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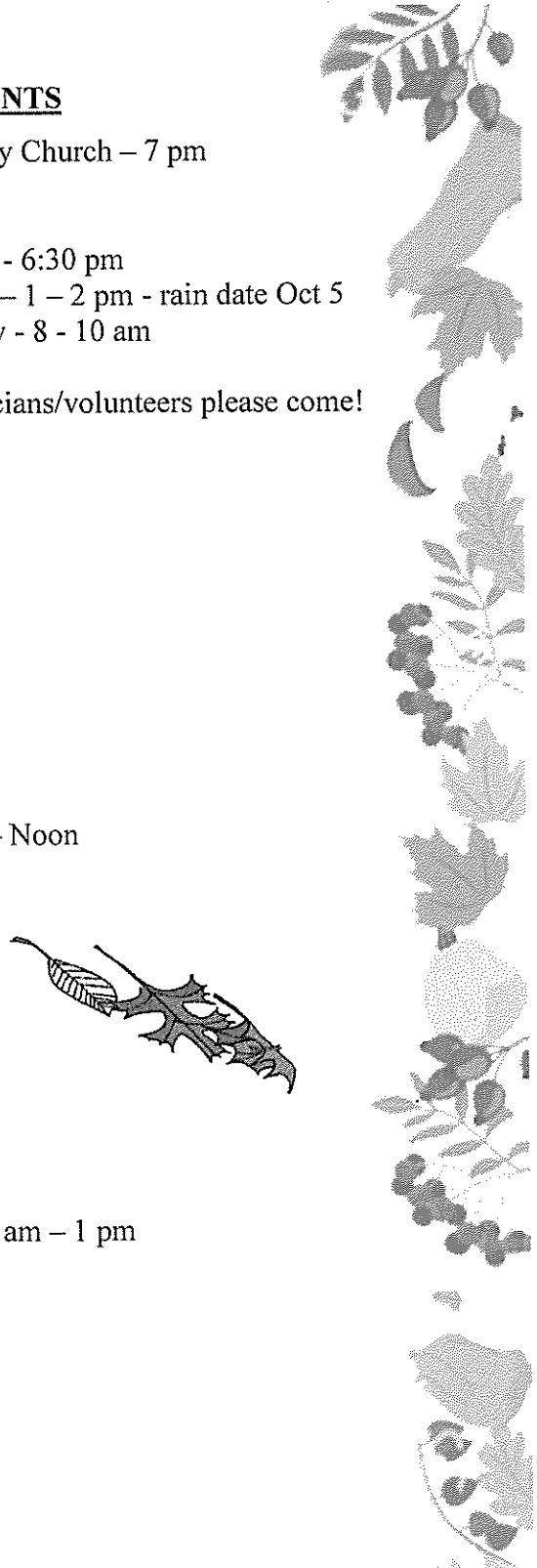
OCTOBER 2025

WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sundays AA Meeting Fitzwilliam Community Church – 7 pm

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wed. 1 VFW Auxiliary – VFW Post Home Winchester – 6:30 pm
Thu. 2 Gap Mt. Lions Club – Village Pond Community Ctr. Troy - 6:30 pm
Sat. 4 Blessing of the Animals – Fitzwilliam Community Church – 1 – 2 pm - rain date Oct 5
Troy Sr. Citizens Breakfast – Sam Paul Memorial Ctr. Troy - 8 - 10 am
Farmers Market – On the Common – 9 am – 1pm
Mon. 6 Town Faire Meeting – Blake House – 5:30 - vendors/musicians/volunteers please come!
Library Trustees - 5:30 pm
UFO'S WITH Ronny LeBlanc – Library – 7 pm
Tue. 7 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm
Wed. 8 Fitzwilliam Fire Dept – Fire Station – 6:30 pm
VFW – VFW Post Home Winchester – 7 pm
Thu. 9 Recreation Commission – Library – 7 pm
Historic District Commission – Town Hall – 4 pm
Fri. 10 Agricultural Commission – Town Hall – 10 am
Sat. 11 Mini Art Show – Library – 10 am
Mon. 13 COLUMBUS DAY
Book Group – Library – 7 pm
Tue. 14 Community Luncheon – Fitzwilliam Community Church – Noon
Board of Adjustment – Town Hall – 7 pm
Wed. 15 PJ Story Time – Library – 6 pm
Associated Sportsman Club – 7 pm
Sat. 18 Mobile Food Pantry – Fitzwilliam Inn - 1 - 3 pm
Costume Swap – Library – 10:30 am
Mon. 20 Novel-Tea – Library – 6:30 pm
Conservation Commission – Town Hall – 7 pm
Tue. 21 Planning Board - Town Hall – 7 pm
Wed. 22 Evening Toddler Tunes – Library – 6 pm
Thu. 23 Water Commission – Library – 6 pm
Sat. 25 Fall Rummage Sale – Fitzwilliam Community Church - 9 am – 1 pm
Watercolor Workshop – Library – 10 am
Mon. 27 Friends of the Library – 6:45 pm
American Legion – Post 38 – Library – 6:30 pm
Wed. 29 Tweens & Teens – Library – 6 pm
FREMS – Depot – 7 pm
Fri. 31 HALLOWEEN



