

RANDOLPH WEEKLY

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| Monday 8/16 | Tuesday 8/17 | Wednesday 8/18 | Thursday 8/19 | Friday 8/20 | Saturday 8/21 | Sunday 8/22 |
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| Library open 1-5pm Town Clerk open 9-11am | Trash Pickup (All trash must be bagged and roadside by 7am) ** | Town Clerk open 7-9pm Library open 1-5pm | Gorham Farmers Market 3-6pm | | Lancaster Farmers Market 9am-noon Library open 10am-noon | |

Selectmen meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, subject to change; please call ahead.

****DO NOT leave garbage out Monday night. This attracts bears.**

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 14

- Our last RMC short volunteer work trip is 9 to 12 to work on Sylvan Way, 2 miles RT. This will help fulfill a 20% match required by the NH Recreational Trails Program for a grant the RMC received. First-time volunteers welcome. Park and meet at Ravine House Site on Durand Road. Bring gloves, clippers (RMC will provide if needed), food and water. FMI wendy.walsh@unh.edu or 603-401-7899.

Sunday, August 15

- 10:30 am Morning Worship at the Randolph Church. Worship leader: Richard Martin; Organist: Susan Ferré. The 137th Annual Meeting of the historic Randolph Church will follow the service; all are welcome to attend. Please observe the new and updated health and safety measures; disposable masks available at the door. Be sure to check *The Weekly* each week for details of upcoming services.

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Wednesday, August 18

- Randolph Public Library Outdoor Children's Program "Tails & Tales". Final program of the summer. 3:00 p.m. in the Library Garden.

Thursday, August 19

- RMC Hike--Trails & Tales: A loop using Pasture Path, Four Soldiers, Crescent Ridge, and the Ledge Path, that combines several of Randolph's oldest paths with the Four Soldiers Path that was designed and cut in 2003. 3.7 miles, 1,000 ft. elevation gain. Though not a steep climb, the footing in places is tricky, and there are several stream crossings. Lunch at Lookout Ledge. Leader Judy Hudson will discuss historical details along the way. Meet at 9:30 am, at the Pasture Path (junction of High Acres and Glover Spring Roads off Randolph Hill Road). Abhudson@umass.edu 413-230-0496.

Memorial:

A memorial service will be held for Katharine L. Minifie at the Durand Road Cemetery on Sunday August 22nd at 4:00 p.m. The Rev John Weatherly will officiate. After the service there will be a reception at the Minifie home: 395 Randolph Hill Road. All are welcome.

Museum of the White Mountains, Plymouth NH:

The MWM is currently featuring an excellent exhibition: "Wayfaring: Maps of the White Mountains". Adam Apt and David Govatski have assembled a fascinating collection of maps from the 1800s through the 20th century. Randolph's Louis F Cutter's maps are prominently displayed, along with his bicycle-wheel. Plymouth is a little more than an hour's drive away through Franconia Notch. Information and registration can be found at plymouth.edu/mwm/about/visit-contact-us/

Library Updates:

Children's Summer Reading Program: We encourage all children to pick up a "Tails & Tales" Summer Challenge Reading Log to complete and return for some fun prizes. Logs available for all children ages newborn - 12 years. Reading logs are available now and throughout the summer. There will be an outdoor Children's Program with the same theme on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. beginning July 14 and running through August 18. Come prepared with sunblock and appropriate clothing. Please call the library in case of inclement weather.

August 25 - POSTPONED - The Randolph Library Program by Artist Erik Koepfel has been postponed until further notice. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

September 1, 2021 at 10 a.m. - Randolph Public Library Book Discussion of "The Last Traverse" by Ty Gagne. The library has 15 copies of the book, so stop by soon to pick one up.

