

# RANDOLPH WEEKLY

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Monday 8/23	Tuesday 8/24	Wednesday 8/25	Thursday 8/26	Friday 8/27	Saturday 8/28	Sunday 8/29
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

### Sunday, August 22

- 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](mailto:stonewenk@gmail.com)) or Bev Jadis ([rirunner@yahoo.com](mailto:rirunner@yahoo.com)).

### Sunday, August 22

- 10:30 am Morning Worship at the Randolph Church. Worship leader: John Weatherly; Organist: Barbara Bishop. Thank you for adhering to the updated health and safety measures; disposable masks are available at the door. Next Sunday, August 29, will be the final service for the '21 season and will include a memorial moment for each resident who died since the last report. Be sure to check *The Weekly* for details.
- RMC volunteer trip to work on the Link, 7.5 miles RT. Meet at Bowman at 8 AM. First-time volunteers welcome. Bring gloves, clippers (RMC will provide if needed), food and water. FMI [wendy.walsh@unh.edu](mailto:wendy.walsh@unh.edu) or 603-401-7899.
- A memorial service will be held for Katharine L. Minifie at the Durand Road Cemetery 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.

## THIS WEEK

## Thursday, August 26

- RMC Hike up Caps Ridge Trail to summit of Mt Jefferson. Leader: Caesar Bryan. For more information or questions, please contact Caesar on (914) 391 7111 or [candgbryan@gmail.com](mailto:candgbryan@gmail.com). Two and a half miles with 2,700 feet of elevation. A moderate hike. Some scrambling is necessary and it can get windy above timber line. Meet at Randolph East at 8.00 am to car pool to WMNF parking area on Jefferson Notch Road,

### Memorial:

There will be a Memorial service for the Rev. Beverly K. Hill Weatherly Randolph Church Cemetery, Saturday, Aug. 28th at 4:00 p.m. Beverly died May 28th, to complications from AML, Leukemia in Alexandria, Va. Members of the community are invited.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://plymouth.edu/mwm/about/visit-contact-us/)

### Library Updates:

August 25 - POSTPONED - The Randolph Library Program by Artist Erik Koeppel 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:edith.tucker@leg.state.nh.us)

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

Randolph Town Selectmen: [selectmen@randolph.nh.gov](mailto:selectmen@randolph.nh.gov)

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## New Hampshire Rail Trail Plan

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is leading the preparation of a plan for state owned rail trails. The purpose of this plan is to ensure the preservation and integrity of these assets and to provide direction for future development. The scope of the plan was set by the state legislature and focuses on the following tasks:

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

- Update of the State's rail corridor inventory and list of trail organizations.

**Data Collection.** Our project partners at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) are collecting data regarding spending associated with trail usage. This data collection will continue through the summer and fall.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

**Economic Analysis.** Data collected by UNH will be used for modeling the economic impact of rail trails in New Hampshire.

**Draft Plan.** We anticipate a draft plan document to be available for review in Spring 2022. The project is anticipated to be complete in June 2022.

Analysis of the statewide economic impact of rail trails.

Recommend a tier system for prioritizing state

investments in rail trail projects.

- Definition of routine and structural maintenance,

identification of typical costs and allocation of maintenance responsibilities between state and local trail groups.

- Development of recommendations for a state funding mechanism to support rail trail projects.
  - Development of a template trail management agreement
- Identification of best practices for acquiring insurance for volunteer trail management groups.
- Development of recommendations for ensuring the integrity of publicly owned rail trail corridors.
  - Provide a pamphlet at state information centers on the trail plan.

Development of the plan is being guided by an Advisory Stakeholders Committee which represents state agencies, regional planning commissions, trail users, municipalities, businesses, railroads and abutters. Stakeholder meeting notes are posted on the project web page (see below) and stakeholder meetings are open to the public.

### HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE PLAN?

**Visit** the project website for information and updates: [nhrailtrailsplan.com](http://nhrailtrailsplan.com)

Project Contact:

Mark Debowski Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. [mdebowski@gpinet.com](mailto:mdebowski@gpinet.com) 603-766-8257

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**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!**

<p>Kai Parlett of Randolph will continue to edit the weekly in 2021! Notices for the Weekly should be sent to <a href="mailto:jo.kai.parl@gmail.com">jo.kai.parl@gmail.com</a>, 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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