

Sullivan Community Newsletter

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

Join us on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the Fire Station from noon to 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 27th!

Raffle Tickets Still Available - We still have Raffle Tickets available for our 2025 Firearm Raffle. Stop by the station on Wednesday evenings in September between 7pm-9pm for your chance at winning a Henry Steel Lever Action .30-30. Or see a Department member for ticket sales. Raffle Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be held after our Annual BBQ Event.

KEENE PUMPKIN October 18, 2025



FESTIVAL

This year's Festival will be much the same scale and scope as 2024, with some exciting new partnerships:

with some added vendors, and three

1. The Pumpkin Festival will be co-presenting April Cushman at the Colonial Theater the night of the festival. As such, the free cartoons will be shown during the festival at the Colonial Showroom.
2. They've partnered with Kringle Candle to make 6 different custom scented candles that will be available at the festival and in shops around the area. This is on top of Kringle donating candles for all of the school pumpkins.
3. They've partnered with Alyson's this year as the pumpkin supplier - so all of the pumpkins provided to local schools will be locally sourced as well.

Sponsors & Volunteers Needed!

Right now, they're rounding up sponsors and volunteers, organizing the vendors selected, and figuring out all the logistical fun of getting 5000 pumpkins into 30 schools. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any part of the festival, or if they or their company wants to help sponsor it, they can email us at keenepumpkinfest@gmail.com, or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/keenepumpkinfestival>

Honoring our Veterans at Farmers Markets in September!

Every September, the Cheshire County Conservation District partners with local farmers 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 as a "Thank you" to our local service members for protecting our freedoms.

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, 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 Farmers Markets Honoring Veterans

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

Winchester Farmers Market - 1 Richmond Rd. - Saturdays 9am-1pm.

Hinsdale Farm's Market - Saturdays 9am -1pm and

Jaffrey Farmers Market - Fridays - 3pm-6pm.

[Veteran Appreciation Month | CCD \(cheshireconservation.org\)](#)

IN & AROUND SULLIVAN

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Many thanks to those of you who donated items and/or shopped at the church yard sale to benefit Feeding Tiny Tummies, a non-profit organization that generously provides produce, frozen meat and other goods to the Sullivan Food Pantry. As federal funds for food banks have been drastically cut, we were pleased to help by making a significant donation from the yard sale to Tiny Tummies.

The food pantry is open to all Sullivan residents on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30pm. It's located in the lower level of the church. No registration is required. If you need home delivery, call Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271. Much appreciation to all who donate to the pantry!

The **Sharing Shed is now open!** It's a great opportunity for Sullivan folks to share extra produce and /or pick up fresh produce. Keep an eye on the Pantry's FB page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/sullivan.food.pantry> .

BITS & PIECES

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - November 8 from 9 am - 2:00 pm at the Sullivan Church. Find unique gifts for family and friends from local crafters. For a table and information, contact Gaynelle Pratt at 603-847-3271. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan Library and the Sullivan Church.

SANTA DAY - December 6 from 1-2:30 pm at the Town Hall. Children and families can do their holiday shopping and visit with Santa. Gifts are only 25¢ each, and you can have them wrapped by Santa's elves! Donations of new or gently used items appreciated - especially toys and 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.

DON'T FORGET - 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.

SEW & SEW'S (S & B's) TO BEGIN – sew, craft, crochet, quilt or just stop by and have coffee! It's a great way to meet people and maybe even find out what's happening in town. The Sullivan group will start meeting each Monday, beginning on Sept. 29th from 1pm to 2:30pm in the upper level of the church (use front entrance with the long sidewalk). Bring your handwork and come anytime! For more information call Becky Cummings at 847-3477.

PUBLIC NOTICE - The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on September 18, October 16 and November 20, 2025 at 11:30 AM at the library. The purpose of the meetings will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct any other business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

JEWETT PARK - Things are progressing at the Park – more flowers have been planted in the pollinator garden; a couple of loads of soil have been delivered; it was recently mowed & weed-whacked and it's looking good! Then, just before the newsletter went to print Steve Key of Key Landscaping donated time, equipment and fill to level the ground off. We hear hydroseeding may be next. Thanks also to Chris & Gaynelle Pratt, Tom & Lana Jackson, John Opacki and Jane Rice for their thoughtful donations. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Kathleen at 603-852-4517 or email kd3960@yahoo.com .

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER – October 15! The Christmas Craft Fair (Nov. 8) falls early in November, so we'll try to get the Nov./Dec. issue out a bit early.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY – Please remember not to park in the right-of-way on any town road, per NH RSA 265:68.

