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TOWN CLEANUP DAY! Saturday - May 7

Meet at the Town Hall at 9am for road assignments. If you can't make it on Saturday, bags are available from the Town Clerk or Roger Sweet (847-3463). A complimentary lunch will be served at noon in the church hall.

12th ANNUAL SULLIVAN FIRE DEPARTMENT YARD SALE May 27 & 28

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

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

LIBRARY PLANT & BOOK SALE May 28, 9-2

The Friends of the Sullivan Library will hold the annual Plant & Book Sale on May 28 from 9am to 2pm at the library. It's time to think about flowers! Select hardy Sullivan-grown plants - a fine selection of perennials and other plants will be available for \$3 each. Find a book for beach reading, or something else - many subjects available - come take a look!

LAST TIME TO CHANGE PARTY BEFORE NH PRIMARY! Sullivan Public Library MAY 31

Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the **Sullivan Public Library** on Tues., May 31 between 7 and 7:30 pm for party changes, additions and corrections to the checklist. Bring proof of residency, citizenship and age. The Supervisors will meet at the library from now on as they have a copier available to them, if need be.

Checklists are posted at the town hall (both inside and out) and outside the fire station. You can check your party affiliation anytime. **Mary Hull, town clerk, will also accept party changes on or before May 31.**

**SEE INSIDE – selectmen's summer hours, help wanted, property tax relief, "From the Archives" and more!
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Hours**

June & July

The Board of Selectmen's Meetings will have an abridged summer schedule for the months of June and July. The meetings will be held at 6:30pm. Please call ahead to be placed on the agenda, the phone number is 847-3316.

Summer Schedule of Meetings:

June 6
June 20
July 11
July 25

HELP WANTED Town of Sullivan - Board of Selectmen

Do you have some time to spare? Are you interested in participating in important issues facing the Town of Sullivan? If you answered yes to either of these questions, WE WANT YOU.....on the Board of Selectmen.... The Board of Selectmen has a vacancy and we are looking for a resident who is interested in serving until the next town meeting in March 2017. In general terms, the Board of Selectmen manage the diverse affairs of the town which could range from managing town spending to responding to a variety of taxpayer inquires. Ultimately, the Selectmen consider the best interests of the Town and its residents.

You might ask why there is a vacancy. In March local elections were held. No one ran for the position, but seven individuals received write-in votes. Each person receiving votes was contacted, but all declined to serve.

The Board of Selectmen meets Monday evenings at 6:30PM. Generally, meetings are less than two hours in duration. The Board is supported by Kate Fuller, our administrative assistant, and Municipal Resources Inc, a private firm who fills most all of our financial needs.

Other than the personal reward of working in the best interest of the Town, there is an annual stipend to compensate Selectmen for their commitment. Selectmen also get to work with a great group of dedicated employees and other elected/appointed officials as well as helping neighbors, learning about government and becoming involved in making Sullivan a great place to live.

If you are interested in helping out your town, please leave your name and contact information with Kate Fuller by Thursday, May 19th. Kate can be reached at 847-3316, Tuesday through Thursday, or by email at townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net.

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Taxpayer Assistance Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program

The State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration offers assistance to lessen the economic burden of the State Education Property Tax for eligible property owners.

An eligible applicant is a person who is:

- Single with adjusted gross income equal to or less than \$20,000; or
- Married head of NH household with adjusted gross income less than or equal to \$40,000; and
- Owns a homestead subject to the State Education Property Tax; and
- Has resided in that homestead on April 1 of the year for which the claim is made.

The filing period of tax relief is after May 1 but no later than June 30.

To obtain an application (form DP-8), property owners can contact the Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 230-5920 (press prompt 2, then prompt 2 again); or go online to www.nh.gov/revenue click on forms and instructions, scroll down to low and moderate program, fill in the form, print it off and send it to the State; or stop by Town Hall to pick up a blank form after May 1.

WOOF! Last Call Before Penalties Start! This is your final notice about your **dog licenses**. Please either stop by the town hall or mail your payment in. We love your pets too and want to make sure they are up to date on their shots. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 to 2 or Thursday night 6 to 8.

