right across the street), there will be a prize basket at the desk for you to choose an item from.

October- Fall, apples, pumpkins, scarecrows, jumping in leaves and finally Halloween. Does anyone have a Fall or Halloween book they would like to donate to the library? Drop it off and I will save it for October. Check out the Fall bucket list of things to do in the library. (Sept/Oct)

November/December- these are very busy months for all of us. Give a book to a child as a gift. Enjoy that quality time reading to your child or them reading to you. Take a few minutes or hours for yourself and get whisked away to another world or a new adventure.

As the holiday's approach, keep your eyes out for the man in the red suit. He has been known to stop by the library on occasion to grab a book for after the holidays. If you see him, send me a picture!!

Little Free Library on Valley Road across from the Sullivan Store

There's always something new for you here!

KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
Oct. 12th – 2pm



From the Fire Department



The Warden's Corner, Fire Permits (again)

So, it is a good time for a review on the rules for burning brush. There are no new rules that have come out, so no surprises.

First off, **permits are required for all open burning**, even if it is raining. Category 1 permits are less than 2 feet in diameter and contained within a ring of fire resistive material. These include chiminaes and fire bowls. Category 2 permits are for fires 4 feet in diameter, and also contained in a fire resistive ring. Category 3 permits are fires not contained or larger than 4 feet in diameter.

Category 1 and 2 permits can be issued as single day permits or seasonal permits. Seasonal permits are valid from the date they are issued until December 31st. These fires can be kindled any time of day, so long as conditions are suitable for burning. Single day permits are issued on the day of the burn (or shortly beforehand) and will specify, on the permit, the date. All Category 3 permits will be for a single day, or in some cases, if the conditions are known ahead of time, for a block of days (like a weekend). Category 3 permits can be started at 5:00 PM on the specified date, and expire on the following day at 9:00 AM. If it is actively raining, Category 3 fires can be started before 5:00 PM, but if it stops raining before 5:00, you have to put the fire out. Single day permit fire must be out by 9:00 AM the next day, raining or not.

There are only two times you can burn without a permit. The first being propane grills, propane fire pits, or charcoal grills that are up off the ground (they are contained and do not put up embers). The other is when there is complete snow cover. Complete snow cover, means at least 4 inches deep and covering all combustible materials for 100 feet in all directions from the burn site.

The NH Department of Forests and Lands determines the fire danger, based on weather conditions. Every day there is no snow cover, they will rate the danger as low, moderate, high, very high and extreme. The state allows burning on low, moderate and high days, **HOWEVER**, burning in Sullivan is restricted to low and moderate days only. The three main factors are wind, humidity, and precipitation. You can find the fire danger rating on the Forest and Lands web site, or by contacting Mutual Aid dispatch, who should be notified whenever you are burning. Their non-emergency number is 603-352-1291.

The only materials you are allowed to burn are untreated wood and vegetation. Burning of painted, stained or pressure treated wood is not allowed. Additionally, the use of accelerants (gasoline, paint thinner, oils, etc.) is forbidden. All fires must be attended. In more precise terms, you must physically be with the fire, not in the house watching TV. You must be able to produce the permit if asked by a warden/deputy warden, firefighter or law enforcement officer, so have it with you or easily accessible (do not use it to start the fire). If you cannot produce the permit when asked, or you do not have a permit, you may be told to put the fire out. When you are finished burning, the fire needs to be completely out (not buried). The Town of Sullivan definition of completely out is "you would be willing to put your hand in it", so if in doubt, add more water.

If you need to get a permit, call one of your wardens/deputy wardens between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. If you have questions, remember to ask when you are getting your permit issued.

Warden - Al Henry 603-762-4231

Deputy - Mike Blanchard 603-762-0941

Deputy - Robert Guyette 603-852-2815

Deputy - Erik Kazlouskas 603-903-2881

Deputy - Paul Bolduc 603-498-2578

Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

A great opportunity to clean toxic wastes around your house.

Fall 2023

Sat. Sept. 14 Wed. Sept. 18 Sat. Sept. 28

Sat. Oct. 12 Wed. Oct. 16 Sat. Oct. 26

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.