Upcoming November Events

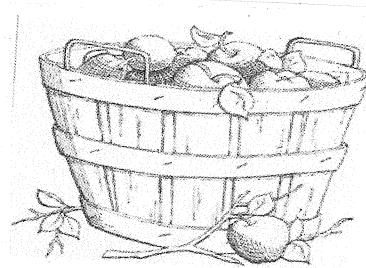
Tue. 11 - VETERANS DAY

Sat - 23 - Farmers Market Holiday Fair - Town Hall - 11am - 3 pm

26-28 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

Thu. 27 - THANKSGIVING

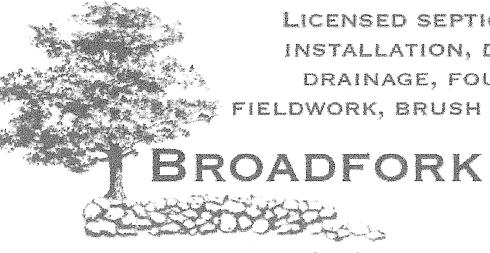
Sun. 30 - Christmas Event on the Common

HALLOWEEN ON THE COMMON

To celebrate this holiday on the Common this year, we are inviting families to carve one small to medium size pumpkin per household to place on the granite posts and around the fountain. We will light those pumpkins with candles on Halloween night.

Carved pumpkins may be placed on the Common beginning October 25. All pumpkins need to be removed from the Common by November 1.

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1 teaspoon vanilla
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2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Walnut halves, or extra chopped walnuts

Cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg and vanilla. Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, and salt, and add to creamed mixture alternately with maple syrup. Blend well and fold in nuts.

Scoop up about 2 tablespoons of dough with a spoon and drop it on an ungreased cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Top each cookie with a walnut half, or extra chopped walnuts. Bake 8-10 minutes at 400°F.

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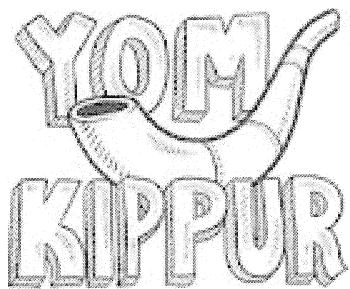
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FITZWILLIAM FARMERS' MARKET

Join us on Saturday October 4 for our last market of the season! The prolonged drought has meant more work watering, however it has been great for beautiful Saturday mornings for the market.

October 4th is our famous Chili contest. To enter, please contact Marion Wheeler at mmsr@myfairpoint.net. Join our judging panel for \$5 to have a chance to try them all.

So many of you have stopped by the pink tent in support of Skylar Day this season as they wait for a heart transplant. We thank you, the family thanks you. If you want to contribute, you can reach out to Barbara Young at youngbarb2013@gmail.com.

The musicians for October 4 will be Gary Girouard.

On October 11 from 9-3pm the Historical Society Faire will take place on the common. Several of our vendors will be there.

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

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 Fitzhncommunity.org website. Thank you!

NH Growers Dinner

Sunday, November 2

5:00 Hors'douevres

5:30 Roast Pork Dinner

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BUDGET SEASON

It's hard to believe that we will soon be starting the 2026 budget process. Here is the CIP Committee schedule. The meetings will be held at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall, 13 Templeton Turnpike, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447. The meetings are as follows:

6:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening	September 25, 2025
6:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening	October 2, 2025
6:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening	October 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening	October 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.	Thursday Evening	October 23, 2025

TEMPLETON TURNPIKE BRIDGE

The engineering has been completed for the new culvert for the repairs on Templeton Turnpike. We are expecting delivery of this in October and plan to move forward with the repairs as soon as we receive delivery.