"Library Footnotes"

There are SO many things happening at the Sullivan Public Library right now that if you haven't yet made it in to see it for yourself, you really ought to. That being said, I will give you a little insight so you can "see" it for yourself.

We have been working with the Friends of the Library to make our Library more patron friendly. We are in the process of rearranging our books, so when you come in to the library expect to see some differences!

...If you are on a committee and need somewhere to meet, we can arrange for you to use the Library!

... If you have a film you would like some friends to see, but simply don't have enough chairs or space to have a few people in, you could look into using the Library!

We have a television with a DVD player and are looking forward to showing some movies for the public! On that note, is there anything in particular that you would like to see? Maybe going out to the movie theatre is not in the budget, but going just a couple of miles to the library is do-able (especially if you only need to bring your own beverage!). If you have any movie suggestions, please let us know and we will see what we can do!

There are many options that we are hoping to explore as we become more familiar with the library and our patrons' needs and interests.

If you haven't been to the library in a little while, what can we do to entice you back? Do you have some books in mind that we don't have? We can ILL (inter-library loan) them in for you. Do you have thoughts as to what we should have on our shelves, but don't currently have? We will take any suggestions into consideration when we are ordering new books to fill our shelves.

2nd Saturday Book Discussion Group: The group just finished reading *Black Raven* by Ann Cleves. Although the clues were there throughout the book, the author left you guessing up to the very end in this mystery/thriller set on the Shetland Islands off the coast of Scotland. This was a 2 thumbs up from the group. The new book is *The Body in the Belfry* by Kathleen Hall Page – a cozy mystery which takes place in a small Massachusetts village.

3rd Thursday Book Discussion Group: The group just finished reading Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy*. The lawyer/author is the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. *Just Mercy* is an unforgettable tale of one of his first cases inspiring the argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice. May's discussion book is *Walking with the Wind* by John Lewis and Michael D'Orso. The book chronicles an epic first-hand, behind the scenes account of the civil rights movement - offering a rare insight into the movement itself and the personalities of the main participants.

LAST CALL: This is the last call for free VHS movies to take home to keep. If you have a VCR and would like some different movies to add to your collection, come see if we have anything you would like.

FREE TV: Is anyone interested in the old TV that the library used to use? It is free to a good home! It's a 20-inch Panasonic. Old school, yes, but it should be able to run a VCR or DVD player.

We would like to send out special thanks to Joshua Bezio of the Granite State Carpet Care for coming in to clean our chairs for us! They are so nice and clean now! Thank you!

Thank you to the following patrons for their on-going support: Libby Beede, Jim & Leslie Casey, Becky Cummings, Mary Heath, David & Nancy Jakway, Rachael Richardson, Chip & Kathy Woodbury and the ever faithful anonymous. Paulette Tuttle and Dott Miles,
Your Librarians

Movie Night at the Library - May 6, 7pm – *The Monuments Men* (PG-13)

The next movie night at the library will be May 6, at 7:00pm. *The Monuments Men* stars George Clooney, Matt Damon and Hugh Bonneville. What would you like to see? Let the librarian know. Films will be G, PG, or R and will be announced ahead of time - check on-line or call the Library at 847-3458. Children under age 13 will require an adult be with them for any movie. (They do not need to sit together if the children are embarrassed to be seen with the adult.) The movie and popcorn are free!

Put it on your calendar - **Library Open House July 9, 12:30-2:30** There have been lots of good changes at the library! Come and see the bright new look, have a hotdog and some lemonade, check out the activities calendar...

From the Archives

by Chris Pratt

I apologize for missing the deadline for the March newsletter, but was tied up with numerous things. Here is the annual "look back at" previous town meetings.

10 years ago. The 2006 warrant contained 34 articles signed by selectmen Michael Carney, Richard Hotchkiss and Richard Labadie, Sr. The cover of the town report featured a photograph of the Soldier's Monument in winter. It was also the first time our annual report was spiral bound to allow for easier access. The town passed several "housekeeping" amendments to the Community Planning Ordinance. Road Agent Randy Smith reported a quiet winter for 2004-5, but extreme cold resulted in a number of frozen culverts that had to be thawed. He also reported on the progress of the reconstruction of Valley Road. Police Chief Karl Wheeler reported a 50% increase in calls over the previous year. He also welcomed Jason Yaroz as his new deputy. Conservation Commission Chair Roger Sweet noted the dedication of the Maurice Swett Trail to the Giant's Cradle as well as a system of trails from Bear Den Mountain to Otter Brook.

