

RANDOLPH WEEKLY

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Monday 8/9	Tuesday 8/10	Wednesday 8/11	Thursday 8/12	Friday 8/13	Saturday 8/14	Sunday 8/15
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 7

- After having to postpone last year's Forest Tour, the Randolph Forest Commission has planned a program this year titled "eBird Hotspot in the Randolph Town Forest: the Farrar Tract". The program will take place on Saturday August 7th starting at 9:00AM at the Randolph Town Hall. The focus of this year's presentation will be on the birds of Randolph, including a presentation of an eBirding Hotspot in the Farrar tract of the Randolph Community Forest. Our keynote speaker will be local bird enthusiast David Forsyth. At the conclusion of the Town Hall discussion, a short walk is scheduled. Attendees of the walk portion of the presentation are encouraged to bring a bag lunch, walking shoes and bug dope. We will be following the recommendations of the Randolph Health Officers in regards to mask wearing and social distancing. Look forward to seeing everyone.
- The Randolph Foundation and the Randolph Church will host the Story Slam at the Randolph Church at 4 PM. We will be following the Randolph Health Officers' Covid guidelines. We already have several storytellers signed up and can manage around 20 stories all together. Please contact Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu or Bill Minifie at whminifie@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to tell a 5-minute story related to Randolph. **Also, please bring your own beverage to enjoy on the church lawn afterwards!** View previous Story Slams on The Randolph Foundation's YouTube Channel (Google it!).
- Only 3 more RMC volunteer work trips! This week we are working on Link, 6 miles RT. Start at Lowe's at 8. Bring gloves, clippers (RMC will provide if needed), food and water. FMI wendy.walsh@unh.edu

Sunday, August 8

- 10:30 am Morning Worship at the Randolph Church. Worship leader: Beth Hilgartner; Organist: Ernie Drown. Please observe current health and safety measures. Be sure to check *The Weekly* each week for details of upcoming services.

- 3-5 p.m. (and each Sunday in August), The Old Library Book Shop will be open at 104 Durand Road, Randolph for everyone who missed this year's book sale. There are hundreds of books to browse and purchase. All proceeds benefit the Randolph Public Library.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 10

- A memorial gathering for Alan W. Horton will be held at the Randolph Town Hall, from 4:30 to 6:30pm - come as you are! If you don't feel well (i.e. fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath) or may have recently been exposed to COVID, we respectfully ask that you do not attend. And, if you have not had your shots, please remember to wear a mask!

Wednesday, August 11

- 3:00 p.m. Randolph Public Library Children's Program "Tails & Tales". Stories, songs, puppets and fun.

Friday, August 13

- The Randolph Foundation Annual Meeting will take place at 7 PM at the Town Hall. We will be following the Randolph Health Officers' Covid guidelines. Foundation updates, including the announcement of the next president, will be followed by an exciting presentation from Randolph's own Chris Hawkins entitled "Going South for the Winter; Summer at the South Pole." **Please bring your own beverage to enjoy.** FMI: Sarah Gallop at seg@mit.edu.

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.

Beginning Sat., August 7, 15 copies of Ty Gagne's book "The Last Traverse" will be available at the Randolph Public Library for pick up for the upcoming book discussion of the book on Wednesday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Library. A special Virtual presentation will take place with the Author on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Library for more information.

Wednesday, August 25 at the Randolph Town Hall. The Randolph Library is pleased to welcome Artist Erik Koepel. Erik is a traditional landscape painter who has become a leader in the revival of the techniques and philosophy of the Hudson River School. Koepel's studio is in Jackson, NH, so he will be bringing real paintings in an easel display to accompany the talk. Learn more about Erik Koepel via his website: ErikKoepel.com. Face masks are required when attending indoor Library programs. Thank you for your cooperation. Free and open to the public.

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: A 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. Next year we will be back to our usual activities in Mossy Glen!

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.

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!

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.