APPLE SQUARES

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 cup chopped apple
 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
 2 tablespoons white sugar
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x9 inch pan. Sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon; set aside. In a large bowl, mix together melted butter, brown sugar, and 1/2 cup of white sugar with a wooden spoon until smooth. Stir in the egg and vanilla. Blend in the flour mixture until just combined, then stir in the apples and walnuts. Spread the mixture evenly into the prepared pan. In a cup or small bowl, stir together the remaining cinnamon and sugar; sprinkle over the top of the bars.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in preheated oven; finished bars should spring back when lightly touched. Cool in the pan and cut into squares.

GERMAN APPLE SHEET CAKE

1 tablespoon butter
 14 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
 1 cup white sugar
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 4 teaspoons baking powder
 lemon, zested and juiced
 1 pinch salt
 3 eggs, beaten
 3 1/4 pounds apples - peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
 2 tablespoons raisins (optional)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a large, rimmed baking sheet with 1 tablespoon butter. Combine 14 tablespoons butter and sugar in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.

Mix flour, baking powder, lemon zest, and salt in a bowl. Alternate adding flour mixture and eggs to the creamed butter mixture. Spread batter onto the prepared baking sheet; dough is very sticky, so use a spatula to spread it onto the tray. Distribute sliced apples evenly on top and drizzle with lemon juice. Sprinkle with raisins.

Bake in the preheated oven until set and lightly browned, about 30 minutes.



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FITZWILLIAM GARDEN CLUB

The activities of the Fitzwilliam Garden Club for 2025 are coming to a close in October.

We are still maintaining the planters on the common, and we will be refreshing the garden at the triangle on Route 12. The planters on the common will be updated with a fall display, and then they will be dismantled for the winter months. We will replace them in the spring.

On October 9, we will have a luncheon at Toah Nipi in Rindge where new officers for 2026 will be installed.

We use the winter to plan programs, examine what we did for 2025 and discuss ideas and options for improving and supplementing them in order to plan for next year.

It has been a productive year. We have learned a lot from the speakers we enjoyed, we have met and welcomed members of the community at our plant and bake sales, and we have awarded scholarships to two local students.

We always welcome new members. Check out our Facebook page to see what we are all about or email us at fitzwilliamgardenclub@gmail.com for more information. Gardening can be fun and there is always a lot to learn!

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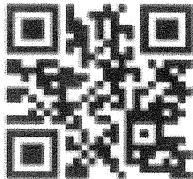
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OCTOBER EVENTS AT FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 4, Saturday, 1:00-2:00 – Blessing of The Animals. Join us for this traditional observance of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. We ask that all animals be leashed (dogs) or in carriers (cats and other pets). Pet owners must be responsible for their own pets and should intervene if their pet becomes disruptive. Volunteers who love animals would be very welcome. Please contact Pastor Susan if you would like to help. Rain date: Oct. 5.

October 14, Tuesday, noon – Community Lunch. Always free, donations welcome. Bring your neighbors for a nourishing meal of homemade soups and sides, and good fellowship.

October 25, Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm – Fall Rummage Sale. All kinds of clothes for sale. Church will be open for drop-off of clothes that week, Monday Oct. 20 through Friday Oct. 24. Please, only clean and gently-used clothing items. Especially, no furniture or electronics.



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October Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market

Join us on Saturday October 4th for our Last market of the season!

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It is our Chili Contest

Our Musician is Gary Girouard

Thank you for an amazing season and we look forward to seeing you at our holiday fair in November!

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For Kids

Fall PreK Storytime (ages 3-5) - Wednesdays at 10:30: Come read, craft, learn & have fun with Ms. Veronika. Please register in advance.

“Big Kid” Storytime - Tuesdays at 3:30pm: Kids in grades K-2 can travel the world through stories and activities with Ms. Boo. Please register for this program.

Thursday Afternoons at the Library (grades 1-6) at 3:30pm: Register for crafts, games and activities with friends! Take the bus from school.

Stories & Tunes with Ms. Boo: Sat, Oct. 4 & 18 at 9:30am followed by Read to Milo at 10am

Wed, Oct. 29 at 6:30pm - Tweens & Teens in grades 5-9: Register to make spooky ghost candle holders from polymer clay.

Sat, Oct. 18 at 10am – Halloween Costume Swap: Bring your costumes starting Thurs, Oct. 9. Bring one to drop off, swap or just shop!

Programs sponsored in partnership with the Monadnock United Way

Wed, Oct. 15 at 6pm – PJ Storytime!: Kids ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Wear your favorite pjs and get cozy with a new blanket and stuffy (provided) while listening to stories read by Ms. Veronika. Learn some helpful tips for bedtime routines, relaxation exercises and more great information from Dr. Gerry Rubin, pediatrician at the Cheshire Medical Center.