VOTERS - REGISTER TO VOTE – MAKE CHANGES, ETC. **Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Sullivan Library from 11 – 11:30am**, the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sullivan Library. You must have a photo ID, proof of age, residency and citizenship. You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk and on Election Days, but registering early will save you time

LEARN TO PLAY THE FIDDLE!

Want to learn to play the fiddle? Adult and youth, beginners and experienced musicians are welcome. Lessons will be held in the basement of the Nelson Congregational Church, 830 Nelson Road, in Nelson.

All lessons are group rate pricing. Curious? Make arrangements to observe one of the ongoing lessons.

Grade K-5 lessons, have previously been held after school at the Nelson school. This is yet to be confirmed for school year 2025-2026.

For further information contact teacher.nelsonstringsprogram@gmail.com or valvanmeier@yahoo.com

WAVE GOODBYE TO THAT OLD VEHICLE IN YOUR YARD! These places will pick it up and haul it off for you!

You'll be helping a good cause and may get a tax deduction! Most places take your vehicle, running or not.

Keene Senior Center – 603-313-9995 – Call Sullivan resident, Eric Martin for help! He volunteers with the Senior Center and will be happy to help you move out that old vehicle.

Donate your car, boat, truck, RV, camper trailer or motorcycle (whether it runs or not) for the best possible tax deduction. The Senior Center has been providing services for Keene and the Monadnock Region since 1957. It's a welcoming focal point for persons aged fifty (50) or better to come together for recreation, events and activities.

<https://thekeeneseniorcenter.org/donate>

Help a Vet! – 1-888-480-VETS (8387)

Your donation of a car, truck, RV, ATV or motorcycle can help disabled, Purple Heart & homeless Vets. They will take most vehicles, whether they run or not and you may get a tax credit!

They will pick up your vehicle free of hassle and expense! <https://www.vehiclesforveterans.org/new-hampshire/>

Habitat for Humanity – 1-877-277-4344

Help build and repair affordable homes for local families in need and at the same time help the environment. They make it fast and easy to donate a vehicle and you may [qualify for a tax deduction](#). Vehicle donations raised over \$72 million in just the last five years! <https://www.habitat.org/support/donate-your-car>

NHPBS - 855-922-7727.

New Hampshire Public Broadcasting accepts most cars, trucks, vans, fleet vehicles, trailers, boats, motorcycles and RV's. If you have any questions about what you can donate, give them a call. After your vehicle is sold, funds received & processed, you will receive a **complimentary twelve-month membership**. This includes a monthly Connections newsletter which has their schedule and you will also be given a code to access their online streaming service, **Passport**. <https://nhpbs.org/vehicle/faq.asp>

Upcoming Apple Hill String Quartet performances:

October 9 - 3pm: Keene Senior Center

October 11 - 6pm: Orchard Chapel, Hampton Falls NH (Seacoast)

October 17 - 7pm: Redfern Arts Center, Keene State College. This is part of Keene's celebration of the partnership with its sister city of Einbeck, Germany.

October 24 - 7:30pm: Westmoreland United Church

TRISTATE FLEET SOLUTIONS Mobile Diesel Repair & Maintenance



TRISTATE FLEET SOLUTIONS

Navigating Success Together

Hello neighbors, my name is Ethen Waterman, and I'm excited to introduce my new business, Tristate Fleet Solutions. We specialize in mobile diesel repair and maintenance, bringing professional service directly to your location. With years of hands-on experience and a commitment to honest, reliable work, I started this business to fill the need for convenient, high-quality diesel repair across the tristate area. Regardless if you run a single work truck or manage a large fleet, Tristate Fleet Solutions is here to keep your engines running strong and your business moving forward. We're looking forward to contributing to our great community and meeting new members of our wonderful town!

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“LIBRARY FOOTNOTES”

Big Free Library on Centre Street

Another season of Summer Reading has wrapped up. We had quite a few avid readers contribute to our totals this year. Thank you so much for your participation and happy reading!! While Gilsum bested us with 179 pounds of reading materials (all types of reading consumption converted to pounds), we came in with a hearty 75 pounds ourselves. An ice cream social, hosted by Gilsum at their library was a lively event, and we will be at the ready next summer to take back the Ice Cream Sundae prize!

If you have not stopped by the library in a while, come on in for a visit. Whether you are into graphic novels, exploring biographies or rediscovering classic novels, we are here for you! For first time readers, as well as juvenile or young adult patrons, we offer a treasure trove of fun, timeless and ever-popular favorites that will transport you to another world.

