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9th Annual Sullivan Fire Department Yard Sale May 24th & 25th

Once again the Sullivan Fire and Rescue can help you with your spring cleaning! They will be accepting items for a yard sale fundraiser which will be held on May 24th and 25th. Donations of all types (except oversized furniture) are being accepted. To arrange donation pick up or drop off, please contact the fire station at 847-9020 or Bonnie Blanchard at 847-9680.

Be sure to stop by the Yard Sale being held at the Fire Station (located on Center St.) on Friday May 24th and Saturday May 25th from 9AM to 3PM.

Plant and Book Sale

**Saturday - May 25th from 9 am - 1 pm
Sullivan Library**

It's time to think about gardens! Come to the Friends of the Library sale and select hardy Sullivan-grown plants for your garden and some books to read at the beach. A fine selection of perennials and other plants will be available for \$3 each. And, there's always a variety of books for your browsing, so come take a look!

Also this year there will be hot coffee and an assortment of baked goods.

Important News from the Sullivan Police Department

Burglaries Reported in Town

Over the course of the last few months the Town of Sullivan has experienced multiple burglaries/home break-ins. Many items have been stolen and property damaged at various locations throughout our town. We are currently investigating leads along with the NH State Police but we are asking for your help by being on the lookout for suspicious persons lurking around property you know should be vacant at certain times throughout the year.

If you notice suspicious or unknown vehicles or persons at any property you know to be vacant, either seasonally or permanently, we are asking you to contact us at the phone numbers below. We are also asking you to write down plate numbers on suspicious vehicles to help us with our investigation.

Another service we would like to offer our fellow townspeople is seasonal/vacation property checks. If your family will be away for an extended period of time please feel free to give us a call with your contact information and address of the property and we will include it on our welfare check list throughout our normal patrols within the town.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Respectfully - The Sullivan Police Department **603-847-3100 or Cheshire County Dispatcher: 355-2000**

"Library Footnotes"

Did you know your library **lends magazines**? We subscribe to some, but others are gift subscriptions and gently used donations of current issues from our community. Magazines circulate for 2 weeks. Some of the magazines you can borrow are National Geographic, Yankee, Good Housekeeping, Time, Seventeen, Early American Life, Country Living, This Old House, Redbook, Down East and Large Print Reader's Digest.

Summer Reading sign-ups will begin June 15. This year's themes are:

Children: Dig Into Reading

Teens: Beneath the Surface

Adults: Groundbreaking Reads

Check the online [Library Events](#) page for activities.

Details for the annual reading contest with Gilsom are still being worked out. It is Sullivan's turn to host the ice cream social for all participants this year. The tentative date is August 10 at 1 pm.

The library is holding **another genealogy workshop** with Jeanne and Peter Jeffries from the [Walpole Historical Society](#) on Monday, May 13 at 2 pm. Space is limited; registrations are required. Call the library 603-847-3458 or e-mail sullivanpubliclibrary@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

The Friends of the Library are holding their **Annual Book and Plant Sale** Saturday, May 25, 9-1. Many of you know the great plant deals from past years. Bring your friends with you.

If you're interested in becoming a **Friend of the Library**, meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:15. There are no meetings in January or July. What do our Friends do? They organize 3 events per year: a book and plant sale around Memorial Day, a craft fair and book sale in November and Santa Day in December. The proceeds from these events are used to support the library, i.e. purchasing supplies, software and other items not covered by the library's budget.

They provide refreshments for the summer reading program and other events sponsored by the library.

There are no dues or fees for becoming a member.

This library gets by with a little help from our Friends.

The library also gets by with the **help and support of our community**. I'd like to thank the following people for their recent gifts: Kris and Stephanie Kleine, Nancy Bergeron, Cathy Bersani, Mary Parker, Donna Philbrick, Paulette Tuttle, Chip & Kathy Woodbury, Chris & Gaynelle Pratt, Virginia Howard, Cliff Dempster, Nancy Jakway, Deborah Monnat-White, BJ Wahl & Bob Switzer and Christa Patterson.

Denise McFarland

Librarian

PUBLIC NOTICE. The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on May 9, June 13, and July 11, 2013 at 7 PM at the library. The purpose of the meetings will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

COMPUTER RECYCLING AT STAPLES IS FREE!

Did you know you can recycle your old computers, printers, mice, keyboards and anything connected with computers at Staples free? Just drop them off at the service desk.

If your hard drive is active, they will ask you to sign a waiver for them to go into it, look at and then delete everything.

