



## ***Sullivan Community Newsletter***

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### **SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP & LUNCH!**

**Saturday, May 6**

**Meet in the Town Hall/Church parking lot at 9 am** for road assignments and to pick up a few of the familiar blue bags.

Afterwards, at noon, a complimentary lunch sponsored by the Sullivan Conservation Commission will be served in the fellowship hall at the church. The food is good and the company even better. For those new to town, it's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors!

If you can't make it on the 6th but would like to help, trash bags will be available at the Town Hall or call Roger Sweet at 847-3463 to get bags ahead of time.

### **SULLIVAN CENTER YARD SALES!**

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**13th Annual Sullivan Fire Department Yard Sale**

Stop by the Fire Station on May 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 3pm for another super yard sale, rain or shine.

Once again the Sullivan Fire and Rescue can help you with your spring cleaning! They are still accepting items for the yard sale fundraiser. 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. Yard sale items will be accepted through May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **SULLIVAN CHURCH YARD SALE**

The Sullivan Congregational Church will hold a yard sale on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. There will be assorted household items, some clothing, perhaps a few antiques and who knows what? Donations are still coming in. Stop by and see what they have - it just may be your "treasure"!

### **LIBRARY PLANT & BOOK SALE**

**May 27, 9-2**

The Friends of the Sullivan Library will hold the annual Plant & Book Sale on Saturday, May 27 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!

**Doggie Alert!** If you haven't licensed your dog yet, then I want to let you know that you are running out of time. Your dog's rabies information is on the notices I sent you or you may call me at the office at 847-3316 on Tues. thru Thurs. from 10-2 and Thursday night from 6-8, if you want to check them. Please don't forget the four-legged member of your family. Mary Hull

## “Library Footnotes”

There are still many things happening at the Sullivan Public Library! If you have not ventured in to see the changes yet, let us encourage you to do so now.

The **Saturday Coffee and Conversation** is going well. There are always good conversations happening, and there is always room for more people around the table!

The **2nd Saturday Book Group** will meet at **11am** instead of 10am from here on out, so if you would like to be able to participate in the Coffee and Conversation as well as the Book Group, you will now be able to do both instead of choosing only one.

The **3rd Thursday Book Group** still meets at **7pm** and reads a little bit heavier material. There is always room for more people here, too! We have some great conversations concerning the books that we have read. Sometimes we don't like the book very much and talk about that, too!

Don't forget, that the Library offers some **great movies** that we loan out (free of charge!). Or, if we don't have the one you would like, we can try to Inter Library Loan (ILL) it for you. We also have a television at the Library and would love it if you came in to watch a movie or a game with your friends!

If you have any overdue books, please remember to return them!

On **Tuesday, May 9** we will have a representative from the **Cheshire Village at Home** come into the Library at 2pm. Please come and hear what they are all about! Check them out at <http://www.thekeeneseniorcenter.org> for more information and/or see the article below.

We hope that you will venture into the Library soon to check out all the changes!

Your Librarians,  
Paulette Tuttle and Dott Miles

### **CHESHIRE VILLAGE AT HOME Independence with a Little Help – How Does It All Work?**

#### **Find out at the Sullivan Library on May 9 at 2pm.**

The Keene Senior Center Board of Directors has approved the Cheshire Village @ Home to start in June of 2017. The program will include the membership to the Senior Center with its programs and events. Cheshire Village @ Home is for those who want to remain independent and socially connected to their community. They are accepting early membership applications and fees now.

The program will provide a number of services such as transportation for medical appointments, shopping and visiting friends. Also planned are services for light housekeeping from changing light bulbs, to vacuuming and cleaning. Personal services can include daily check-ins, errands, companion visits and connections to social services. For services that volunteers can't provide, there will be suggestions for screened vendors for plumbing, electrical, technology, snow plowing, seasonal yard work and major repairs.

Being under the umbrella of the Senior Center, the program will have an annual subscription fee of \$400, which will include your regular Senior Center membership fee. When you join the Village, your membership fee will be prorated so both memberships will have the same anniversary date.

Cheshire Village at Home will be designed to ensure that only trusted persons will work in your home or give you advice. They are looking for people who are interested in this concept and would like to help us build this program. For more information, or if you are interested in helping the Keene Senior Center with this project, please contact: Pegg Monahan at: 603-352-5037.