25 years ago. The 1991 warrant contained 30 articles signed by selectmen Leslie Goodnow, Joe Mosley, and Harvey Swett. Voters rejected the Planning Board's proposed community planning ordinance by a vote of 138 to 111. The Town Meeting voted to purchase a radar unit for the Police Department, to establish a capital reserve fund for Fire Department Equipment and to make the Road Agent's term 2 years instead of 1 year. The 1968 Cadillac rescue vehicle was replaced with a 1969 Ford van-rescue vehicle. The Planning Board announced the creation of a town wide committee to update the original 1980 master plan. The Library Report noted the retirement of Eleene McCann as librarian and appointment of Barbara Morrissey. It also noted several programs that occurred during the year including Marge Smith's slide presentation on the history of Sullivan and Alan Corindia's presentation of being on Mount Washington in the winter. Police Chief Karl Wheeler offered his argument for a radar unit. He noted that it was needed for the town roads and that the State Police would continue to monitor Route 9. He noted with a bit of humor, "The State Police check on Route 9 quite frequently, as some of you know."

50 years ago. The 1966 warrant contained 14 articles signed by selectmen Gardner Turner, Harvey Swett and Walfred G. Wiklund. The 1965 meeting marked the retirement of two long serving town officers—Moderator Edward L. Jewett (25 years) and Town Clerk John H. McMahon (23 years). The year also marked the beginning term of one of our longest serving Town Clerks—Lois G. Woodbury. The Town Meeting voted to give the Selectmen authority to issue permits for mobile homes that remained in town for more than two weeks. The Meeting also voted to allow joining with Keene and other towns to form a district department of health, but amended the article to not actually join at that time.

100 years ago. The 1916 warrant contained 14 articles signed by selectmen Winfred J. White, Will H. Harris and Carl M. Barrett. The Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$125 to purchase iron girders and railing to shore up the bridge over Spaulding Brook on Cross Road. However they rejected a proposal to build a town barn. The valuation for that year reported 122 horses valued at \$14,670. There was no count of the number of automobiles, but the valuation was reported at \$2,525. The Library Report noted the donation of 37 books from the estate of Sarah (Nims) Dodge of Boston who had grown up in Sullivan. The school report indicated that the 4 schools in Sullivan were all able to conduct full sessions with from 10 to 17 students per session. The School Board noted in its report, "The work of education is one in which all are concerned, and for which all are taxed. Consequently all have something to do towards elevating the standard of our common schools."

200 years ago. The 1816 warrant contained 12 articles signed by selectmen Samuel Seward, John Mason and Samuel Locke. The annual meeting was used to conduct votes for state-wide offices. The meeting chose John Gilman over Governor William Plummer by a vote of 98 to 11. They voted to send Erastus Hubbard to the legislature as our representative. The meeting also voted to form a committee to negotiate a settlement of the boundary dispute with Abel Allen. This was in regard to the property line with the Four Corners Cemetery. There was a note at the bottom of the Town Clerk's record that the meeting voted to appropriate money to compensate soldiers. As a way of background, in the fall of 1814 (during the war of 1812), the State of New Hampshire called out its militia to defend Portsmouth against an attack by the British that did not occur. The soldiers were mustered out after about a month of service. The Town Meeting indicated a desire to compensate its soldiers, but the action was technically illegal since it was not posted on the warrant. The action was corrected at a special town meeting in October when an appropriation of \$100 was made. At that same meeting the Haven Road which ran from Cross Road to Rugg Road was discontinued.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meetings on Thursdays - May 12, June 9 and July 14, 2016 at 2 PM at the library. The purpose of the meeting 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.

Sullivan Outdoor Public Space Planning: Results of Survey

The Planning Board is pleased to share the results of its planning survey with all of you. The overall objective of the survey was to provide data on the needs of Sullivan residents that would allow officials to better plan for use of outdoor public space. A full report can be found on the Sullivan town web site. Here are some highlights!