THANK YOU FROM AL HENRY

It is with my sincere gratitude that I would like to thank all of the members of the Sullivan Fire Dept.; the residents of Sullivan; all of the Keene area businesses; local organizations and to all of you for your support during my illness over the past year and a half and most recently for your participation in the benefit organized by the Sullivan Fire Department. The benefit dance was totally unexpected and moved me deeply. I cannot express how grateful I am and as there are so many of you, please accept this note as my personal thank you to each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,

Neil "Al" Henry

Sullivan, NH

From the Archives has taken a break for this issue but will be back next time!

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

DOGS, DOGS, DOGS

Don't forget your family pet! If you haven't licensed your dog by April 30th, then you are late. But don't fret yet. You will still have a couple of weeks before the late fees are applied. So don't forget the "other member" of your family. Keep him healthy and make sure the rabies shots are up to date and get him licensed.

PROPERTY TAX NOTIFICATION

You must have heard by now that by leaving Monadnock Regional School District and starting up our own SAU, that we will be met with extra costs for the first year or so. We are estimating that cost to be around \$3.50 per thousand as it stands now. This would mean that on every \$100,000 that your property is assessed at, your taxes would go up \$350.00. You can find your Net Value assessment on your tax bill.

You will not see this increase until the December bill comes out because the Department of Revenue sets the tax rate only in the fall of the year.

For those who have an escrow account on their mortgage this will mean that the bank will see this increase and adjust your mortgage payment accordingly.

Now hoping this school increase will not be permanent, I would like to suggest that you make prepayments on your property taxes before the December tax bill comes out. That would help prevent increases on your escrowed account.

SULLIVAN SCHOOL NEWS

(and more on a following page)

The Sullivan School Board will meet the 3rd Wednesday of May and from then on resume meetings for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. During the summer months they may meet only once a month but are not sure yet. Check the Sullivan website or their Facebook page for up-dates, minutes and a complete list of members and their phone numbers. <http://ci.sullivan.nh.us/>

Meetings are held in the lower level of the town hall next to the Police Department. All are welcome.

HORSES ON THE ROAD ~~~~~ PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

If you are driving a car at full speed and approach someone with a horse, whether walking it or riding it, please SLOW DOWN! If you don't, the horse could get SPOOKED – causing the horse to catapult him/herself into the road with the possibility of killing the horse, and/or the rider and maybe even those in the car. You never want to see that! It just happened to two horses in South Woodstock, VT.

<http://www.thevermontstandard.com/2013/04/this-weeks-headlines-april-4-2013/>

Drivers have not been slowing down for people with horses in Sullivan. It's very, very dangerous and scary, to say the least.

Classical Music with View

The **2013 Apple Hill Tuesday night summer concert season begins on June 18th**. Apple Hill Chamber Music Center is just over the town line up on Apple Hill Road. For those of you who are new to town, or have wondered what actually goes on up there, it is a perfect time for getting to know more about Apple Hill Music. Chamber music is primarily for small ensembles, which makes the listening experience much more intimate. Each Tuesday concert is an experience unto itself. Sometimes we're listening to the Apple Hill String Quartet, or you might be treated to an eclectic group, depending on the instructors who are in residence at Apple Hill during that session.

Reserved indoor seating tickets for Tuesday evening Faculty Concerts, which begin at 7:30pm, are available for \$25. However, everyone is welcome to remaining seats that have not been reserved. There is a donation jar at the door. The amount is up to you and purely voluntary. You are also welcome to sit outside on the patio or lawn where the music is easily enjoyed and families with children feel comfortable with the room to roam.

Student Concerts are held every other weekend, Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening beginning on Saturday June 22nd and Sunday 23rd. Donations are always welcome.

Parking is up the hill in a field to the left of the concert barn.

Dress comfortably. You will see summer dresses and shorts. Remember that the evening will be cool after the spectacular western sunset.

2013 Concert Schedule and additional information can be found at: www.applehill.org

We look forward to having you join us at Apple Hill!
Kathy and Chip Woodbury

ANNUAL ROAD CLEANUP

The Town of Sullivan's roads are once again free of bottles and cans and other items people have thoughtlessly tossed to the side of the roads during the winter. Today, now that bottles and cans and other discards have been picked up by 36 people in town (accompanied by two babies), the bright gold of the early coltsfoot flower (Tussilago farfara) shines brightly from the sides of almost every road in town. All who had bent over to fill the blue bags donated by the NHDOT ate eagerly of the delicious lunch organized by Becky Cummings and Colleen Stewart and contributed to by various volunteers. Everyone remembered past road cleanups when Bob Thayer, who died recently, had labored with us. They also spoke gratefully of the warm sunshine and blue sky. Those who stooped and clambered down banks were:

Klara Alkalay, Bob Bourassa, Grace and Bill Brolin, Jeff Brooks, Matt Burke, Steve Hamilton, Karen Haynes, Roger and Ann Sweet, Joan and Keith Johnson, Jen and Bill Labadie with Sahara and Tucker, Sarah Newell, Donna Philbrick, Chris and Gaynelle Pratt, Melinda and Tom Sherpa (with babes), Fred Stewart, Dick Smith with Nicki and Cody Barth, Randy and Sheila Smith, Roger and Ann Sweet, Bob Switzer and BJ Wahl, Warren Thayer, Peg and Jesse Wheeler, Eric White, Hilliare Wilder, and Chip Woodbury.