#### **Public Notice**

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meetings on May 11, June 8 and July 13, 2017 at the 2 PM at the library. The purpose of the meetings will be to formally receive any donations, hear reports and conduct any business related to the administration of the library. As always, the public is welcome.

## **From the Archives**

### **by Chris Pratt**

You will recall from the January-February issue of the *Newsletter*, that I began thinking about old dumps when I saw several cobalt-blue bottles floating in the beaver pond near our house. Human rubbish has been around since humans first appeared. Archeologists call them midden piles and examine them for their pottery, meat bones and broken tools which often reveal a great deal about the people who discarded the stuff. More modern midden piles are often found today near a stone wall or down a steep embankment. The farmers who worked the land often discarded bottles, metal objects and even entire automobiles. However, as we lived closer and closer together we needed to have trash disposed in a more central location.

Thus, the town dump was invented. These were often located on land that was unsuitable for anything else, like an old sand pit or a swamp. Burnable objects were destroyed by fire; useable objects were carted away by dump-pickers and the remains were buried. In Sullivan, we had two locations—East Sullivan and the junction of the New Road and Gilsum Road. After much discussion and consultation with the state, the town closed the dumps in 1961. Our trash was then taken to the dump in Keene. Many older residents may recall taking their trash to the Keene dump which was located at the end of Manchester Street near the Branch River.

As we all know, times change. Open burning of trash causes air pollution. Trash dumps near aquifers, wetlands or streams eventually leak toxins and other pollutants into water ways and water supplies. The environmental movement soon led to the clean water and clean air laws and policies. The concept of a dump soon evolved into the notion of a sealed land fill that would store trash safely while it decomposed. Keene soon opened such a landfill near the “Surry Summit” off of Route 12.

After the Sullivan dumps were closed, the Sullivan Selectmen’s budget included \$50 per year paid to Keene for the use of their dump. By 1969, the fee was still \$50, but concerns had been raised that once the Keene landfill had been sealed, Sullivan would be left without a means to dispose of its trash. Such concerns were noted at the town meeting that year, and the Board of Selectmen decided to try again to find a spot for a local dump.

Francis and Gwen Johnson had purchased the Frank Rawson farm on Gilsum Road and proceeded to subdivide the property. One of the lots was sold to Richard Woodbury in May of 1965. The lot contained a fair amount of sand and gravel which Richard extracted for his gravel business. By 1970, the pit was showing signs of petering out and the selectmen were looking for a new dump site. It is unclear who approached whom, but in March, 1970, a contract was drawn up and a lease arranged for \$500 per year. Richard even agreed to operate the facility.

While the selectmen applied to the state for approval of the site, it began operation and the contract with Keene was allowed to lapse. The first inspection by the state occurred in April, and the site was found to have no fence, gate or attendant on duty. The selectmen agreed to fix the problem. When the inspector returned a month later, the problems had not been fixed, and trash was found blowing all over the place. That inspector wrote a strongly worded letter to the town in which he called the place a nuisance.

The final blow came in a letter from the New Hampshire Director of Public Health dated June 18, 1970, denying a landfill permit. At that point, the state and federal rules were requiring that landfills be sealed against leakage into ground water. Since the site was a sandy, gravelly soil, pollution would have followed very quickly.

Apparently, the lease was renewed with Keene and the new dump was closed. We continue to use the Keene facility to this day.

My beaver neighbor gave up his/her residence a few weeks ago after the dam collapsed and dropped the water level back to normal. So, the old dump is once again dry and will soon be covered with vegetation. My son, Greg, spent a day or two extracting some of the exposed bottles and left the rest in the ground undisturbed. So, our midden pile will continue to hold the rest of its contents until next time.

### **SUMMER BREAK FOR QUILTING/SEWING GROUP**

The last get-together will be on Monday, May 15 until the group resumes again in the fall.

## **FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

### **Board of Selectmen's Summer Meeting Hours 2017**

The Board of Selectmen's Meetings will have an abridged summer schedule for the months of June, July and August. 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 5  
June 19  
July 10  
July 24  
August 7  
August 21

The Selectmen's meetings will be cancelled in observance of the following holidays:

Memorial Day May 29, 2017  
July 3, 2017  
Labor Day September 4, 2017

### **Centre Street – Proposed Resurfacing Program – 2017**

The town has received notice from the State of NH Department of Transportation that they will commence work on Centre Street during the coming season. As proposed, the work will begin at the intersection of NH Route 10, in Keene, easterly to a pavement joint approximately 0.5 miles east of the Gilsum/Sullivan town line and will resume 0.4 miles east of the NEW Road, easterly to the intersection of NH 9. All totaled, approximately 4.5 miles will benefit from paver shim. Paver shim is a very thin lift of pavement that is used to try and fix imperfections such as wheel ruts. Though no specific date to commence the work has been stated, once a contract and schedule of work has been approved by the DOT, the selected contractor will provide written notice to the town between 7 and 14 work days in advance.

