

The Fitzwilliam

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WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sundays AA Meeting Fitzwilliam Community Church – 7 pm

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sun. 2 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Mon. 3 Library Trustees – 5:30 pm
Economic Committee – Town Hall – 7 pm
Historical Society – Blake House – 5:30 pm

Tue. 4 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm
Monadnock District – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop

Wed. 5 Yoga Together – Library – 6 pm

Thu. 6 Gap Mt. Lions Club – Village Pond Community Ctr. Troy – 6:30 pm

Sat. 8 Richmond Methodist Church Holiday Fair 9am – 2 pm (see article)

Sun. 9 Troy Sr. Citizens Breakfast – Sam Paul Memorial Ctr. Troy – 8 – 10 am

Mon. 10 Book Group – Library – A Walk in the Park – Library – 7 pm
Water District – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 11 VETERANS DAY
No School – Monadnock District
Board of Adjustment – Town Hall – 7 pm
Community Lunch – Fitzwilliam Community Church – Noon – 1:30

Wed. 12 From the Andes to the Stars – Library – 7 pm
Fitzwilliam Fire Dept. – Fire Station – 6:30 pm
VFW – VFW Post Home Winchester – 7 pm

Thu. 13 Recreation Commission – Library – 7 pm
Historic District Commission – Town Hall – 4 pm

Fri. 14 Agricultural Commission – Town Hall - 10 am

Sat. 15 Playdough Party – Library – 10 am

Mon. 17 Novel-Tea Book Group – Library – 6:30 pm
Conservation Commission – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 18 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 19 Play with Me – Library – 6 pm
Associated Sportsman Club – 7 pm

Sat. 22 Fitzwilliam Community Church Christmas Fair & Bake Sale – 9 am – 1 pm (see article)

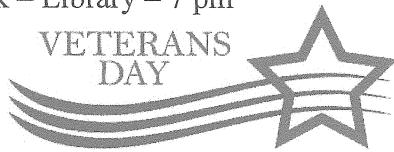
Sun. 23 Farmers Market Holiday Fair – Town Hall – 11am – 3 pm

Mon. 24 Tweens & Teens – Cornbread & Butter – Library – 6:30 pm
American Legion Post 38 – Library – 6:30 pm

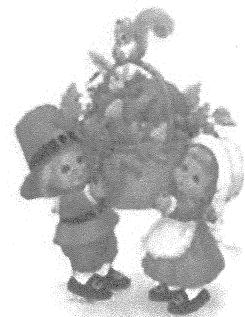
Wed. 26 Monadnock School District - NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break
Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday – Reopening Monday Dec 1
FREMS – Depot – 7 pm

Thu. 27 THANKSGIVING

Sun. 30 Christmas Event on the Common – 5 pm



Happy 47th Birthday
to us.



Upcoming December Events

Mon 1 MRHS District Back to School from Thanksgiving break
 Mon 22 – Monadnock District Holiday Break - Back to School – Mon. Jan 5
 FDNA - Food Assembly - Friday, December 19
 FDNA - Food Distribution - Saturday, December 20

FITZWILLIAM FARMERS' HOLIDAY MARKET

Our annual Holiday Market will be on Sunday November 23 from 11-3 pm in the Town Hall. We will have food vendors, craft vendors, farm vendors, etc. ready to help you with your holiday shopping.

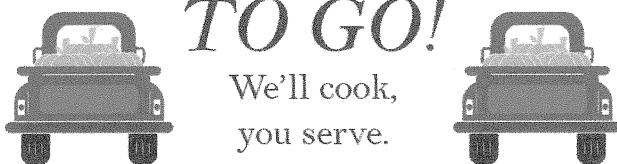
If you have an interest in being a vendor or volunteer for the 2026 season, contact Barbara Young at youngbarb2013@gmail.com

So many of you have shown your support of the Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market and the special events that we incorporate into it. Thank You!

Look for us on Facebook-Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market and on the Fitzhcommunity.org website. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING TO GO!

We'll cook,
you serve.



Pick up times between 1:45 - 2:45 on 11/27.

Menu includes:

Bread, Soup, Fritter,
 Bread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
 Garden Peas, Butternut Squash, Cranberry Sauce,
 Roast Turkey & Gravy,
 Baked Ham & Raisin Sauce,
 Dessert

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FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR & BAKE SALE

Saturday Nov. 22, 2025 from 9 AM to 1 PM

Thanksgiving is near... and Christmas is around the corner! Come shop at our annual Christmas Fair and Bake Sale! This year, as in past years, there will be a wide assortment of beautiful and unique Christmas and holiday crafts, beautifully handmade wreaths, and many, many, items specially created by our church crafters. Stop by and pick up some gift items, and of course, browse our famous baked goods selections. Pick up a delectable dessert for your Thanksgiving Dinner or breakfast goodies for visiting guests. There's something for everyone and for every budget. Start your holiday season with us!

