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Post Office: 422-9033

Animal Control: - TBD

Harbor Master: - TBD

S/S Historical Society: 422-0995

RSU 24 School Board Member:
Vernon Campbell

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1888 US Highway 1, Sullivan 04664
Open: Monday through Thursday: 7:30am—5pm
Closed Friday
Phone: 422-6282 or 422-6719 Fax: 422-4785
Web: www.sullivanmaine.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Select Board Meeting at 5pm 9/11 and 9/25
Town Office will be Closed September 4th for Labor Day

Drum Roll Please!!!!

We are pleased to introduce the new Sullivan Town Manager, Ray Weintraub, his appointment to the position was announced at the August 14, 2023 Selectboard meeting.

Recently he met with some residents at Sullivan Daze, where his first unofficial duty was to judge the Kid's Watermelon Eating Contest, his first official day on the job is September 5th.

You also may have met Ray at one of the art shows at the Farmstead Barn, which he has owned with his wife Judy since 2018.

Ray comes to the Town Manager position having retired from management at the Long Island Railroad, where he worked with various trades, supply procurement, and project management. His 17 years at the LIRR, the largest commuter railroad in the nation located in the NYC area, has prepared him well to help run the operations of our Town. Ray also has experience as an electrician, in retail management, and as a Forest Firefighter. His commitment to Sullivan, along with his leadership skills, will be a wonderful addition to our town!

Selectman's Meeting Agenda
Will be posted on our www.sullivanmaine.org website
We Look Forward to seeing you there!
**Age-Friendly Sullivan**

**UNE**

**Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at 10am:** Photo Op at the Sullivan Town Office — Join us as we receive up to 10 cases of non-perishable foods to share with our local community. This partnership with the University of New England will provide up to 340 FREE meals, along with cookbooks and an online educational program in conjunction with a pilot project conducted by UNE. You and our community are invited to participate in a new, free online training and research study focused on nutrition for healthful aging (see [https://sites.une.edu/ceph/virtual-nutrition-program/](https://sites.une.edu/ceph/virtual-nutrition-program/)).

Modules take 35 minutes to complete and include a presentation from a licensed nutritionist, a “recipe of the day” demonstration, and an exercise tip, as physical health is also a focus. Each participant receives a link to a free online cookbook of featured recipes, as well as other materials on nutrition and physical activity. Participation is voluntary.

**WRITING CONTEST: “Tick: Off!”** Submit your entry to the Town Office by 9/30/23.
Details are in the August 2023 Town Crier. Creativity wins!

Thank you to our many volunteers working all year long in our Sullivan organic Community Garden. Tasty produce is available in the hallway of the Town Office at the “Take-it or Leave-it” table. Home gardeners with extra produce are welcome to contribute to this shared table also.

Photo credit: Michael R. Becker — thank you!

Additional food programs available for low income adults age 60+ offer free food through the [Maine Senior FarmShare Program (MSFP)](https://www.eaaa.org/wp-content/uploads/CSFP-Application-2023-24-Fillable-1.pdf) and the [Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)](https://www.eaaa.org/wp-content/uploads/CSFP-Application-2023-24-Fillable-1.pdf). To learn more about the Maine Senior FarmShare program, access the QR code or call 207.287.3491. To learn more about the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, access the QR code or call 207.941.2865. Each month, Age-Friendly Sullivan volunteers deliver these food boxes to your home upon request. To apply for this program, access the application form here, and indicate “Sullivan” as your requested site.
Flagpole and Flag Donated in Honor of Barbara and Bob Potter

On Sunday, August 20, 2023, a new flagpole was raised at the RSU 24 District Services Facility. Friends and family donated the pole and flag in honor of Mrs. Barbara Potter, long time Sullivan resident and her late husband, Robert “Bob” Potter. Life members of S-SHS, Barbara and Bob contributed much to the growth of the Society for many years. Barbara was curator for a number of years and keeps in touch on a regular basis. Bob researched the early history of the area. His works are an important part of the Society’s collection and some are in the archive of the Maine Historical Society.

Committee Notes:

Current committees: As a general rule committee meetings are open to the public. Check them out!! Get Involved!