### **Taxpayer Assistance – Low and Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief -2017**

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 or 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](http://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 the Selectmen's office for assistance in obtaining the form.

## **All Veteran's Tax Credit – File by June 1, 2017**

At the March town meeting voters approved the adoption of the All Veteran's Tax Credit, in the amount of \$250.00. This property tax credit is available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days in active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service and not eligible for or receiving the optional Veteran's Tax Credit. Usually the deadline to file for this permanent property tax credit is April 15<sup>th</sup> but if you are eligible and your application is received by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Selectmen will consider it for the final 2017 tax bill.

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## **Building Permits - New Requirements**

Effective with town meeting, several amendments to the Community Planning Ordinance (CPO) were adopted.

The CPO outlines permitted uses, area and dimension requirements as well as uses permitted by special exception. If you are considering building in Sullivan, please be sure to review the CPO. It is available on the Town website or at the Selectmen's office.

Building permits are now required for **all** dwellings, including accessory dwelling units, and for any other type of building, whether attached or detached, which will be over **400** square feet. Building permit applications may be obtained on the Town website or at the Selectmen's office. If your building project is less than 400 square feet, you are still required to meet setbacks from the road right of way, bodies of water, boundaries of neighboring property, flood elevation, etc.

The building permit application process ensures that new structures and dwelling units will meet town criteria for density, dimensions, setbacks, etc. BEFORE they are constructed or placed.

Building permit applications are processed by the Selectmen, who have 30 days to act. Building permits expire one (1) year after the date of issuance.

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If you have questions pertaining to the resurfacing project, State tax relief, All Veteran's Tax Credit or building permits, please contact the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, Kate Fuller, at 847-3316 or [townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net](mailto:townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net).

## **FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED**

Now that the snow is finally starting to disappear, we want to remind you that fire permits are required for all outside burning. There is no longer a sufficient amount of snow to burn without a permit. This includes campfires and brush piles; but does not apply to charcoal in grills that are up and off the ground or to gas grills.

Because we are still experiencing drought conditions the Wardens may place additional restrictions on burning brush as the fire season progresses.

All seasonal campfire permits issued in 2016 expired on January 1, 2017 and must be renewed.

Permits may be obtained by calling one of the Town's Forest Fire Wardens at the numbers below or by stopping by the Fire Station on Wednesday nights.

Al Henry 847-9598  
Mike Blanchard 847-9680  
Erik Kazlouskas 903-2881  
Rick Plankey 209-6374

**IMPORTANT TOWN PHONE NUMBERS** can now be found on the last page of this newsletter, just above the "Newsletter Information" paragraph.

## NELSON SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to start by thanking the community for approving the bond which will allow for the much-needed expansion of the school. The families of Nelson and Sullivan will reap the benefits of these improvements for years to come. Our school board members worked countless hours finding answers to each and every question raised by the community. The number of community members who attended the various public forums was indicative of the importance of such a decision. The staff and students of Nelson Elementary are extremely excited about the addition which will help us deliver the best possible experiences to our children.

Our PTO Auction was a huge success! We raised approximately \$9500. Special thanks to Tammy Rondeau, our PTO president, for all of her time, effort and organization. This was definitely a community effort and many people played a role in making this a special evening. Thanks to all the people who donated their wonderful items and talents. Our students contributed by making various original works of art and items that were a big hit! Additionally, Tammy has created (and updates very regularly) our Nelson PTO Facebook page, which many people are finding a valuable source of information. The PTO is hoping to have monthly events involving the community. Already these events have included a "Spaghetti Dinner" and "Bingo Night" with others being planned! This group is always looking for more participation. They meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm at the Nelson School.