The level of participation was very encouraging. In all, 57 completed surveys were handed in before the March 31st deadline (a response rate over 20% for the 282 households in town), representing 129 individual respondents. Of the responding households, 26 (46%) indicate that they would be willing to volunteer to help renovate the Jewett Park by cutting brush, mowing, etc., which is wonderful to see!

The demographic profile of the responding population was fairly representative of the town, with children and teens aged 19 years and younger at 14%, adults aged 20 to 64 years at 52%, and seniors aged 65 or older at 34%.

The results of the survey tell us that the most popular activities are (1) attending events, (2) walking/snowshoeing, (3) gathering/picnicking and (4) relaxation/leisure. High demand was also seen for facilities for gathering/picnicking. Less popular activities (in descending order of popularity) were horseshoes or like, volleyball or like, and "use playground." It is worth noting that while the proportion of responding households that would use a playground was quite low (25%), for those households that would use one the median frequency would be high (3 or more times per month).

Sufficient interest was expressed that it may warrant a study being undertaken by the town to assess the feasibility of renovating and improving access to outdoor public space, the better to meet the needs of residents. The results suggest that efforts toward arranging more events in town and adding to or improving trails and picnic areas would be well-received. An added benefit of improving outdoor public spaces such as Jewett Park is that it could enhance the scenic beauty of the town while building community and a sense of place.

The survey results were shared with the Conservation Commission, and it was agreed that the findings support the Commission's idea of revitalizing the trail network from Jewett Park outward through volunteer efforts. Please talk with them about how you can help!

NEWLY FORMED TRAIL GROUP

Work Day Set for June 4

The newly formed Sullivan Trail Group met on March 31, 2016 at the Sullivan Library. The first meeting of the group was attended by 14 people. Discussed, were possible plans for creating a trail network in the center of town using private and town-owned parcels, such as the Winch Town Forest and Jewett Park. Also discussed was the potential of connecting existing trail networks within town to each other as well as possibly connecting them to trail networks outside of town.

The first work day was held on April 23 in the Town Forest. Old roads and trails were cleared of blow-down and brush making access by hikers and emergency crews easier. The next work day is tentatively set for June 4th when the group will begin work in Jewett Park. Meet at the library at 9am for coffee and then head out. Wear sturdy footwear and work clothes. Bring water, gloves, clippers, brush cutter or chainsaw (if you have one). If enough people attend, some may begin work on the trail to Giant's Cradle.

Benefits from establishing these trail projects could be:

1. To better document the historical sites and natural features along these trails.
2. To increase a sense of community in our town by hosting historic and educational walks on the trails.

Contact Eric White (847-3038) or Roger Sweet (847-3463) for more information or to be put on the list for work days and updates.

Sew & Sews Take a Break for the Summer...

The final get-together for the Sullivan Sew & Sew group (S & B, quilting, etc.) will be on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 pm. Watch for a notice in the fall when the group will start up again. Enjoy your summer!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

No fee for Sullivan residents!

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

Spring 2016

Sat. May 14 Wed. May 18 Sat May 21

Sat. June 4 Wed. June 8 Sat. June 18

All collections run 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Keene Recycling Center, 55 Old Summit Road, Keene

What to Bring

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

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

Other Information: Containers must be labeled as to their contents.

No containers larger than 10 gallons will be accepted.

Collection takes approximately 10 minutes from time of arrival.

DO NOT MIX PRODUCTS!!!
QUESTIONS: Please call 352-5739

WHAT ARE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS?

Look in any storage cabinet in your home. Do you see products such as paint thinner, spot remover, oven cleaner, furniture polish, drain opener, pool chemicals and hair spray? These products are hazardous because they contain chemicals that are corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic.

When you look at these products you might not immediately recognize hazardous products by their name. When you see words like pesticide, acid, fungicide, caustic, herbicide, or solvent, you know they are hazardous. But, sometimes the name may not tell you anything about the product. Read the label, especially the instructions, carefully.

Unfortunately, the absence of these words does not guarantee the product is without hazards. For example, methyl alcohol (found in some glass cleaners) can cause blindness if ingested, but may not require a warning if it makes up less than 4% of a product. Additionally, health effects from long-term exposure may not even be considered in the labeling requirements.