Our Second Saturday book group is going strong and we have welcomed a few new members over the past months. Currently we are reading *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by JK Rowling and will meet on Sept. 13 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss. The next book we will be handing out is *The Daughter of Sherlock Holmes* by Leonard Goldberg. We hope to see you there!

One of the newest books we added into our collection is *One Perfect Couple* by Ruth Ware. A synopsis: Lyla is in a bit of a rut. Her post-doctoral research has fizzled out, she's pretty sure they won't extend her contract, and things with her boyfriend, Nico, an aspiring actor, aren't going great. When the opportunity arises for Nico to join the cast of a new reality TV show, *One Perfect Couple*, she decides to try out with him. A whirlwind audition process later, Lyla find herself whisked off to a tropical paradise with Nico, boating through the Indian Ocean towards Ever After Island, where the two of them will compete against four other couples-- Bayer and Angel, Dan and Santana, Joel and Romi, and Conor and Zana--in order to win a cash prize. But not long after they arrive on the deserted island, things start to go wrong. After the first challenge leaves everyone rattled and angry, an overnight storm takes matters from bad to worse. Cut off from the mainland by miles of ocean, deprived of their phones, and unable to contact the crew that brought them there, the group must band together for survival. As tensions run high and fresh water runs low, Lyla finds that this game show is all too real--and the stakes are life or death.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time and donated books to our small but mighty library! We are so appreciative of our town's continued support and patronage.

Your librarians,
Paulette and Sara

Little Free Library on Centre Street – across from the Post Office

Visit the little free library Pokestop!

The library has been HOPPING busy this summer. I love to see the exchange of books and find so many in the library I want to read, thanks!

Welcome back to school! Tell your friends about the library too. It is there for anyone & everyone to use.

Enjoy these back-to-school quotes.

“No one is perfect. That’s why we have eraser.” Wolfgang Riebe

“Wake up! Wake up! C’m on, 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 1 or 2 things. 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.

Look for Photo Opportunities this fall at the library. they will be sporadic and specific times.

Post a picture of you at my Library on Facebook!

Tammy Rondeau – Little Free Library

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK FESTIVAL

Oct 3, 2025 - Oct 4, 2025S. Main St **Concord, NH**

Join us in **downtown Concord, NH**, for a vibrant celebration of books and ideas! Featuring more than **50 nationally recognized authors and poets**, the **New Hampshire Book Festival** is a weekend full of inspiration, conversation, and community. It's supported by ticketed keynote events for schoolchildren, adults and families. Experience live presentations, engaging panels, and book signings that connect readers and writers in meaningful

Whether you're a lifelong reader or just discovering the joy of books, the NH Book Festival offers something for everyone. Come celebrate the power of stories and the connections they create.

9:00AM-6:00PM <https://www.nhbookfestival.org/>

From the Archives by Chris Pratt

The last article was a summary of this year's annual Memorial Day talk. It was the story of two brothers—Eliakim and Asahel Nims—who had settled a farm on South Road prior to the Revolution. As noted, about 70 of our settlers were veterans of the War for Independence. This is the story of another set of brothers who came to our town after the War was over—Samuel and Josiah Seward.

They were descendants of Samuel and Elizabeth Seward who settled in Boston sometime before 1730. Their son Thomas was born there, circa 1730. He married Hannah Martin around 1750 and they moved to the part of Groton, MA that later became the town of Pepperell. They established a small farm and had three sons—Thomas, Jr., born in 1754; Josiah, born in 1756; and Samuel, born in 1757. Four months after Samuel was born, Thomas, Sr., died. That left Hannah to raise three small children by herself. Moreover, Thomas, Jr., had been born with a deformity that left him unable to walk normally. Thus, help on the farm fell to Josiah and Samuel as they grew older.

When the battle of Lexington and Concord occurred on 19 April 1775, Josiah was 19 years old and Samuel had just reached his 18th birthday. The scene in Pepperell was similar to what was occurring all over New England. Local militia units began assembling to answer the call to arms. Colonel William Prescott assembled the three companies he commanded and departed immediately for Concord. The call went out for more men to enlist and both Seward brothers joined Captain John Nutting's Company on 25 April 1775.

As the Massachusetts and New Hampshire regiments approached Bunker Hill on 16 June 1775, Col. Prescott was placed in charge of building the fortifications on Breed's Hill. The Seward's unit would have been positioned on Prescott's right flank initially and then toward the main battle at the fortifications. They were also part of the retreat when the Americans ran out of gun powder and were forced from the hill.