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The Town of Fitzwilliam NH has a part-time position available for a Deputy Tax Collector, approximately 6 hours a week. Requirements include: good bookkeeping skills, use of computer software and general computer knowledge, good public relations, attention to detail and highly organized. Municipality experience would be a plus. Send resume to: Marion Wheeler, Tax Collector, PO Box 504, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447. The Town of Fitzwilliam is an equal opportunity employer.

SNOW OBSTRUCTION ON ROADS

Any person who shall put or place, or cause to be put or placed, any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any road or town-maintained portion of any road for any purpose, except as provided under RSA 236:20, shall be guilty of a violation.

The provisions of this section shall not apply where snow or ice is pushed across the traveled surface of said roadway for the purpose of snow removal from land adjoining said road, as long as said snow or ice is completely removed from the roadway.

TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM PUBLIC NOTICE – WARNING

To all car owners and motor vehicle operators in the Town of Fitzwilliam: Effective November 1, 2025 to April 15, 2026, in accordance with Chapter 41-11 RSA State of New Hampshire, notice is hereby given that all motor vehicles parked on the streets or public ways in the Town of Fitzwilliam between the hours of 12:01 AM and 6:30 AM or that interfere with snow removal operations at any time will be towed away at the owner's risk and expense.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

File for Candidate for Town Elections – Wednesday – January 21, 2025

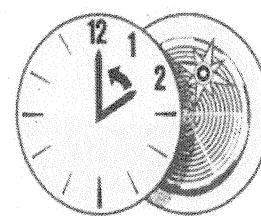
Last Day to File for Candidacy – Friday - January 30, 2025

Last Day to submit a petition warrant article – Tuesday – February 3, 2025

Town Budget Public Hearing – Thursday – February 6, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Last Day to File for Property Tax Abatement – Sunday – March 1, 2025

Town Meeting – Tuesday – March 10, 2025

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FDNA - HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

The Fitzwilliam District Nursing Assoc., Inc. once again is planning for The Annual Holiday Remembrance Program. We provide, FREE, a very generous holiday meal and substantial food staples to households in Fitzwilliam, particularly those with food insecurities. Fortunately, in Fitzwilliam we have a program to help with grocery costs and it only takes a PHONE CALL or EMAIL.

We encourage residents of Fitzwilliam to call and sign up for this holiday gift - a beautiful holiday meal along with a generous supply of food staples. We have food to share. We also like to encourage ALL townsfolk to keep in mind friends, relatives and neighbors who might benefit from this program (and may not call for themselves). Please let us know whom we can serve. There are NO qualifiers for participation. If you need a dinner, we deliver! Some folks will be signing up for the first time and others may have received this gift before - please know ALL are welcome. When calling to leave a name we'll need a bit of info: 1) the size of the family so we can plan on the volume of food to be delivered; 2) the address to deliver to; 3) a contact phone number or email address. We'll also deliver a book for all children in each family, 12 and under!

And there's more to our Holiday Program. We also remember those who have lost a loved one in the past year by delivering a poinsettia. We do the same for those who have suffered illness or need cheer. Please CALL US or email if you know of *anyone* we should remember or honor this year.

And, our dinners come with cookies - lots of them, from best friends around our town. CALL: Laurie, 585-9410; Nan, 585-9795; Kitty, 585-9417; Jen, 313-7087; Carol Ann, 585-9502; Cathie, 585-9749; Barbara, 585-6842; Nancy 575-202-1667. Email is lpwlafond@gmail.com please make sure you get confirmation within a few days.

We're here to help with nutrition needs and share our *gathered food goods*. We're here to share book gifts from library friends and we're here to honor the memory of our loved ones. We're here to make life taste sweet. Anticipated delivery is December 20.

We would also like to share with our community what we accomplished so far with food shares in 2025. ***We delivered at least 170 bags of fresh vegetables throughout the summer and fall **thanks to our partnership with Dog Days Farm.** ***We held 4 Mobile Food Pantries at the **Fitzwilliam Inn** and packed another estimated 170 or so bags of food shares **thanks to The Community Kitchen in Keene**. This program brought hundreds of food shares to folks throughout the entire Monadnock region.

FDNA serving Fitzwilliam for 105 years! Health and Happiness to All! ...and CALL US.