WHAT ARE MERCURY CONTAINING PRODUCTS?

As of January 1, 2008, the disposal of mercury containing products at landfills, transfer stations and incinerators is prohibited. This means these items may not be disposed of as a solid waste with the "normal" garbage. The ban covers products including: thermometers, compact fluorescent light bulbs, fluorescent lamps, thermostats, mercury button cell batteries and switches & relays.

Homeowners and businesses alike are subject to this ban. However, the ban does not include the recycling of these items at the Keene facility and we encourage consumers to bring them for recycling along with their other recyclables. Legal disposal options include:

- Collection and Recycling at Municipal Facilities
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

START DIGGING OUT YOUR PHOTOS!
Custom DVD's Set to Music

Think of a special occasion coming up in the year ahead and locate your favorite pictures. Archives Alive LLC is a new business created by Sullivan native Ellen Corindia as a fundraising effort to support our historic Sullivan Congregational Church.

Let us make your memories come back to life by creating a custom DVD set to music for your special occasion. We can scan print photos to use with your digital images. These movies make great Christmas presents for grown children using favorite pictures of them growing up. Milestone birthdays, graduations and weddings are also wonderful occasions to showcase a creative, custom movie.

These will be one of a kind, individualized projects focusing on one client at a time. We have a wait list started of people who want to be the first few clients. So, start sorting through your stash of pictures! The next newsletter will contain more details about what we have to offer. Ellen can be reached through the business email archivesalivellc@gmail.com

RECIPE CORNER

with Ginni McByrne

My girlfriend Nadine and I have been friends since elementary school. I can always count on her for a great healthy recipe. This granola will make your house smell wonderful. I usually cut this recipe in half. Please email your recipes and a brief story and/or helpful hint to sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com.

Nadine's Granola

Dry Ingredients

8 cups Oats (uncooked)
1 cup Slivered Almonds
1 cup Sunflower Seeds

2 tsp Cinnamon
1 cup Chopped Almonds
1 cup Coconut Flakes

Wet Ingredients

1 cup Pure Maple Syrup or Honey
2 tsp Vanilla

½ cup Olive Oil

Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl and set aside. Mix wet ingredients together. Add wet ingredients to dry, mix well. Spread on well-greased cookie sheet. (I use parchment paper) Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes, then mix, bake 15 more minutes. It depends on your taste whether you like your granola light or dark. WATCH carefully while baking. ENJOY!

HELPFUL HINT

ANT KILLER

Buy a 5 or 10 lb. pkg. of unflavored instant grits and sprinkle them lightly around wherever the ants have built their colonies. They will flock to the grits immediately, eat them, and the grits will make the ants implode and destroy them.

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."--
Helen Keller*

NEED AN ODD JOB OR TWO DONE AROUND THE HOUSE?

Town Clerk, Mary Hull, has a list of people who may be able to help.

Getting to know you...

By Marsha Cook

I believe Spring has arrived. I am seeing lots of signs in town. Of course, the first is the removal of the MUD signs from my road. I did notice the 6 Ton Limit Sign is still up but no Mud makes me happy.

Today, I opened my side door and ran into a swarm of black flies. Or at least I think they were black flies. Did not stick around long enough to find out.

But there is more. My lawn is turning green. So are the hay fields. I see plants coming to life - flowers as well as trees. The local hills and ridges are beautiful with the green bursting out. I know Vermont is the Green Mountain State but New Hampshire plays a very close second.

Bears are making an appearance. Got a text from a friend the other night. She had a bear sitting on her lawn, apparently waiting for the feeder to be filled. I really want to see a bear but not brave enough to walk over and check out the lawn.

Another sign of Spring is projects. I see carpenters out, painters starting, lawns being redone. Down the road, a new barn is under construction. He actually cut the trees, turned them into lumber, and is building it himself. Really fun to watch the barn come to life and a shining example of Sullivan at work.

Sullivan has a new group, Trails. With a good turnout at their initial meeting, they are hoping to start another Spring

tradition. Revamping some old trails, cutting a few new ones and creating a trail around the center of town.

Spring really is a reawakening of the spirit. It is particularly fine up here in the hills. Nothing like it in the city. They can pretend but they haven't seen Spring until they visit Sullivan. As Robin Williams said "Spring is nature's way of saying - Let's party!"