NELSON SCHOOL NEWS

Exciting Things are Happening!

Greetings, Sullivan Community!

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back on Tuesday, August 27th. Welcome newsletters have been sent to our families, and our teachers are busy preparing their classrooms for our new year together.

This year, we have chosen the school theme "Into the Woods" as a celebration of our work in outdoor learning and our commitment to connecting students to the world around them. This theme will connect with many of our whole-school activities, and will be an idea that we revisit throughout the year. Thanks to the generosity of our communities, we are especially excited to be partnering again with The Harris Center on a series of nature education activities for each grade level. Coming up in early October, we have an all-school hike planned on some of our Nelson trails, and we will participate in carving pumpkins again for the Keene Pumpkin Festival. It's going to be a fantastic start to the year!

As a reminder, we are currently processing school registrations. If you know someone in Grades K-5 who is not yet registered, please send them our way! Students should be 5 years old by 9/30/2024 to enroll in Kindergarten at Nelson School. If you have a child who needs to be registered for school, please contact our administrative assistant, Joy Birdsey, for help with the process. She can be reached at 603-847-3408 or jbirdsey@sau29.org.

If you have driven by the school this summer, you have probably seen that we've been doing some work on the building and school grounds. Our custodian, Junior Hutchins, has been hard at work painting and completing projects to make our building a better space to be, in addition to preparing the school for our upcoming year. We recently worked with Bergeron Mechanical Systems to install mini-splits in our classrooms, which will keep our environment comfortable while improving our indoor air quality. Finally, Ward Timberframe has been constructing our outdoor classroom structure, which will be a learning and gathering spot for students and our community for years to come. We would like to extend a "Special Thanks!" to Phillip Hamilton Excavation for putting in the piers for the structure. We are grateful to continue to work with local companies to make our school the best possible place to learn!

This year, we are welcoming Emma Byam to our team as a tutor (aide)! We have a few employment opportunities that have come open at the school. We are currently seeking a tutor (classroom aide), in addition to a part time Occupational Therapist (15%) and a part-time Reading Specialist (10%). We are also seeking a Long-Term Substitute Special Education teacher from early/mid-October through early January. We are also always looking for substitute teachers! If you or anyone you know are interested in any of these opportunities, please let us know.

We have a number of events and activities planned for September and October where we hope to see our community. The **Nelson School Open House** will take place from 6-7PM on a date TBD during the week of September 16-20th. Immediately following our Open House, we will have a brief meeting for all 5th grade families who are attending The Ecology School on September 23rd-27th.

On Saturday, September 7th, the Nelson Agricultural Committee is hosting their annual **Farmers' Market and Craft Fair at Nelson School** from 9AM-12N. Local folks (including students!) are invited to set up tables to sell items with a parent or on their own, depending on age. Students can get a table for free, and adults pay \$10 for setting up a table. The funds benefit the Nelson Agricultural Commission. They are still looking for vendors, seeking a good variety of produce, value added foods, plants, and crafts. If you are interested, please contact Val VanMeier at valvanmeier@yahoo.com at your earliest convenience. We would love to see you there!

Looking forward to October, we will have our first **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 5th** from 8-11AM. This will kick off Community Week, which will take place from Monday, October 7th-Friday, October 11th. It is during this week that we will have our all-school hike, among other fun activities. **School Picture Day** is Monday, October 7th. Later in the month, we will also be bringing in TIGER, a theater group out of Plymouth State College, to do some education with us around kindness and managing conflict. The Lions Club will also offer their annual vision screening in October.

There is no school on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day, and no school on Monday, October 14th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Additionally, there is an Early Release Day on Friday, October 11th, with students dismissed at 11:30AM.

Finally - are you looking for a small way to make a BIG difference in our communities? Consider joining the Friends of Nelson School! We are expanding our group (formerly the PTO) to be inclusive of community members who want to be involved or volunteer. There is no minimum commitment required! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Nicole Gordon at ngordon@sau29.org.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Nicole Gordon
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