- Harbor Committee - Roger Wakefield
- Planning Board - Graham Platner
- Budget Committee - Gary Edwards
- Age Friendly - Candy Eaton
- Comprehensive Plan -
- Parks and Rec - Don Snokes
- Cemetery Committee - Gary Edwards
- Appeals Board - Robert Phillips
- Ordinance Committee -
- Communication Committee - Yvette Grindle
- Infrastructure -

Listed above is the current Committees/groups in town. As the new Town Clerk I am continually learning things and trying to fill in the gaps of what I don’t know. If there is no name beside the committee then I have not been told and those whom I have asked has no knowledge of whom the chair of these committees might be. If you are the chair or know whom the chair of the committee is please let us know.

*Also if my information is incorrect then please let me know. *

**We are working on getting an accurate list of committees and their members.**
FRENCHMAN BAY LIBRARY NEWS
September 2023
Summer Hours: Tuesday 1-6; Thursday 1-6; Saturday 10-3  Effective May 2nd-Oct 3rd
Winter Hours: Tuesday 1-5; Thursday 1-5; Saturday 10-2  Effective Oct 3- May 2nd
Facebook: Frenchman Bay  Phone 207-422-2307 fbaylibrary2017@gmail.com

Frenchman Bay Library adheres to the Library Bill of Rights and the Intellectual freedom of the Right to Read. Books and other resources are provided for the interest, information and enlightenment of all people of the communities the library serves.

New Books we are ordering this month:
- Democracy Awakening by Heather Cox Richardson (NF)
- Gathering Moss by Robin Kimmerer (NF)
- Symphony of Secrets by Brendon Slocumb (Fiction)

Frenchman’s Bay Library welcomes all through our doors.
For the month of August, we celebrate Reading through Maine month as well as our Dementia Awareness Display at the back of the library.

Flu, Covid and RSV season are on the horizon with some cases of Covid already within our community now. If you feel you are vulnerable use masks and hand sanitizer when appropriate: Even if you have been vaccinated. Protect yourself.

We are still accepting food donations to our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is located down by the Thrift Shop. Hours are Tuesday 1-5 and Saturday 10-2. Monetary donations should be made to the Schoodic Food Pantry in Gouldsboro. Food donations may be dropped off at Dunbar Store, the town office, the library or the Thrift Store.

Property Tax Stabilization Program
The LD290 “Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens” program was repealed by the Maine Legislature on 07/06/23 Initial Application will still be administered this year for the 2023-2024 Tax Commitment. For the following year, you can apply for a credit on your “Maine Income Tax Return” The Property Tax Fairness Credit will give you up to a $2,000 credit. You must file Form 1040ME and Schedule PTC/STFC for the tax year during which the property tax was paid.
For Help Please Call: 207-624-9784
For More Information Visit:
Property Tax Fairness Credit Summary
Property Tax Fairness Credit Summary | Maine Revenue Services

Property Revaluations Progress
We have had a lot of questions about the progress of the Property Revaluations and what is next steps. At some point this month you should receive the proposed revaluation of your property. (If you have not already received it). If you have questions then you can once receiving the new revaluation, set up a in person or a phone call with KRT to ask questions.

Do you own a construction company and would like to do some work for the Town of Sullivan?
Email: townclerk@sullivaneide.org
or come into the Town Office
To get a prequalification application
Available at the Town Office

1. Fishing Licenses
2. Hunting Licenses
3. Dog Licenses for 2024 will be available after October 15th 2023
4. ATV Renewals / Licenses Due June 30th

2023 Shellfish Licenses Now Available at the Sullivan Town Office.

Anyone interested in serving as a Ballot Clerk for the upcoming elections in November,
Contact the Town Office

Transfer Station
Route 183/Tunk Lake Road, Sullivan is Open
10am-3pm Saturdays & Sundays year-round.
Household waste:
We have a pay by bag system the fee is $1.50/bag up to 25 pounds.
You must purchase stickers or punch cards before going to the transfer station $1.50/each at the town office or by mail, or $1.75/each at The Dunbar Store or Hancock Grocery.
If you have bulk waste or demolition debris, you will NEED TO PREPAY FOR IT AT THE TOWN OFFICE.
Parks and Recreation  
September 2023

This month we are going to bypass our monthly spotlight on one of the town’s recreational facilities, and instead solicit new membership in the Parks and Recreation Committee. Now that we have a new select board and a new town manager, it is time to better formalize the roles and membership of the various town committees. The Parks and Recreation Committee was formed last winter as an informal ad hoc group, and we would like to now become a more official body of the town government. To this end, we invite all interested parties to a special reorganizational meeting on Thursday, September 14, at 6:00pm at the Town hall. We invite participation from other organizations, such as Frenchman’s Bay Conservancy, Friends of Flanders Bay, the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center, RSU24, various youth sports leagues, and any other recreation-oriented individuals. We also intend to form a subcommittee to relieve much of administrative headaches of Sullivan Daze from the Fire Department at that meeting. Going forward, we will return to our regular meeting time of 6pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please join us.

