

RANDOLPH WEEKLY

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The Randolph Weekly is available on Friday afternoon in boxes located at Lowe's Garage, on Durand Road near the eastern entrance at the bend of the road, the corner of Nekal Lane & Randolph Hill Road (on light pole), at the corner of Randolph Hill Road & High Acres Road, the intersection of RT 2 and the Valley Rd, and in Raycrest (on the light pole at the top of the circle). Copies are also available at the library, Town Hall, and on the Randolph Foundation Website:

www.randolphfoundationnh.org

Linda Dupont, assistant to the town selectman, is at the town hall Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tel: 466-5771. Email: selectmen@randolph.nh.gov.

Monday 8/3	Tuesday 8/4	Wednesday 8/5	Thursday 8/6	Friday 8/7	Saturday 8/8	Sunday 8/9
	Trash Pickup (All trash must be bagged and roadside by 7am)	Town Clerk/ Tax Collector open call to verify hours (603-466-5771) 8-10am, 7-9pm	Gorham Farmers Market 3-6pm			

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

COVID-19 Notice: As of 7/14/20 per the governor (HAN COVID update #19) - NH residents or out-of-state visitors traveling to/from areas outside of New England (Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island) need to self-quarantine for the first 14 days of any intended stay in NH after travel (starting from the last day of their travel outside New England). This recommendation is irrespective of the mode of transportation for travel (public vs. private transportation). A reminder that the definition of quarantine is: People in quarantine should **not leave home or yard/general area of their house even for essential services** (except for true medical or other emergencies); should monitor their health (including temperature if possible), and call for medical advice should symptoms develop. Friends or family can be asked to get groceries and medications but avoid contact with quarantined individuals by leaving items on the doorstep. Masks should be worn by everyone when going to be in close contact (<6 feet) with others. Most stores now require masks for entry/service. Hand hygiene is also key. Coos County has had a 700% increase in cases since the first case in the county was diagnosed. Katie Kelley has volunteers available for shopping or errands as needed (603-723-9734 or kukelley@me.com) or call a neighbor/friend. Contact John McDowell, Health Officer (603-723-0269) and Barbara Arnold, Deputy Health Officer (603-466-2438) with additional questions or concerns.

Notice from the RMC: Recently a number of Randolph residents have come across quite a few glass beads, up to an inch in diameter, on Pasture Path, Wood Path, Diagonal as well as other trails, scattered on the ground. Broken pieces of glass beads have also been found at the end of Pasture Path Road by the trails. This has been occurring on and off for a few years now but appears to be back. The RMC would like to remind everyone that we practice a "leave no trace" principle on our trails and we ask others to please not leave objects on RMC trails.

Bear Notice: There was a bear hit on Rte 2 Monday night just west of the Grand View. It was injured but headed north into the woods on its own power. Searchers did not find any signs of the bear. First and foremost, please be alert, especially walking on Hill trails. Make noise, keep dogs on leashes. If you encounter a hurt bear, do not approach, do not take photos, slowly back away & call Fish & Game immediately to notify them. Secondly, the bear was hit while crossing the road with the contents of a garbage can that had been put out for pick up Tuesday morning. PLEASE do not leave garbage cans out Monday night.

Notice from Gorham Middle High School: The Gorham High School science program is collecting well water samples for testing as part of a federally funded, school-based Citizen Science Project with MDI Biological Laboratory and Dartmouth College addressing arsenic contamination in Maine and New Hampshire. Although northern New Hampshire is not known for high levels of arsenic, each sample collected is sent to the Dartmouth Trace Elements Analysis Core for analysis and tested for 10 potential contaminants. We are hoping to collect samples from households in Randolph that would be interested in participating. All information collected is private. Please contact Sarah Clemmitt (sarah.clemmitt@sau20.org) or (603-723-3222).