Sullivan Resident Rachael Richardson Recognized by Monadnock Humane Society

Filling her days with meaningful activity is a priority for Sullivan resident Rachael Richardson and volunteering at Monadnock Humane Society in Swanzey, NH fits the bill. The private non-profit relies on volunteers to ensure that the over 1,500 animals they care for annually are given humane care. Since she began volunteering at MHS this winter, she's been offered a variety of assignments—from dog walking to manning a booth at the Keene Home Show.

MHS doesn't throw its volunteers into the deep end and hope they swim. There's a huge emphasis on training. Rachael began by attending a general Volunteer Orientation that taught her about the wide variety of programs MHS offers in addition to animal adoptions: low-cost spay/neuter services for cats, pet food pantry for families facing pet food insecurity, animal behavior consults, dog training classes and pet boarding services. Rachael's next step was specialized training to learn dog-friendly techniques of working with the shelter's homeless dogs. She says "a lot of what I learned [at the MHS Canine Safe Handling volunteer training] is already helping with our new dog."

Being involved with an organization that makes "taking care of animals a priority" was familiar to Rachael, since she volunteered with a similar organization during her senior year of college. And, volunteering at MHS has helped her redirect time that until recently she spent caring for her grandmother who passed away last fall. "I wanted to find a meaningful way to fill that time and taking care of animals is it, for me," she said. Rachael says, "So far, I've got zero complaints about my volunteer experience."

Monadnock Humane Society is a private non-profit that serves the 44 cities and towns of the Monadnock region. It survives totally on the generosity of local residents, receiving no funding from federal, state or town governments, nor from donations made to national animal welfare organizations. For more information about volunteering at MHS, visit their website at www.monadnockhumanesociety.org or call Kerri Cuevas, MHS Volunteer Coordinator at (603) 352-9011 ext 147.

ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 21 - Pancake breakfast at Nelson School; 8am-11am; \$5

May 21 – Community Forum on Enrollment at Nelson School; 11am – see article following

May 25 – Nelson School Spring Concert & Art Show; Nelson Town Hall; time to be determined; call the school at 847-3408 for more information

June 13 – Nelson School Graduation; Grades 5 & 6; Nelson Common rain or shine 10am

NELSON/SULLIVAN COMMUNITY FORUM Possible Nelson School Expansion What is the future of the two communities? May 21

Please consider attending the upcoming Nelson/Sullivan Community Forum to discuss the projected enrollments in grades K-6 and the possibility of expansion of the Nelson School. Also to be discussed will be the current and future relationship between the two communities and how it impacts any decision about a school expansion. Join the Nelson and Sullivan School Board and Nelson and Sullivan community members in discussions at the Nelson School on May 21 (after the pancake breakfast grades 1&2 fundraiser) at 11am. Anyone without children in the school may attend, as any outcome requiring change would be later presented to both communities' voters. Please help spread the word and, if you have children, involve them as they are welcomed to attend.

The **Pancake breakfast** is from 8am to 11am; cost is \$5 per person. The forum will begin immediately afterwards.

SULLIVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2015-16 school year has been a great year for many students residing in Sullivan. Many new friends, fond memories, academic achievements, physical/emotional/personal growth experiences have been shared by our growing children. We, as residents, have the opportunity to guide our children toward the future. The decisions we make impact these children every week.

When they are successful, it is a sign of their silent appreciation to Sullivan residents for their continued support and attention to important matters affecting the children.

The 2016-17 budgeting season has come and gone. With spring here, we are all in preparation for summer. Gardeners know what this means, as do the students! With many graduates leaving behind their schools this year, it is a bitter sweet experience. Remember your last days at the high school, middle school, or elementary school and think for a moment what each of those meant for you...

And so a new chapter is preparing to begin, as new sprouts for the season! Sullivan has very strong sprouts!

Enrollments:

School enrollments for 2016-17 have begun. For high school, it is always best to register by May 1st or as soon as possible thereafter to ensure first pick of the classes desired. Kindergarten registrations have begun at the Nelson School, it's not too early! Remember to bring proof of residency to the Nelson School when you register your child.

