

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 8/24	Tuesday 8/25	Wednesday 8/26	Thursday 8/27	Friday 8/28	Saturday 8/29	Sunday 8/30
	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.

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

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, August 22

- 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 24

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

Tuesday, August 24

- Yoga with Deidre on the Ravine House lawn 5:30pm. By donation. FMI Michele (603-466-5841).

Wednesday, August 25

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

CANCELLED/MODIFIED EVENTS

- Unfortunately, there are no plans at this time to hold the annual Library Book Sale
- Due to the virus, we have sadly decided to cancel our event on August 25 to celebrate the life of our father, Alan W. Horton; however, we plan to reschedule it next year, in 2021, probably at the same time, in the same place, and on the same date.

- The Randolph Fire Department Pancake breakfast has been cancelled.
- All Randolph church services have sadly been cancelled for the summer.
- **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). FMI about RMC trail work, email Kai Parlett (jo.kai.parl@gmail.com).
- **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.
- 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.

Election Notice: Randolph election officials will begin processing absentee primary election ballots on Monday, September 7, 2020, between 3pm and 5pm at the Town Hall. Ballots received after that time will be processed on election day, September 8th. Processing does not include counting the ballots, but it does include the opening of the outer envelope, checking signatures, making sure that the voter has properly filled out the affidavit on the inner envelope and making sure the voter's name appears on the election checklist. This is the only time challenges can be made to those whose ballots are processed.

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.

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).

Mountain View Notice: The deadline for submission to the September issue of the Mountain View will be extended from August 15th to August 23rd. Until a new editor is secured, please continue to send all submissions to Dede Aube (dedeaube@gmail.com or 603-723-0847).

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 Labo-

ratory 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).

Bee Notice: Bees on Crescent Ridge Trail at about 2800 feet. It's a narrow steep section and the nest is right in the trail. If you choose to hike the trail, be prepared to bushwhack.

COVID-19 Notice From the Health Officers: In this difficult time it is hard to not see Randolph being Randolph. The reality is Randolph is still the wonderful community it has always been; just the experience is slightly altered. Walks on the trails, road, and gardening are all part of the town.

The governor has recently updated the rules for large groups, now defined by over 100 participants. Masks are mandated for those gatherings and the organizer of the group could be subject to fines for infractions. Groups under 100 do not fall under that mandate but are strongly encouraged to require masks and follow social distance guidelines. The safest gathering continues to be small groups meeting within your bubble, using masks, physical distancing and other things that reduce the risk of exposure.

If you are asked to quarantine it is to keep the community, your neighbors and you safe. It is difficult, but in this beautiful place it is easy to find a way to make it less onerous. Due to the diligence of our residents, and visitors we have been lucky but not unscathed. Coos County went from 2 cases to 17 in a month. Not the numbers of other places, but the virus spreads here just like everywhere else. The self-attest of quarantine is found in the guidance on reopening lodging facilities and pertains to those open to the public for rent, including private cottages used as air B&B. The latest guidance for NH residents and visitors traveling to NH from places outside NE can be found through the link below:

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/out-state-visitors>

7/22/20 - 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 crucial.

We truly are glad you are here; we're just trying to follow the science and keep everyone healthy. Remember these are guidelines to keep us all safe. We are not planning to monitor or enforce, only inform. We follow the updates from the state weekly, if not more often. Randolph follows the state guidance; it does not have different guidelines from the state.

Contact John McDowell, Health Officer (603-723-2069) and Barbara Arnold, Deputy Health Officer (603-466-2438) with additional questions or concerns.

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.