The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Centers mission is to provide a centrally located venue that provides programs that enhance the quality of life for our communities and address our unmet recreational, social, educational and cultural needs.

For the month of August we will have provided space for two birthday parties, space for weekly AA meetings, space for a funeral, space for a breakfast event, space for a Sorrento Selectman’s meeting and parking space for construction equipment while they are doing a local job.

On Sullivan Daze we served a breakfast for the benefit of the Sullivan Fire Department.

We have had several incidents of theft which has made it necessary to ban certain individual from the property. We had theft of construction supplies for the moving of the storage trailer. The Thrift shop has generously taken donations for the replacements of the timbers and gifted the Recreation Center with $70 towards the purchase of replacement timbers.

The Recreation center will be collaborating with the library to provide movie nights for the upcoming winter months.

We provide space for the Frenchman Bay Library, The Sullivan Sorrento Historical Society, The Thrift Store and the Food Pantry.

We hold Board meetings monthly – (see website for date) and they are open to the public.

We are always looking for new members from Sullivan and Sorrento as well as volunteers to help during our events.

Thank You for allowing us to serve you.
Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center Board.
What is a Septic System?

A septic system is a sewage treatment and disposal system buried in the ground. It is composed of a septic tank and a disposal or leach field. Household sewage (wastewater from sinks, toilets, showers, washing machines and dishwashers) generally flows by gravity into the septic tank. There, heavier particles settle to the bottom and scum rises to the top. Bacteria in the tank help break down some of the solids. Baffles within the tank improve sludge settling and prevent scum from floating out of the tank. Effluent (liquid) flows to the disposal (leach) field, where it is distributed over crushed gravel, through chambers or other mechanisms and then absorbed in the soil.

The balance of the three layers within your tank; scum, effluent (wastewater), and solids (sludge), help determine when a tank needs to be pumped. This can only be evaluated effectively through proper servicing.

How do I maintain my Septic System?

Many homeowners are under the misconception that a septic system, once installed, will work forever without maintenance. This is not true! Most septic systems, even with maintenance, will work effectively for only an average of 15 to 25 years. To help protect against premature failure, the homeowner can follow a few simple procedures. These procedures help reduce sludge build-up, reduce water use, eliminate toxic waste, keep the system’s bacteria working and protect the leaching system.

What causes a system to Fail?

There are two primary types of septic system failure: 1.) hydraulic failure and 2.) phosphorus treatment failure. Hydraulic failure occurs when the soil cannot handle the volume of wastewater, and as a result sewage overflows into the house. This is caused by:

- Failure to pump out the tank. Wastewater will back up into the house or break out onto the ground when sludge and scum from an overfull tank flows into the leach field and clogs the soil.
- Poorly sited or built systems. When the septic system is sited in or too close to the high-water table, or is constructed with improper fill, saturated soil can cause wastewater to back up or break out. This is particularly likely to occur in the spring, when the water table is high.
- Tree and bush roots. Tree and bush roots over a leach field can break or block pipes and interfere with the distribution system.

DO Checklist:

- Do Inspect your tank for signs of sludge buildup and make sure the baffles and filters are in working order.
- Do Pump your tank as needed (sometimes as often as every 2-3 years for year-round residences and every 4-5 years for seasonal residences) and keep a written record for yourself or future owner.
- Do Compost food garbage or put it in the trash.
- Do Keep a grease can handy.
- Do Mark your septic system so you can protect it from vehicles and encroaching trees and shrubs.
- Do Conserve water; install water-saving devices, such as front-loading washers and low-flow faucets and shower heads.
- Do Use non-toxic cleaning products such as baking soda to scrub toilets, or boiling water to clear drains.
- Do Contact a site evaluator if your septic system shows signs of failure; contact your local plumbing inspector if you see evidence of other malfunctioning septic systems.
- Do Plant shrubs, trees and grasses downhill from your system to act as a sponge (they will tie up excess nutrients and water as well as prevent soil erosion). Keep small trees and shrubs at least 10’ away from your leach field and large trees at least 20’ away.
- Do spread out your laundry loads to even out your water use and to avoid flushing your system.