Wed, Sept. 29 at 6pm -Toddler Tunes with Ms. Boo! Kids ages 2-6 and their caregivers Sing and dance along to Toddler Tunes. Children can strum along with their very own guitar. Music and movement is important for developing fine and gross motor skills, encourages social interaction, emotional expression and has many more benefits.

Fitzwilliam Town Library Usage Survey 2025: We are evaluating how patrons use the library so we can provide resources and services that are most valuable to the community. This short survey is confidential and will take fewer than 5 minutes to fill out. Please complete the survey online or in person by October 15th (paper copies available at the Library). <https://forms.gle/JzVZb4mUAtuS1VZA7>

Selected Kids' Fiction

A Fall Day for Bear/ Becker
If I Built a Town/ Van Dusen
Interrupting Chicken Saves the Nutcracker/ Stein
Seven Ways Through the Woods/ Reese
Wolf Club/ Bird
Lost Evangeline/DiCamillo

Selected New Fiction

Thief of Night/Black
What We Can Know/ McEwan
The Summer War/Novik
Circle of Days/ Follett
Hot Wax/ Rio
The Belles/ Dunham
Boy From the North Country/ Sussman

Selected Non-Fiction

Dark Renaissance/ Greenblatt
The Women’s Orchestra of Auschwitz/ Sebba
All the Way to the River/Gilbert
We the People/ Lepore
Replaceable You/ Roach
The Cook’s Garden/ West

For Adults

Mon, Oct. 13, 7pm - Book Group: Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange.

Mon, Sept. 15, 6:30pm - London’s Number one Dog-Walking Agency by Kate Macdougall.

Wed, Oct. 1, 6pm - Diamond Painting: Fall Coasters
Register to make a fall-themed coaster.

Mon, Oct. 6, 7pm, - New England UFOs with Ronny LeBlanc: Join Discovery Channel’s Ronny LeBlanc from Expedition Bigfoot and Paranormal Caught on Tape as he dives into the world of UFOs and local sightings.

Sat, Oct. 25, 10am - Fall Watercolor Workshop with Keara: Register to paint a fall-themed piece.

Sat, Oct 11 - Mini Art Show: Pick up a canvas at the Library, create. Return by Oct. 9 for display in our show. Open to kids & adults

Stitch & B - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6pm.
Coffee Hour - Each Saturday at 10:30am.

Home Delivery - Homebound? We can help & deliver.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE FDNA!

Please join us one more time this year for **FREE FOOD SHARES** as FDNA members continue to bring a mobile food pantry to Fitzwilliam. Join us on Saturday, October 18, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for distribution of food products including meat, eggs, bread, lots of fresh vegetables and many nonperishable products. We'll have lots and lots to give. The Fitzwilliam Inn is our distribution site. Anyone in the Monadnock Region can attend.

We think this is a great program supported by The Community Kitchen and Monadnock Healthy Alliance. If you have come before - please come again! Take some stress off of your grocery bill. If this is your first time attending we would like to assure you - it's easy peasy to participate. It's going to be great! Please remember to bring ID.

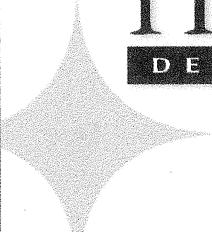
The little bit of sad news - this will be the last Fitzwilliam Mobile Food Pantry in 2025. However, for folks in Fitzwilliam, the Fitzwilliam District Nursing Association will continue with the December Holiday programs including food, plants, books, knits, and whatever else we can think of! The November and December Newsletters will have all the necessary information for sign up. Until then... FDNA supporting our neighbors for 105 years! Good health and happiness to all.



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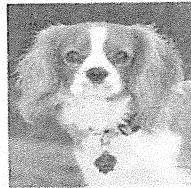
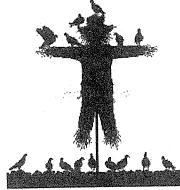
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TOWN CLERK NEWS

The year is winding down. If you need to register your vehicle(s) by the end of the year you can come in any time to do that (no extra charge). This will help you escape the "bad weather" days.

Civil Forfeitures were assigned late September. Thank you all for licensing your dog(s). There was significantly fewer CF this year than last. Remember, dog licensing applies annually. Each year you MUST license your dog by April 30th.

Happy Halloween!