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In a large stainless steel or enameled pot, combine all ingredients. Slowly bring just to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Strain the mixture through a fine sieve into a heat-proof pitcher or serving bowl and serve warm. Note: You can also use a spice bag and remove it when done simmering.



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For Kids

Preschool (Ages 3-5) Storytime at 10:30: Come read, craft, learn and have fun with Ms. Veronika weekly. Please register in advance.

Storytime for Big Kids (K-2) Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30: Get your passport ready to explore with Ms. Boo. Please register in advance.

Thursday Afternoons at the Library at 3:30:

Take the bus! Register ahead of time.

Nov. 6 – “Dia de los Muertos” by the Mariposa Museum

Nov. 13 – Wooden Turkey placecards

Nov. 20 – Edible teepees & games

Read to Milo! 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month at 10am Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to a dog! No registration required.

For Tweens & Teens

Mon, Nov. 24, 6:30pm - Cornbread & homemade butter. Kids in grades 5-9. Please register in advance.

For Adults

Mon, Nov. 10, 7pm: Book Group - A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko Copies are available.

Mon, Nov. 17, 6:30pm: Novel-Tea Book Group – Brooklyn by Colm Tobin Copies are available.

Wed, Nov. 12, 7pm: From the Andes to the Stars with Susan Rolke – An opportunity to hear an Astronomy in Chile Educator Ambassador discuss a recent trip where she engaged in hands-on training in the latest astronomical research and technology.

“Stitch and Bitch” at 6pm: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Coffee hour every Sat at 10:30

Home Delivery: Homebound (long or short term) and can't get to the Library? We can deliver. Contact for info.

The Library will be closed Veteran's Day, Tues, Nov 11 & Thanksgiving, Thurs, Nov. 27

Programs sponsored in partnership with the Monadnock United Way for Kids ages 2-6 & Their Caregivers

Yoga Together: Wed, Nov. 5, 6pm

Learn simple Yoga poses & all of the benefits. Each family will receive a water bottle and Yoga board book. Wear comfy clothes.

Playdough Party: Sat, Nov. 15, 10am Cook up some fun with playdough & make a pretend feast! Parents can gain helpful knowledge from Dr. Nancy Fey-Yensan, Registered Dietitian, Nutritionist, and professor at Franklin Pierce University. Kids will all go home with playdough.

Play With Me Workshop: Wed, Nov. 19, 6pm Come for a playdate with some of our new toys at the Library.

Imaginative play is a foundation for reading. Learn the benefits of reading and all your library has to offer- besides books!

Selected Kids' Books

Our Solar System! A Stellar Neighborhood/ McNulty
A Snow Day for Amos McGee/ Stead
Seven Ways through the Woods/ Reese
Guiness World Records 2026
Old Blue is My Home/ Judge
Pocket Bear/ Applegate
Dream/ O'Conner

Selected New Fiction

Twice/ Albom
The True Story of Raja the Gullible (and his mother)/ Alameddine
Heart the Lover/ King
End Game/ Archer
Thief of Night/ Black
Red City/ Lu
The Wayfinder/ Johnson
In the Time of Pumpkins/ McCall

Selected Non-Fiction

The Wounded Generation: Coming Home After WWII/ Nasaw
Awake/Hatmaker
We the People/ Lepore
The Arrogant Ape/ Webb
Poems and Prayers: lyrics for livin' McConaughey
Book of Lives/ Atwood
plus more....

FITZWILLIAM GARDEN CLUB

The Fitzwilliam Garden Club ended its 2025 season with a luncheon at Toah Nipi in Rindge on October 9. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and had a chance to meet informally and just visit. Dian Mathews, District III Director for the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs installed new officers for 2026.

Bianca Jacobsen will continue as Club President, Marilyn Griska and Terri Robbins will be co-Vice Presidents, Amy Roy will be 2nd Vice President and Mary Gallagher will be new Treasurer with Anna Goettle as Assistant Treasurer. Wendy Martel will be Secretary, and Valerie Gill will be Corresponding Secretary.

Club President Bianca Jacobsen attended the Historic Fitzwilliam Faire on October 11 where she was happy to meet people and discuss what we are all about.

We always welcome the opportunity to meet with local residents to discuss our love of gardening, helping to save the environment and wildlife and keeping our community as beautiful and thriving as it is.

We always welcome new members, so consider joining to learn and be more active in the community. If you are interested, email us at fitzwilliamgardenclub@gmail.com. Make sure you check out our Facebook page as well. Lots of gardening information and posts about our events. Come join us!