Both brothers were mustered out of the militia on 2 October 1775 as their term of enlistment had expired. More than likely, they felt a need to return to the farm in Pepperell—given their mother's situation.

As the War concluded, the brothers considered their future. Opportunities for young men and women living in central Massachusetts were somewhat limited, but western New Hampshire offered relatively cheap land. The Stoddard family of Chelmsford, MA, were offering lots for sale located in Stoddard, NH. Samuel took advantage and purchased a lot near Bolster Pond in 1780. He arrived the next spring and built a log cabin. Meanwhile, Josiah married Sarah Osgood on 22 February 1781, purchased the lot north of Samuel's property, and moved there—also building a log cabin. Samuel later married Olive Adams on 27 March 1783. Both men added more land, built prosperous farms, and had many children. Both brothers signed the petition that created our town in 1787. Eventually the log cabins were replaced by two-storied houses on what became Boulder Road—only one survives today and is known as Seward Mountain farm.

As the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill approached, a group of citizens in Boston began raising money to build a memorial near the Breed's Hill redoubt, where Col. Prescott and his Massachusetts regiments had fought the British forces. A cornerstone laying was planned and all of the living veterans were invited. On 17 June 1825, Josiah and Samuel joined 188 other veterans for the ceremony. They shook hands with the Marquis de Lafayette, listened to the oration by Daniel Webster, and watched the Grand Master of the Massachusetts Masonic organization lay the stone. Construction finances did not go as planned and the monument was still incomplete when Josiah died in 1828 and Samuel followed in 1833.

The two Seward brothers were important contributors to our town's history. Their story reflects Sullivan's story and, in a small way, our nation's story. Much of what we know about them was recorded in our town history which was written by Josiah's great grandson Josiah L. Seward whose middle name was Lafayette.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services (HCS) will host hospice volunteer training sessions this fall, equipping participants with the tools and guidance needed to serve as part of the Hospice at HCS team.

Hospice Volunteers are an essential part of the care team at Hospice at HCS, offering comfort, companionship and support to individuals and families facing end-of-life journeys. Working alongside hospice-certified nurses, medical social workers, and spiritual counselors, volunteers help provide emotional support, caregiver respite, and a reassuring presence wherever the patient calls home - in their house, nursing facilities and assisted living communities. The upcoming training series will prepare new volunteers to take on this meaningful role and make a difference in the lives of others when it matters most.

"Being a Hospice volunteer has truly enriched my life," said Joely Fanning, a seasoned Hospice at HCS Volunteer. "I have met so many wonderful people in my six years of volunteering. I enjoy spending time with individuals and their families. Even though they are going through one of the most difficult times in their life, they are compassionate and caring about everyone and everything around them. I cherish the memories that were created sharing stories and laughter during visits."

The six-week fall training session will be held at Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services at 312 Marlboro Street in Keene beginning September 26th. For further information or to register, contact Lorraine Bishop, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 603-352-2253 or at lbishop@hcsservices.org

WHAT'S COOKING? By Bonnie Blanchard



Football, hockey and basketball seasons are just starting. Race fans races on the road to the championship and baseball enthusiasts are make it to the World Series. Here are some game day favorites that are easy to make and will have you out of the kitchen before the first note of the *Star Spangled Banner* is sung.

are gearing up for the NASCAR cheering for their favorite team to

Pretzel Nuggets

1 ½ cups warm water (100°F)	2 ¼ teaspoons instant or active yeast
1 teaspoon salt	1 tablespoon melted butter (cooled)
3 ¾ - 4 cups all-purpose flour	1 egg beaten
Coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)	½ cup baking soda
9 cups water (used for baking soda bath)	

Stir warm water, yeast and sugar together in a large bowl. Cover and let sit for 5 minutes, or until foamy on top. Add salt, melted butter and 3 cups of flour. Mix until combined. Add additional ¾ cup of flour and mix until dough comes together in a ball. If the dough is extremely sticky, add the remaining ¼ cup of flour. Remove dough from the bowl and place it on a lightly floured surface. Knead for 5 minutes. If the dough becomes too sticky when kneading, add flour 1 tablespoon at a time. You want a soft, tacky dough not a dry dough. After kneading, poke the dough with your finger. It should slowly bounce back. If it doesn't, knead an additional minute. Return dough to the bowl and cover with a towel and let it rest for 10 to 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Lightly spray parchment paper with non-stick cooking spray and set aside. Cut the dough into 6 equal pieces. Sprinkle work surface VERY lightly with flour. Roll each piece of dough into a 20" rope. Cut each rope into 1 ½" to 2" pieces to make the bites. A pizza cutter works best to cut the bites. Make the baking soda bath by mixing 9 cups of water and baking soda in a large pot. Bring to boil. Place 8 -10 pretzel bites into the boiling water for 10-15 seconds. Use a slotted spoon or spider to remove pretzel bites from the water and allow excess water to drip off. Pretzels will develop an unpleasant metallic taste if boiled for longer than 15 seconds. Place bites onto the prepared baking sheets. Brush each bite with beaten egg and then sprinkle with salt. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and serve warm with beer cheese.