The Sullivan Conservation Commission thanks everyone who helped!

SULLIVAN NEWSLETTER ON LINE!

Readers are now able to read the Sullivan Newsletter on line on the Sullivan website. Click on: <http://ci.sullivan.nh.us/> Subscribers may choose to take advantage of this rather than waiting for their snail mail and it's convenient to click on any of the links mentioned too.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

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CLIMBING MT. CAESAR – JUNE 2

Join us!

Join Roger and Ann Sweet and Denny Wheeler on a moderately easy roundtrip hike of less than 2 miles up Mount Caesar for views of Swanzey and Mount Monadnock. Bring water and a snack. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Golden Rod Grange on Route 32 in Swanzey Center. Back by noon.

This is just one of many hikes sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education. They provide opportunities to hike in places you might not have ventured to on your own. If you have questions, call Roger Sweet @ 847-3463.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Sullivan Planning Board is working on up-dating the next-to-last chapter of the 2005 edition of the Sullivan Master Plan. Various town officials are working on their own sections of that chapter, called Community Services and Public Buildings. If you have any comments or questions, please let us know.

As always, we invite members of the community to join the planning board to help with the Master Plan update, to respond to subdivision requests (few in recent years), to review requests for Site Plan Approval and to propose revisions in the Community Planning Ordinance, when needed.

The planning board meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the town hall. Everyone is welcome.

Steve Hamilton, Chair
Sullivan Planning Board

ENERGY COMMITTEE SPONSORS SOLAR PRESENTATION

On March 28, Energy Committee member, JJ Prior, introduced a representative from ReVision Energy to talk about possibilities for saving energy (and money) by having solar panels affixed to the roof or a structure set in the ground. Homeowners can benefit markedly from using solar energy and there are discounts and tax credits to help with the cost.

ReVision's representative also toured the town buildings to assess the possibilities there. He concluded that the fire station offered the best situation. Its electricity bill is the highest among the town buildings and its roofing is best angled to catch the sun's rays. The Energy Committee will consult with the fire department later in the spring about their interest.

In late December, the library, with financing from Friends of the Library, had an electricity upgrade from PSNH. In a few months, it will be possible to compare the library's electricity usage with earlier years. Depending on the savings, the selectmen may be willing to consider similar upgrades for other town buildings.

For further information, call Ann Sweet @ 847-3463

SUMMER CAMP AT ACES 93 Formerly MRSD Before & After School Program Gilsum

Summer Camp in Gilsum will run July 1 - August 2, 2013 from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. For more information call 352-2226 Ext. 217 and ask for Mary or Ralph, or email at rjernberg@mrsd.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

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

Spring 2013

Sat. May 11 Wed. May 15 Sat May 25
Sat. June 8 Wed. June 12 Sat. June 22

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
Switches and relays

Homeowners and businesses alike are subject to this ban. However, the ban does not include the recycling of these items at our 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

Sullivan School District **News!!**

The Sullivan School Board has now registered several students who will be attending Nelson Elementary, Keene Middle and Keene High School for the 2013-14 school year. Most families have received a phone call from the school board to answer questions and to discuss enrollment. If you have not received a call and have questions about enrollment/transitions, please contact school board chair, Stephanie Kleine at 847-3402 evenings 8-8:30pm or weekends.

The Sullivan School Board has acquired permission from MRSD to show the school building and will be listing it on the market soon. If you know someone who might be interested, please reply to this email to discuss.

Sullivan School Building

Sullivan School District (Sullivan) has been entering into contracts with their prospective schools, crossing all T's and dotting all I's. Orientations are taking place as most families have, by now, made contact with their prospective schools. While we acknowledge that this transition is one many families will have to adjust to, we hope that the early planning will help ease most anxieties. A very familiar comment heard from parents/guardians is that their child is "excited" about their new school, even if they are a little nervous!

BELOW IS A LIST OF TOPICS TO HELP FAMILIES WITH ENROLLMENT PROCESS.

Registration forms for Nelson Elementary School grades k-6 are available at the town hall and through the Nelson school.

Enrollment requirements (for all Sullivan students):

Residency must be established within the town of Sullivan in order to be enrolled as a student of Sullivan. Anyone with questions about establishing residency may contact Mary Hall, clerk, at the town hall.