CANCELLED/MODIFIED EVENTS

- All Randolph church services have sadly been cancelled for the summer.
 - Unfortunately, there are no plans at this time to hold the annual Library Book Sale
 - **Forest Day Events:** With real regret the Commission has concluded that the wise course is to postpone the program planned for this year's Forest Day until next year. David Forsyth, the Town's leading bird enthusiast (he modestly refuses the title of ornithologist) will put some of his recent findings about the birds and bees of Randolph (with photos) on the Forest website. We hope to be able to enjoy his presentation in the Town Hall in 2021. Meanwhile, if anyone has questions or comments about the management of the Forest during the last year, please feel free to address them to the Forest Commission at the Town Hall either in writing or by e-mail (selectmen@randolph.nh.gov attn. Forest Commission.)
 - **RMC Volunteer Work Trips:** Although there are no official work trips, the RMC is asking for everyone's help in maintaining the trails. Individuals/families could choose a trail to pick up any debris on the pathway and trim any encroaching branches or cut small blowdowns with a small folding saw. (The RMC cannot supply any tools this season due to COVID-19 safety protocols). Taking care of our trails is a great way to contribute! Pick a favorite trail. The Four Soldiers/Underhill trails need lots of work, but the worst sections are a ways out. Another way to help out is to brush either Ice Gulch or Cook Path. The RMC was granted funds by the New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program. This grant required a 20% match by the RMC, some of which could be covered by volunteer work. If anyone wants to help, please track who/when/how many hours worked on these trails and email Wendy Walsh (wendy.walsh@unh.edu).
 - **RMC Social Events Update:** The RMC is not planning to host any in-person large group gatherings this summer, including the Gourmet Hike, Libby's Dinner, Charades and the Barn Dance. While disappointing, we feel this is the most responsible and safe choice. This is a temporary hiatus! The club remains robust and active and we hope to resume our normal social activities as usual next summer! Be sure to watch our social media and website for photo tributes of these events from years past.
 - **RMC 100:** Did you know that the RMC maintains over 100 miles of hiking trails! This would be a great summer to explore them! You can request a copy of the RMC 100 Booklet at the library, to help you keep track. When you complete, you will be highlighted in the newsletter and receive a special patch.
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- **Request for RMC Gourmet Hike Recipes and Tips!** Do you have a favorite recipe that you have made for the Gourmet Hike? How about a tip for the best trail food? Or a story about a memorable Gourmet Hike of the past? In celebration of the Gourmet Hike tradition, we would like to collect your recipes, stories and tips for possible publication in the future. Please email them to Jenn Scarinza (jbarton@ttlc.net).
- **RMC Photo Scavenger Hunt:** Do you like to take photos? Do you enjoy exploring new places? Try the Photo Scavenger Hunt! Simply get a copy of the list, take pictures and either email them to RMCPhotoHunt@dropevent.com or upload them through the web at <https://dropevent.com/RMCPhotoHunt>. Event ends on August 22nd and prizes will be awarded!! Email Jenn (jbarton@ttlc.net) or Franklin (franklin@stonewenk.com) for a copy of the list or with questions. Lists also found at the Weekly boxes and the library.
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- **Randolph Church Series for Local Nonprofits:** A video interview with Ken Gordon, the CEO of Coos County Family Health Services (CCFHS), is now available on the Randolph Church website at <http://randolphchurchnh.org/benevolence-fund/>. Find out how CCFHS is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and its long-term implications for community health services in Coos County. The video is the first in a series of highly informative interviews on the impact of the pandemic with leaders from leading family health and wellbeing agencies in the area.
- The town clerk now has two options for doing business.
 - Wednesdays: One needs a mask and a drivers license. Only two people in the lobby at a time. Call to verify hours (603-466-5771 or 603-466-2606).
 - Contact the Clerk by email (townclerk@randolph.nh.gov), phone (603-466-5771 ext.1), or drop box at the main door (request forms in plastic container above) for more information on doing your transaction.

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 1

- Curbside pickup available at the library 11am - 12pm. Email info@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org to order ahead.
- Yoga with Deidre on the Ravine House lawn 8am. By donation. FMI Michele (603-466-5841).

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 3

- Curbside pickup available at the library 1pm - 5pm. Email info@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org to order ahead.

Tuesday, August 4

- Riley Parkhurst Project, Classic/Modern Rock music on the Gorham Town Common 6:30pm FMI call the Gorham NH Parks and Recreation Dept. (603-466-2101).
- Yoga with Deidre on the Ravine House lawn 5:30pm. By donation. FMI Michele (603-466-5841).

Wednesday, August 5

- Curbside pickup available at the library 1pm - 5pm. Email info@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org to order ahead.
- Gorham/Randolph Public Libraries' Virtual Zoom Story Time - Pirates 10am. Go to gorham-randolph.readsquared.com and click on events to find the zoom link. The info can also be found on randolphnhpubliclibrary.org each week through August 5th. Children can stop by the library each week to pick up a to-go activity bag based on each week's theme. They are on the porch in a plastic bin. There is also a monthly packet for teens. Please email the library (info@randolphnhpubliclibrary.org) if you would like a bag for your child(ren) so that they can ensure they have enough.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 8

- The Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church will host the Story Slam by Zoom at 4 PM. We already have several storytellers signed up and can manage 20-25 stories all together at the event. Please contact Sarah Gallop (seg@mit.edu) or Bill Minifie (whminifie@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up to tell a 5-minute story related to Randolph. The Zoom information will be provided in a future Weekly. View previous Story Slams on The Randolph Foundation's YouTube Channel (Google it!).
- The public is welcome at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club, to be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 8. To request access to the meeting, enter this link into the web browser on your computer: <https://forms.gle/tGnbxRm7ETZLTDz6> You'll be asked to enter your name and e-mail address, and we'll then send you a message with the Zoom link and other information during the week of August 3. Current RMC members are receiving this invitation by e-mail. If you have difficulties, e-mail secretary Randy Meiklejohn (rmeiklejohn@verizon.net). After the reports and elections of the business meeting, RMC member and composer Geoff Hudson will speak about his 2019 oratorio *A Passion for the Planet*, which you can listen to online (hybridvigormusic.org).

Friday, August 14

- The Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting will take place at 7 PM on Zoom. Rebecca Brown, Executive Director of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, will present "*Clean Water - Healthy Trout: How NH's native fish informs our conservation efforts and what the Randolph community can do to protect clean water for all.*" The Zoom information will be provided in a future Weekly.

The 2020 Randolph Weekly has a new editor, Kai Parlett of Randolph! 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.