Beer Cheese

1 cup beer
1 8 oz. block cream cheese
2 cups shredded yellow cheddar cheese

In a medium saucepan, bring beer to a simmer. Add cream cheese and stir until melted. Slowly add cheddar cheese and stir until melted and smooth. Serve with warm pretzels.

Cowboy Caviar

1 can black beans drained	1 can garbanzo beans drained
1 can sweet corn drained	1 can kidney beans drained
1 can pinto beans drained	2 medium jalapeno peppers finely diced
1 medium red onion diced	½ cup olive oil
1 teaspoon cumin	1 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt	

Place all ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Put in refrigerator overnight. Serve with tortilla or pita chips.

Easy Boston Cream Cupcakes

1 Yellow Cake Mix and ingredients listed on package to make cupcakes
1 container of prepared chocolate frosting
2 tablespoons half and half or light cream
1 package instant vanilla pudding (4 serving size)
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups milk

Prepare cupcakes according to package directions. Allow cupcakes to cool completely. Prepare pudding according to package directions and add vanilla after adding the milk. Place the pudding in a piping bag or a Ziplock bag with the bottom corner snipped off. Core out the center of each cupcake with a teaspoon. Fill the core of the cupcake with the vanilla pudding. The pudding should be level with the top of the cupcake. Empty the container of frosting into a microwave safe bowl. Add the half and half and microwave for 20 seconds. Remove and stir until the cream and frosting are combined. Continue heating for 10 seconds and stirring until the frosting has completely melted and is silky smooth. Dip the top of the filled cupcakes into the melted frosting. If the frosting runs off the first cupcake, stop and let the frosting cool and thicken for 5 minutes.

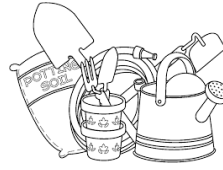
These recipes will have your friends and family cheering for you louder than their favorite team!!

"Laughter is the brightest in the place where the food is." - Irish Proverb

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

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

Submitted by Leslie Casey



It has certainly been a hot, dry summer here in Sullivan! Lawns and gardens are feeling the stress. In this article, I will talk about dealing with plant issues related to this summer's weather, and strategies for making your landscape more resilient.

Lawns:

A typical lawn in New Hampshire is composed of a mixture of cool season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue and perennial rye. These grasses naturally go dormant during periods of hot, dry weather, essentially stopping active growth. Dormant grass will often look brown and dead, but the roots and crowns of the plants are still alive and will be ready to resume growth as soon as growing conditions improve.

Mowing grass higher in the summer, especially during a drought, is an extremely important practice. Grasses produce deeper roots when they are allowed to grow taller, enabling them to access water that is deeper in the soil. Taller grass is also better at shading the soil surface, keeping it cooler and helping to conserve soil moisture. Aim to set your mower deck at a height of 2.5 to 3 inches. Also be sure to keep your mower blades sharp; they will make cleaner cuts that heal better and cause less stress to the grass than the ragged edges caused by dull blades.

If a drought is severe enough grass may be killed, but typically the plants have enough reserves to break dormancy whenever temperatures cool and rainfall resumes. A resilient lawn should be able to go dormant in the summer without much harm. For more information on establishing a resilient lawn, see these resources from UNH Extension: <https://extension.unh.edu/agriculture-gardens/yard-garden/home-lawn-care> and <https://extension.unh.edu/blog/2020/07/how-do-i-keep-my-lawn-alive-drought>. Strategies for achieving climate resilience might include reduced mowing, and/or planting drought-tolerant alternatives to turf grass in certain areas.