Legal guardianship and custody agreements are required if they are in place. Please send this ASAP to: **Sullivan School District, PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445.**

Grandfathered students continuing at MRSD:

You must have established residency in the town of Sullivan prior to January 1, 2013 and attending Gilsum Elementary or Monadnock High School, in addition to enrolling in the 5th, 6th, 10-12th grades next year. If you have questions about whether or not your child is a candidate, please contact the school board chair Stephanie Kleine at 847-3402 evenings 8-8:30pm or weekends. **Please notify the MRSD school if you have not already to be sure you are enrolled as a Sullivan "grandfathered" student for next year.

Transportation questions:

First Student will continue to provide transportation to Sullivan students next year. The busing schedule will be posted this summer with other busing schedules. More information will be made available as we have more students registered.

IEPs:

Parents/guardians of **students with an IEP**, including those with **preschoolers** who have an IEP (coded for special education) may contact Ken Dassau, Sullivan School District Administrator, at krdassau@gmail.com 209-3315.

High school and middle school students should be registering through Keene Middle School/Keene High School. Please contact the school directly to register now for next year and send any guardianship/custody agreements to Sullivan School District, PO Box 111, Sullivan, NH 03445.

School board meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise posted) and are held in the lower level of the town hall at 6:30. If you have a matter to present to the school board please attend a scheduled meeting.

On behalf of the Sullivan School Board, thank you for your support, questions, and informative comments. And as always, thanks for reading. -School board chair, Stephanie Jacques Kleine

Visit Sullivan School District on Facebook!

NEWS FROM THE MESSY GARDENER

Container gardening seems to be what I have decided to try for this year. I did start a few potatoes in cloth containers last year and my tomatoes which were planted in the front garden along with the roses produced an almost overwhelming amount of edibles. I will need to give up my membership in the CSA that I have supported for several years and concentrate on growing more veggies. I won't give up on the flowers but I do need to grow my own vegetables and containers seem to be the way to go. I am planning to use sand bags as containers so stay tuned as this may make a huge difference to my success as a grower.

This will make me more productive and I can stop worrying about how I am going to shift from my straight lines to circular gardening. I am going to stop worrying about circles and concentrate on growing things - if the weather warms up enough to grow anything. I do have some roses that have apparently made the transition and seem to be growing - they seem to be very hesitant about this but the weather is not the best so I am not going to think about them. I haven't looked at the ones that I started to move when I read that I was NOT supposed to dig up roses any more. So I stopped digging immediately and piled dirt up where I had made a start and I have been so busy that I haven't even looked at them this spring. So perhaps they are growing and maybe not; I'll have to look at them soon and figure them out - I still need to move them and it would probably be good to do it soon so they have time to grow in the new location,

I have great plans for this year - and there will be many break downs before I give up on my plans. If anyone needs to grow things and they don't have a space they should come and see me - I have this field that needs to have things grown in it and if there is someone out there who needs a space to grow then perhaps we should try for some form of meeting of the minds or whatever. I can till up spaces with tractor and maybe there is a call for this sort of thing. Please let me know if this sounds like this would answer something you need. I have to get this off to the paper - I've lost it several times and have had to retype it several times and I am really bored with this whole idea. Or call me at 357-5662 and if I am outside leave a message on the machine and I will get back to you after dark and a day later probably.

Christa Patterson,
The Perennial Gardener

As long as one green and growing thing shall have survived that which is to come, I shall not have failed at my task.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Sullivan Church has a "pantry" for neighbors in need and delivers boxes of food to them once a month. Supplies are getting low and donations are always appreciated. If you can help, you can leave non-perishable food items at the Sullivan Town Hall, Sullivan Library or with a church member. Or, if it's easier, a donation of money (no matter the amount) will also be put to good use. Mail to: Sullivan Church Pantry PO Box 73 Sullivan. These families often have young children whose parents are having a hard time making ends meet – whether from the economy, health or job loss or maybe are seniors on a fixed income. They are always more than grateful. We hope you can help – just one can of soup or a box of pasta makes a difference.

If you know of or are a person in need, feel free to contact either Ruth Hayn (357-4538) or Barbara Livengood (352-7449).

LIKE TO STAY INFORMED?

Check out the Sullivan website, or better yet, bookmark it at <http://ci.sullivan.nh.us>. There you can find minutes of most town departments (selectmen, planning board, energy committee, conservation committee, zoning board, school board and so on). Information on the website includes: information about the town offices with their hours, their email addresses and phone numbers, coming events, a town calendar, the newsletter and election results as they happen.

SEW & SEW'S QUILTING GROUP have ended their get-togethers for the season. They will resume in September. Watch for the date in a future newsletter and on the Sullivan website.