Our "Grade 5 Celebration" ceremony has been scheduled for Friday, June 16th at 10am on the Nelson Commons. Please join us for this wonderful event if you are able. Some seating will be available under the tent or feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

- 5/4 All school field trip to Nelson Town Hall and Quigley Exhibit
- 5/4 Strings Recital at Nelson Town Hall 6:30-7:30pm
- 5/15-17 K/R Author Teas
- 5/20 Grade 1/2 Pancake Breakfast 8-11am
- 5/22 NECAP Science Testing (Grade 4)
- 5/24 Spring Arts Concert 6:30-8pm at the Nelson Town Hall
- 5/25 5th Grade Jump Up day at Keene Middle School
- 5/26 Early Release at 12:30
- 5/29 Memorial Day (No school)
- 5/31 4th and 5th Grade Trip to Plimoth Plantation, MA -will be back to school by 5:45-6pm
- 6/9 5th Grade Trip
- 6/16 5th Grade Celebration at the Nelson Commons at 10am
- 6/20 Last Day of School

Thanks to all of you for spreading the word about our wonderful school! Please don't hesitate to call if you ever need anything.

Ron Upton, Principal

### Nelson/Sullivan School PTO Update

Our first bingo night was a success! We had 40+ people attend and everyone had a good time.

The Nelson school auction was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Nelson Town Hall. This is the fundraiser the school chose rather than our children selling wrapping paper, candy bars, etc. We started the evening with a children's auction and we had over 40 children attend. Then the public auction was up & running strong. We had over 225 items to auction off. With overwhelming community support, the auction was a success. See the Nelson School PTO Facebook page for pictures. Proceeds from this year's auction along with previous funds the PTO raised will be used to purchase an additional piece of playground equipment over the summer.

Teachers' appreciation week is coming up soon - May 8-12.

While you are at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Jump-up Day for kindergarten students, stop by the PTO table for more information about what we do all year. We're looking for new members for next year. While the school year will wrap up for the PTO, the planning continues. "Visit & Like" our Facebook page for up-to-date details about the Nelson School PTO.

Thanks,  
Tammy

## **Sullivan School District News**

While we are nearing the end of the 2016-17 school year, we are not there yet. With several spring clubs, sports, concerts and lots more learning, our students are telling us they have had enough snow days this year and plans for summer are well underway. Cheshire Career Camp is available to middle school students of Sullivan. This popular camp takes place at the Career Center at Keene High School, allowing children to select several fun activities such as cooking, slime making, babysitting certification, video making and more.

Congratulations to all students of Sullivan who made the High Honors for the second marking period! Soon to be graduates of Sullivan School District: Best of luck in all your endeavors and congratulations on completing your k-12 years of education!

**Enrollments:** At this time enrollment is well underway and high school students especially should have already enrolled for best pick of classes. If you have not already enrolled, please contact the appropriate school (Nelson Elementary, Keene Middle or Keene High School) and bring proof of residency to enroll. Any custody agreements should be included with all school registrations.

Also, a reminder that families moving out of town should notify the Sullivan School District of the move, if you have children in the public schools even if you are moving to another town that sends students to Keene. Homeschooling families who have never notified the School District are asked to notify the school board at [sullivanschooldistrict.chair@gmail.com](mailto:sullivanschooldistrict.chair@gmail.com).

Thank you for all of your support at the town level!

Superintendent/Business Manager: Ken Dassau/Brian Gallagher

Chair: Stephanie Jacques Kleine

School Board Members: Malinda Scherpa, Paul Bolduc, Michael Brooks, Stephanie Milotte

District Clerk: Mary Hull

District Moderator: Chris Pratt

District Budget Committee: Town of Sullivan Budget Committee

## **Sixth Annual Butterfly Release and Salute to Veterans Ceremony**

The Fifth Annual Butterfly Release in Butterfly Park, located at 320 Marlboro Street in Keene next to Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS), will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Be part of the magic as 100 butterflies are released in honor or memory of loved ones. All service members and veterans are invited to attend and be recognized for their service. This event is open to the public and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

To RSVP or order a butterfly, please contact Marianne at 352-2253 x294 or send an email to [events@HCSservices.org](mailto:events@HCSservices.org). There are a limited number of butterflies available and orders will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, visit [www.HCSservices.org/events-schedules](http://www.HCSservices.org/events-schedules).

All proceeds from the event benefit Hospice at HCS, a proud *We Honor Veterans* partner, providing end-of-life care to patients and their families in southwestern NH with offices in Keene, Peterborough and Charlestown. HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency.