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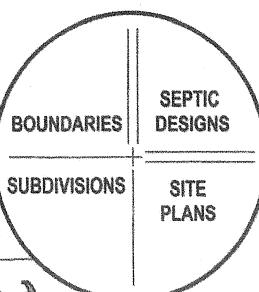
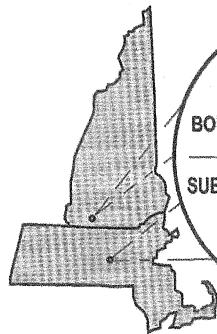
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REMINDER! Our Historic Fitzwilliam Faire is happening on **SATURDAY OCTOBER 11!** Please join us for a fun-filled day honoring Fitzwilliam's unique history! We'll have food trucks, vendors, historic games, presentations, antique cars, and a lot more!

We're also looking for any **LAST MINUTE VOLUNTEERS** who would like to help us pull off this fantastic day!

To register as a volunteer: please email us at fitzhist@gmail.com or call (603) 585 1000

To register your antique car: please contact Bill Davis at (603) 831-0526

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered and to the vendors who will be onsite to celebrate with us! Come on out to the town common on **OCTOBER 11!** We can't wait to see you!

To get more information about other upcoming events, and see our exhibits at the Blake House Museum every first and third Saturday alongside the Farmer's Market. Can't wait to welcome you!

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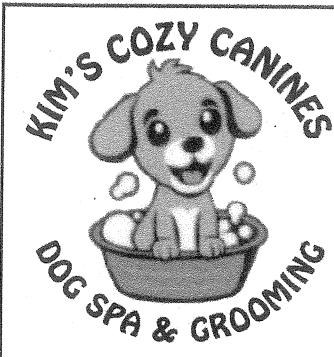
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LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWS

The final meeting of the Laurel Lake Association's Board of Directors for 2025 was held on September 26. The Board reviewed its sponsored events as well as the health of the Lake. Our Lake Host program, which checks boats for invasive species, and the AIS committee's monthly reports were also clear.

Association members take these inspections seriously as the primary way to avoid introduction of foreign species that would threaten our pristine lake. We also hope that members of the community, who are not lake dwellers, will be vigilant by protecting the lake by keeping soaps and animals from contaminating the water.

Kat Kelleher from NH LAKES, who spoke at our annual meeting, has visited at least nine homes on Laurel Lake to evaluate runoff from individual homes and to provide guidance on how to prevent further runoff. Her evaluation of each home included written suggestions and her visits are free to anyone who wishes to learn more about how their property can be improved. If interested in a visit, contact nhlakes.org.

You may find that family members and guests are interested in having a Laurel Lake tee shirt or hat as a souvenir. Joe Pelkey is in charge of providing these items and many more. It's not too early to think about holiday gifties! You may contact him at inelk20@yahoo.com.

SLICED HAM WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES

6 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
5 medium carrots, sliced
1 medium turnip, peeled and cubed
1 large onion, cut into thin wedges
Cooking spray
6 slices (4 to 6 ounces each) fully cooked ham, halved
1/4 cup thawed orange juice concentrate
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
Coarsely ground pepper

Grease two 15x10x1-in. baking pans with cooking spray. Add potatoes, carrots, turnip and onion; generously coat with cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 425° until tender, 25-30 minutes.

Arrange ham slices over the vegetables. In a bowl, combine concentrate, brown sugar, horseradish and orange zest. Spoon over ham and vegetables. Bake until the ham is heated through, about 10 minutes longer. Sprinkle with pepper.

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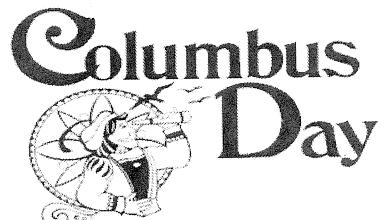
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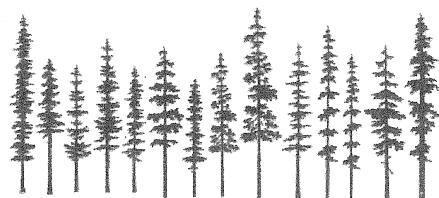
1 tablespoon freshly grated ginger
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1 bay leaf
 3 cups cranberries, washed and picked over
 2 pears, peeled, cored, and diced

In a saucepan, heat oil and saute onions until soft. Add brown sugar, vinegar, spices, and bay leaf. Simmer until syrupy, about 20 minutes. Add cranberries and pears and simmer another 15 minutes. Remove bay leaf and serve at room temperature.



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