DON’T Checklist

- Don’t use a garbage disposal—it adds 50% more solids to your system.
- Don’t pour automotive oil, cooking oil or grease down the drain.
- Don’t drive vehicles over the septic system or leach field.
- Don’t plant bushes or trees over the leach field.
- Don’t use too much water, especially during rainy, wet seasons when the ground is saturated.
- Don’t pour paint or paint thinner into your system.
- Don’t use drain cleaners and other toxic chemical products.
- Don’t use chemical or biological septic system cleaners, which can plug up the leach fields and ruin your system.
- Don’t flush feminine hygiene products, cat litter, disposable diapers or other non-biodegradable products into your system.
- Don’t flush medicines, particularly antibiotics.
- Don’t use products labeled “antibacterial.”

Regular septic tank pumping and inspection will prolong the life of your septic system. The State of Maine recommends that tanks be serviced every two to seven years, depending on use volume and pumped as necessary.

*or more information or a septic evaluation, please contact: Mike Gurtler, CEO at mike@acadiapropertyinspections.com
Sullivan Daze 2023

Antique Auto Show

Watermelon Eating Contest!!

Bounce Houses!!!

Great Entertainment

Sullivan Fireman’s Grill

Petting Zoo And Vendors

With Fireworks To End The Day

Everyone Had A Lot Of Fun !!!

Did You Know
September is:
Baby Safety Month
Disaster Preparedness Month
Greetings from RSU #24

I hope this monthly update finds each of you enjoying the less humid weather! It is hard to believe that the start of the school year is right around the corner. School for our students in grades PK-9 will start on Tuesday, August 29th. Grades 10, 11, and our seniors will return on August 30th! More information about next year either has been or will be distributed from each of our schools. For those moving into the area or those still needing to register students, please contact your local school to check the summer hours in order to complete the registration.

We still have a number of vacant positions in the district! If you are interested or you know someone who is interested in a job, please contact Chris Alvarado from Human Resources at calvarado@rsu24.org. Of note, we still have one bus route (Sullivan) that is without a driver. Our Transportation Coordinator will be doing the bus run until we can find a new hire. We also have several maintenance/custodial positions available at Ella Lewis and at the new school. Also, we do have some educational technician positions available. Our website (www.rsu24.org) has the most up-to-date listing of our open positions.

The new building project continues to move towards the finish line. We are awaiting a proposal for the domestic water system. I am hopeful that we will have this completed before the end of the school year. The Certificate of Completion is in the final draft form and will be signed as soon as possible. We will continue to work with the contractor/subcontractor on the completion of the competition fields but will definitely not get on the fields this school year with exception of possibly the softball field, which we may be able to use in the spring.

We have hired over thirty new staff members for this school year. Of note, Ms. Fenton has been hired as the principal at the Ella Lewis School, Mr. Houghton was hired as the new principal at the Peninsula School, and Shelly Schildroth was hired as the new Director of Curriculum. We welcome these individuals as well as all of our new hires for the 2023-2024 school year. Like many other school districts across the state, we have struggled greatly with finding people to fill the various open positions. For those who have decided to work in our schools and with our students, a huge thank you! The beginning of the school year is certainly an exciting time. I wish our parents, our staff, and most importantly our students the best of luck this school year. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207)422-2017 or meastman@rsu24.org.

Sincerely,
Michael Eastman, Superintendent Regional School Unit #24
2165 US Highway 1 Sullivan, Maine 04664
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*Rain Date for Hawk Henries Flute playing*
Would you like to have the Sullivan Town Crier sent directly to you? Either in the Mail or in your Inbox? Contact the Town Office to sign up for email, Or a regular mail copy to be sent directly to you.

Vet Clinics
Tractor Supply Ellsworth Maine
Saturday, September 23rd 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Saturday, October 21st 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Saturday, November 18th 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Burning permits can be acquired online for free at: www.wardensreport.com
www.maineburnpermit.com

Online Vehicle Registration Renewal
Rapid Renewal is now available for Sullivan residents! Simply go to:
www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/