RMC Upcoming Events:

The **RMC Annual Meeting** will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 14. To attend the meeting, please register in advance by entering this link below into your browser: <https://bit.ly/RMCAnnualMeeting2021> Club members recently received this link by e-mail. You'll enter your contact info into a Google Form, and then the RMC will e-mail you with the Zoom link during the week of August 9. After the business part of the meeting, we will have a special presentation on clean energy, expanding on the RMC's climate action projects in 2021 to generate our own solar electricity at Stearns Lodge and Gray Knob. Our guest speaker, Sam Evans-Brown, is the executive director of Clean Energy New Hampshire, following his career as an award-winning journalist at New Hampshire Public Radio. Sam's illustrated presentation is "What You Can Do to Assist New England's Transition to Clean Energy".

Saturday, August 21: An RMC sponsored Community Picnic, 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM, at the Ravine House Pool, instead of the traditional Annual Picnic and Charades. Bring your blanket and picnic and enjoy the camaraderie of an afternoon with other friends of Randolph. We plan to have an auction for the benefit of the RMC and already have some very choice items including local edible goodies, artwork, trail signs and other Randolphian items. If you have an item to donate, please email Franklin Wenk (stonewenk@gmail.com) or Bev Jadis (rirunner@yahoo.com).

Coos County Democrats:

You are invited to attend the Annual Harry Truman Celebration from 5-9pm on Thursday, Sept 9 at 98 Randolph Hill Rd, Randolph, NH Free BBQ. Advanced reservations required. Go to www.coosdemocrats.org. Regionally recognized Blues Singer, Miss Vee will entertain us. We will enjoy an outdoor casual BBQ with Democratic friends. Our locally elected officials from Coos County will be serving you dinner. Senator Hassan will be our keynote speaker.

Make Route 2 Safe: Randolph Hill Road and Durand Road Intersections:

Randolph residents who are concerned about and/or have experienced dangerous driving situations on Route 2 when trying to turn on to Randolph Hill Road and/or Durand Road are encouraged to write letters asking the NH Department of Transportation fix these dangerous intersections on Route 2 before someone is seriously injured if

not killed. Please write a letter that details your own experiences and be sure to include your Randolph address and your contact information. If you would like an example of a letter recently sent, please contact Harriet Phinney at harriet.phinney@gmail.com. A number of people have experienced seriously dangerous situations; we need to act. Send your letters to Edith Tucker, Philip Beaulieu, and the Randolph Town Selectmen. Be sure to either cc the Randolph Town Selectmen or send them a letter - they are collecting personal accounts. The more personal experiences we can gather the more effective will be our call to make Randolph safer. Thank you.

Send your letters to:

Your representative Edith Tucker: edith.tucker@leg.state.nh.us

Philip Beaulieu, District Engineer (District 1), Lancaster, NH: District1@dot.nh.gov

Randolph Town Selectmen: selectmen@randolph.nh.gov

From the Health Officers:

Welcome back to Randolph! This summer finds us in a very different position than last. While the virus that causes COVID-19 is still present, safe practices and a high vaccination rate in NH allow more flexibility for being together this summer.

There are still a few guidelines to maintain this good news:

- Due to the increased dangers of the Delta variant, CDC has recently updated its guidance regarding masks in that they have added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. While at this time Coös County is low, the surrounding counties are medium. Surrounding states have a mix of medium, moderate and high rates. We are in an area that enjoys a high number of tourists from all over, especially from the northeast area. (See <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>)
- Unvaccinated individuals should wear masks when in public to protect those who may have compromised immune systems and other unvaccinated people. If you are immunocompromised or routinely in contact with vulnerable people, consider wearing a mask when in crowds and unable to maintain physical distances.
- Continue to practice good hand hygiene using soap & water if available, hand sanitizer if not.

Thank you and see you around Randolph!

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| <p>Kai Parlett of Randolph will continue to edit the weekly in 2021! Notices for the Weekly should be sent to jo.kai.parl@gmail.com, or phone (603) 723-6991. If you send an email, please put Randolph Weekly in the subject line. Deadline for submission is Wednesday by noon.</p> |
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