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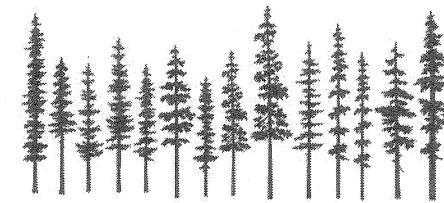
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TOWN CLERK NEWS

As the year comes to a close, we are busy in the Clerk's office getting things done. If you have a registration expiring in 2025 or in January or February of 2026 you are able to renew now (no extra charge). While the weather is cooperating come in and get it done!

We did process Civil Forfeitures. Thank you to those who have licensed their pet and to those who called saying they already have! We are getting the computer set right and hopefully we won't have these same issues next year. If you have not licensed your pet to date please do so or you will be issued a Court appearance. We do not want to do that and hopefully have all the dogs in Town licensed. We will begin licensing for 2026 on January 1, 206.

The Town Clerk's office (and the Town Hall) will be CLOSED Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and Wednesday and Thursday, November 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, December 1.

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LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Did you know that we had Chocolate Moose in Laurel Lake? It's true, and it was spotted on Sept. 25, 2025 near the NW side of Laurel Lake. A guest at the Link's cabin was resting on their dock after kayaking and taking a morning swim. She noticed something quite large and brown "floating" in the lake.

Quickly fetching binoculars, she realized that what was "floating" was actually a moose - and a chocolate colored one at that! She followed its progress with her binoculars as it swam the length of the lake towards the Swim Club. It emerged from the water near East Lake Road between the properties of the Perry-Price family and Bill Townsend's cabin.

It was a huge, brown bull with four antlers! She watched it pause, and give itself a big shake. Then, it calmly walked into the woods.

What a special experience for this guest to see - a real, chocolate moose swimming across Laurel Lake! Sweet!

A reminder- If you are interested in purchasing Laurel Lake merchandise for Christmas gifts, you must order online no later than Nov. 22 at: <https://laurellake.itemorder.com>

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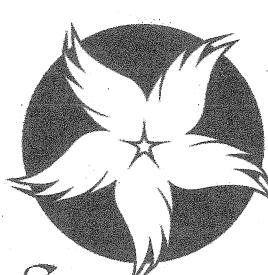
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PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE PIE

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
 2 tablespoons plus 1 cup milk, divided
 2 tablespoons sugar
 1 container (8 ounces) whipped dessert topping
 such as Cool Whip
 2 graham cracker piecrusts (6 ounces each)
 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin purée
 2 packages (3.4 ounces each) vanilla instant
 pudding mix
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, 2
 tablespoons of milk, and sugar until creamy.
 Whisk in whipped dessert topping. Divide cream
 cheese mixture between two piecrusts.

In a separate bowl, combine pumpkin, 1 cup of
 milk, pudding mix, cinnamon, ginger, and
 cloves. Spread half of pumpkin mixture onto
 each piecrust. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours,
 or freeze.

METHODIST CHURCH HOLIDAY FAIR

The Richmond Community United Methodist Church
 will hold a Holiday Fair on Saturday November 8 from 9
 am to 2 pm.

This unique fair will feature local artisans offering a
 variety of quality hand-crafted gifts and confections.

Luncheon will be served from 11 to 1. The Fair will be
 held at the Richmond Veterans Hall at 150 Veterans
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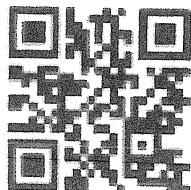


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FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Tuesday November 11, noon – 1:30 PM

Come enjoy some delicious food and good conversation with your neighbors. Our drop-in luncheon on Tuesday, November 11th at noon is just the place to warm up with a bowl of soup and good company. We offer several different kinds of hearty homemade soups, with breads, desserts, and beverages. We invite everyone in the community to join us. The event is free; we gratefully accept donations. If you cannot get out, a meal can be delivered to you. If you do not have a ride, someone can pick you up. Call the church at 603-585-3352 and leave a message for a delivery or ride. Join us!



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In the past several months, we've had a significant increase in the number of registered families. With prices at an all-time high for bare necessities, more people are needing some assistance. With the added backing of Monadnock United Way, NH Food Bank and US Department of Agriculture, we've been able to meet most of the needs, but we expect to fall a bit short during the upcoming holidays and school vacations and could use some help.

We do have a short wish list if you would like to donate. Small denomination Market Basket gift cards, butternut squash, desserts, butter and eggs are still needed. Our Thanksgiving distribution days are November 21st, 22nd and 24th. If you could bring any donations to us by Friday the 14th, that would be wonderful! Our regular pantry hours are Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am - 12pm if you need food assistance. Or you can leave a message at 603-242-3007.

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Sept. 13

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Sept. 19

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Sept. 13

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