## **HCS Offers Walk-in Hours at Keene Office**

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) welcomes residents of Sullivan to "Walk-in Wednesdays." The first Wednesday of every month, our staff members who specialize in home care and advance care planning will be on hand to talk with you individually about your specific concerns. Drop by for completely free, off-the-record, no-commitment advice. Welcome to Walk-in Wednesdays, where worries lighten as you learn about ways we can help.

Walk-in Wednesdays will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 3pm-5pm at the HCS office in Keene, located at 312 Marlboro Street. The next Walk-in Wednesdays are **May 3** and **June 7**. Those who are not able to stop by are encouraged to call 352-2253 for information anytime.

HCS is a Monadnock United Way agency serving southwest New Hampshire communities for over 30 years.

## GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS IN AFRICA!

*Risa and Doug Keene have lived in Sullivan for approximately 22 years. They are both retired; Risa from the Monadnock Regional School District as a speech/language therapist and Doug as a family practitioner at the Dartmouth/Hitchcock Clinic in Keene. They are spending a little over two years in Lesotho, Africa.*

### Milestones of a Basotho Family Part 1

Doug and I are in Clarens, South Africa for the Easter weekend. It reminds me of Labor Day in the USA. Everyone has Good Friday off as well as Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. There is an outdoor craft market, people are grilling outdoors (although here they call it a braai) and just enjoying the last "summer" weekend. The weather is getting cooler: the crops are turning brown and the leaves on some of the trees are turning golden and falling off. The weather is cooler; in fact we need sweaters in the mornings and at night.

Now to the topic of this post. Since we've been here in Lesotho (almost a 1 year and a 1/2) we've been given the opportunity to experience directly and indirectly some of life's milestones through our wonderful friend and former guard Ntate Patrick (Ntate=Father).

**MARRIAGE:** In December I attended my first Basotho wedding. The bride was a family friend of my Sesotho teacher, 'M'e Mabokang. It was a *modern* wedding at the church followed by a celebration outside, at the bride's family home. Women on the bride's side prepared all the delicious traditional food. Family, friends and neighbors were present, and it was beautiful and festive.

Ntate Patrick had a *traditional* Basotho wedding, which is very different. One day he and I were sitting around, and I asked him to describe his wedding to me. First, the groom's father goes to the future bride's family home and tells the bride's father that his son would like to marry the daughter. After an agreement, the father of the groom then returns to his home and selects one or several cows, depending on what the agreement was. He goes back to the bride's family home and presents the cows to her family in exchange for the daughter. The groom's father leaves with the young woman and takes her to his home. They have a celebration; the bride and groom sign a document and .... they are married.

Traditionally, right after a couple is married the mother in-law gives her new daughter in-law and the future first child of the couple new names e.g. "Mabokang." When this is translated it means mother of Bokang (a Basotho name), or "Matsepo" Mother of Tsepo). 'M'e Ndebo's mother in-law did not do this, although Ndebo's in-laws did give the baby his first name.

Child marriage was more common in the past but still occurs now, even though it is illegal. The girl's family offers their young daughter's hand in marriage (sometimes as young as 14 years old) and in return they receive payment from the groom's family. Then the groom or groom's family kidnap the young bride and take her to their home. The young girl does not have a say in the matter. If she is in school, she must leave and live with her husband's family. The girl is frequently treated as a worker in the home instead of family.

**BIRTH:** Ntate Patrick and his wife 'M'e Ndebo had a baby boy in September 2016. They lived just a stone's throw away from us, and I told Patrick that when Ndebo went into labor and needed to go to the hospital, he should give me a call, if they wanted a ride (the hospital is about ¾ mile from our house). Well, we got the call, and I picked them up along with Patrick's mother who was visiting at that time. I took everyone to the hospital. We travelled the ¾ mile over a terribly bumpy and potholed dirt "road". Poor 'M'e Ndebo, I thought she was going to give birth in the car. Patrick stayed with Ndebo until she was admitted, then he walked back home. Fathers don't stay for the birth. Later the next day when I saw Patrick, he told me that they had a beautiful healthy baby boy. His name was Mokoaleli. Right after the first child is born, the new mother and infant usually travel to her home of origin or to her husband's home of origin and stay for several months. This gives the mother time to learn how to care for the baby and also makes sure she has some help.

Babies and young children wear black necklaces made of cloth. There's a rectangular pouch sewn onto them. In the pouch are herbs from the traditional doctor. These herbs are supposed to protect the child from getting sick or having teething problems.