If you have a shared guardianship agreement/custody agreement, you will need to provide a copy to Mary Hull at the town hall in Sullivan, or mail it directly to Sullivan School District, PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445 as you register for school.

Anyone who moves OUT of town must notify the school board chair, Stephanie Kleine at 603-209-4151 or Mary Hull, district clerk, of the move if you have children in the school system. This is also required if you have a child currently attending KMS or KHS and are moving to Keene, so the appropriate town can be fiscally aware of where that child resides.

Homeschooling families: Even if your children are homeschooled, it is required that you send a letter to the Sullivan School District Superintendent, Ken Dassau, to inform the District that your children are being homeschooled. If you have never done this and are homeschooling in Sullivan, please mail your letter to Ken Dassau at PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445.

KMS students

Middle School registration: Dottie Frazier, school principal is your contact for all questions regarding registration, transitioning, visitation and orientation for your middle school student. More information will be communicated as we have it.

KHS students

High School registration: All high school students who will be attending Keene High School are encouraged by KHS to register before May 1st to ensure best selection of classes. You are invited to contact the school principal to discuss registration and any questions about orientation, transitioning and class selection.

Student Success Stories!

McKenna Kleine was the recipient of the Drug Awareness award for the Monadnock Region for her grade. She wrote an essay about drug abuse, drug impact, street names for drugs, and saying "NO".

The students and families of the Nelson Elementary School have successfully raised over \$6000 through the annual live auction! This is a great event held at the town hall in Nelson in early April each year. Anyone is invited, please consider attending next year!

Please forward more comments about your SSD student for the next newsletter!
stephaniejacques@masiello.com (Include: name/school/grade/success stories)

SULLIVAN CHURCH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

The Sullivan Congregational Church recently donated a truckload of items they had gathered to Kurn Hattin Home in Westminster, VT. The items delivered included small suitcases & backpacks, video tapes, yarn & knitting materials, games & puzzles and assorted other things on the Kurn Hattin wish list. If you are interested in participating, the wish list is available at both the church and the library. "Since 1894, Kurn Hattin has helped thousands of disadvantaged children and their families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment."

Monthly food deliveries to families in need in Sullivan continue. Non-perishable food items may be left at the town hall or library or given to someone who attends the church. The church is grateful for the on-going community support it has received for this outreach – thank you.

Soon Church World Service kits (hygiene supplies, baby care items and school supplies) will be assembled and shipped off to a central location where they will remain until needed – perhaps to a disaster area somewhere in the US or elsewhere in the world; maybe to a community of homeless people; or to refugees who are fleeing persecution. Hygiene kits make all the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. The school kits give children in impoverished communities and refugee camps basic tools for learning.

The Sullivan Church may be a little church but it has a big heart. You're always welcome to join them for worship each Sunday at 9:30am. Service, in the church sanctuary, is led by Rev. Debbie Hill and lasts about 45 minutes. It is followed by refreshments and conversation in Friendship Hall.

2nd Annual Nelson Congregational Church's Artisan/Craft Fair
July 16th 9-3
Artisans wanted!

Are you an artisan? Come rent a space, sell your wares and meet local folk and make some cash! Send Mike and Kathy Blaudschun (blaudschuns@gmail.com) or Joy Birdsey (pjbirdsmith@gmail.com) an email to reserve your space now! Non-profits are welcome and encouraged.

Sullivan CSA – Angel Wing Farm

Before you know it, Sullivan's Farm Stand will be open. In the meantime they'll begin selling early vegetables from their home. Email them to be put on their email list at SullivanCSA@gmail.com or check their internet pages - www.facebook.com/AngelWingFarm or www.sullivancsa.com .

The Summer Farmers' Market of Keene Kicks Off Saturday, May 7 Gilbo Ave from 9a.m. to 1p.m. - Tuesdays & Saturdays through October

The market offers a great selection of vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat, eggs, preserves, wines, and maple products. Bakers are selling breads, cookies, granola and other tempting treats. And don't forget to check out the local crafters selling furniture, soaps and jewelry.

Hampton Beach Sand Sculpting Competition

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Monadnock Music – August 4

Monadnock Music will return to Sullivan on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7:30pm with a concert in the Sullivan Congregational Church. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

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