Gardens and Trees:

Highly variable rainfall patterns are typical of New England. Periods of above-normal precipitation may be followed by weeks with little or none. Annual flowers (bedding plants) generally suffer first from drought because of their limited root systems. In addition, the health and survival of newly planted trees, shrubs, vines and perennials can be threatened by periods of hot, dry weather. Established trees, shrubs and perennials can tolerate two weeks or even longer without water. However, they may show signs of reduced growth, nutrient deficiencies, and/or increased susceptibility to certain pests and diseases during a prolonged drought. Mulch can be very beneficial for cooling the soil and retaining moisture. In the case of trees and shrubs, mulch should extend all the way out to the "drip line" at the edge of the leaf canopy. The small roots out at the edge are responsible for taking up water and nutrients! And, please, keep mulch away from trunks where it encourages rot and insects. No "mulch volcanos"!

Homeowners who want to minimize the need for watering should select plants that can tolerate drought. For more information on what plants might be suitable, see: <https://extension.unh.edu/resource/drought-tolerant-plants-new-hampshire-landscapes-fact-sheet>. Choose plants that can withstand the full range of New Hampshire's variable climatic conditions, though, not just occasional drought. Plants that are native to New England are often the smart choice, since they are well adapted to thriving here with minimal care. Keep in mind that even drought-tolerant plants need ample water initially to encourage root establishment. Once established, in most years they require little or no water other than natural rainfall.

Many people found this season to be a particularly difficult one in terms of plant diseases. The sudden onset of hot weather following an unusually wet spring helped create ideal conditions for diseases to take off. Before considering treatment options for your plants, it is important that the causes be accurately identified. The UNH Extension Infoline at AskUNH.edu is there to help, and it's free! The web form for submitting questions can be found here: <https://extension.unh.edu/ask>, or call 1-877-EXT-GROW (398-4769). You may also submit photographs. Note - the UNH Plant Diagnostic Lab has unfortunately suspended its services for the remainder of 2025.

If you have a tree that needs treatment for disease, please don't try to do it yourself. Contact the Infoline, and they will be able to provide names of certified arborists in our area. NHA Certified Arborists are up to date on the latest in arboricultural technology and knowledgeable of acceptable arborist practices.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings, Sullivan Community!

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back on Wednesday, August 27th. Our teachers are busy preparing their classrooms for our new year together.

This year, we are focusing on being "**Better Together**" - partnering with our families, working together as a staff, and connecting with our community - for the benefit of our students. We recently held Family Conferences, where we enjoyed chatting with students and their parents/caregivers about the upcoming year before we even officially get started. We will be continuing our First Friday Friends

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program, with a focus on building strong relationships between our volunteers and classroom communities. First Friday Friends will be joining us from 11:00-11:30 on the first Friday of each month, starting in October. If you are interested in becoming a First Friday Friend, please reach out to the school.

In an effort to strengthen our community connections and give our students new experiences, we are also seeking volunteers to join us for Community Week, which will be October 14-17. If you have a skill or interest that you would like to share with our students, please contact us - we would love to collaborate!

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. Notably, our main entrance, by the flagpole, received a new coat of paint and we worked with Guyer Roofing to ensure that our school roof continues to be in good repair.

Staff Changes - This year, we are welcoming Ashley Guida to our classroom teaching staff, and Adam Wirth to our team as a tutor (aide)! Ashley will be teaching Grade 1, while Adam will be supporting students in various classrooms. We have a few employment opportunities that have come open at the school. We are currently seeking a part-time School Psychologist (10%), a part-time Occupational Therapist (15%) and a part-time Reading Specialist (10%). 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.

Coming Events - The first few months of our school year will look a little different this year, as we are moving some of our typical events, such as Open House and the Grade 5 trip to The Ecology School, to later in the school year. However, we have a lot of exciting things to look forward to:

-Wednesday, September 10 - **Little Zoe's Pizza (Keene) Fundraiser** - 50% of all in-person and phone orders between 3 and 7PM go to Friends of Nelson School, who will use the funds to benefit our students and teachers. Buy dinner and support our school!

-Monday, October 6 - **School Picture Day**

-Tuesday, October 7 - the Lions Club will be conducting their annual **vision screening** for participating students

-Saturday, October 25 - **Pancake Breakfast** - get a delicious breakfast for only \$5 and shop the Scholastic Book Fair while you're here!

There is no school on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day, and no school on Monday, October 13th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Additionally, there is an Early Release Day on both Thursday, September 18th and Friday, October 10th, with students dismissed at 11:30AM.

Consider joining the Friends of Nelson School! Finally - are you looking for a small way to make a BIG difference in our communities? 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, Principal/Curriculum Integration Specialist, Nelson School

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