Mokoaleli is now 6 months old, cute and fat. He has huge eyes and because his skin and irises are so dark, the whites of his eyes make it appear that his eyeballs will pop right out of his head. I so enjoy visiting Mokoaleli; holding him, listening to him babble, watching him track things that are moving and experiencing his infectious smile.

I hope you are enjoying your spring as we head into winter. The homes here are cold and there is no central heating - either wood fires in the middle of the house, electric heaters or propane heaters.

Kind regards,  
Risa

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection!

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

### Spring 2017

Sat. May 13 Wed. May 17 Sat May 20

Sat. June 10 Wed. June 21 Sat. June 24

**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, makeup & 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.

## Getting to know you...

By Marsha Cook

Wow, time flies when spring is approaching. First a major snow storm, then some rain. Next a 70 degree day and more rain. But this nice slow rain is what our farmers need. With any luck, this will not be a drought year.

Seedlings are being planted; fertilizer is going on the hay fields. Sheep are lambing. But more importantly, I got my car washed! That is a sure sign of spring. I am also thinking about cleaning out my raised beds. First I have to identify the plants vs. the weeds, but I am thinking of it. Not sure when the thought will turn to action.

Another thought is to rake the leaves left over from last year. Do I do that myself? Are you nuts? No, I need to call my lawn service.

By the time I get to all these outdoor chores, the rest of Sullivan will be done. The lawns will be beautiful. The plants will probably be flowering and just beautiful. One of my favorite things is to drive around town and admire all the work you put into the outside of your homes.

But it is not just the flowers and grass. It is hay coming in. It is cattle in the field. Cattle are one of the reasons I love South Road. Sheep are out and can be distinguished from the snow. I notice the burros. Someday I will remember the difference between alpaca and lamas! But I enjoy seeing them both.

Once again, I have to say how much I enjoy living in this town. Still meeting folks that have been here for years. Visiting new restaurants in Keene. Checking out new places to get ice cream. Watching folks help others is a very enriching part of living here. Some of you are used getting my car out of a ditch in the winter. Some of you help with the food pantry. Some of you sit on town committees. But all of you make our town better.

## RECIPE CORNER

with Ginni McByrne

This recipe comes from an Amish Cookbook. It was a hit at the Cookbook Club meeting and I thought I would share it with everyone. I like this recipe because it does not have mayonnaise in it. Please email your recipes and a brief story and/or helpful hint to [sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com](mailto:sullivanrecipecorner@gmail.com).

### German Potato Salad

8 potatoes, peeled, cubed & boiled	1 stalk celery, chopped
2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped	1 onion, chopped
1 Tbsp. fresh parsley, minced	

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and then prepare the dressing.

#### Dressing

4 slices bacon, diced	2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup sugar	½ cup vinegar
½ cup cold water	¼ tsp dry mustard
½ tsp. salt	¼ tsp pepper

Fry the bacon in a skillet until crisp. Remove bacon bits and add to salad. Beat together eggs, sugar, vinegar, water & spices. Pour mixture into the hot bacon grease and cook, stirring until mixture thickens, about 10 mins. Pour over the potato mixture and mix lightly. Refrigerate for several hours before serving.

### Indian Snap Peas Stir-Fry Recipe

Submitted by: Leslie Casey

We love fresh snap peas, and this quick & tasty recipe is a nice way to use them. It is adapted from the "Archana's Kitchen" recipe for vatanyacha phadna:

- 1 pound sugar snap peas
- 1 tablespoon grated coconut (the sweetened kind works well)
- 1 tablespoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds
- salt to taste
- 1 teaspoon of peanut oil

Remove strings and stem ends from snap peas. Heat a teaspoon of oil until very hot in a stir fry pan (non-stick) and add the cracked pepper and sesame to the oil. Allow it to crackle for a few seconds. Add the sugar snap peas; season with salt; cover the pan and cook until the sugar snap peas are lightly caramelized and cooked. Turn off the heat and stir in the coconut.

This makes a good side dish or even a light main course, with some basmati rice or naan bread.

**ENJOY!**

**\*\*\*HELPFUL HINT\*\***

**\*\*Foul-smelling trash cans.** Anytime you throw out something that's especially smelly, put a few drops of lemon essential oil or vanilla extract on a paper towel or paper napkin and place this in the trash on top of the smelly garbage.

Also: Sprinkle a little baking soda into the bottom of the can each time you change trash bags. Occasionally wash out trash cans with hot, soapy water.\*\*

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