

The Fitzwilliam Newsletter

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AUGUST 2025

WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sundays AA Meeting Fitzwilliam Community Church – 7 pm

AUGUST EVENTS

Sat. 2 Toddler Tunes with Ms. Boo – Library – 9:30 am
Troy Sr. Citizens Breakfast – Sam Paul Memorial Ctr. Troy – 8 – 10 am
Farmers Market – on the Common – 9 am – 1 pm

Mon. 4 Economic Development Committee – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 5 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 6 VFW Auxiliary – VFW Post Home – Winchester – 6:30 pm

Thu. 7 CONCERT ON THE COMMON – Tattoo with Walden Witham - 7 pm (see article)
Gap Mt. Lions Club – Village Pond Community Ctr. Troy – 6:30 pm

Fri. 8 Agriculture Committee – Town Hall – 10 am

Mon. 11 Book Group – We Burn Daylight – Library – 7 pm
Water District – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 12 Board of Adjustment – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 13 Fitzwilliam Fire Dept – Fire Station – 6:30 pm
VFW – VFW Post Home Winchester – 7 pm

Thu. 14 CONCERT ON THE COMMON – King /saison – 7 pm (see article)
Rec Commission – Library – 7 pm
Historic District Commission – Town Hall – 4 pm

Fri. 15 Old Fashioned Bean Supper – Fitzwilliam Community Church – 5 – 7 pm

Sat. 16 FDNA – Community Kitchen Mobile Food Pantry & Free Produce – Fitzwilliam Inn – 1 – 3 pm
Toddler Tunes with Ms. Boo & Read to Milo – Library – 9:30 am
Farmers Market – on the Common – 9 am – 1 pm

Mon. 18 Conservation Commission – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 19 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm

Thu. 21 CONCERT ON THE COMMON – Gaslight Tinkers – 7 pm (see article)

Sat. 23 Fitzwilliam Garden Club – Fall Plant Sale – 9 am – Noon
Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale – 9 am – 2 pm

Mon. 25 End of Summer Movie party – Grades 1-6 – Library – 6pm
American Legion Post 38 – Library – 6:30

Wed. 27 MONADNOCK SCHOOL DISTRICT – Students back to school
Fitzwilliam Fire Dept. – Fire Station – 7 pm
FREMS – Depot – 7 pm

Thu. 28 Water District – Town Hall – 6 pm

Upcoming September Events

Mon. 1 – LABOR DAY – TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Sat. 19 – Mobile Food Pantry & Free Produce – Fitzwilliam Inn – 1 pm

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON
AUGUST EVENTS

Thursday 7 – Tattoo with Walden Witham – An acoustic five-piece band performing American roots, rock & roll, soul, swing, Cajun and originals

Thursday 14 – King Saison, A charcuterie board of musical talents (vocalists and multi-instruments) performing electric jam, country funk and fiery energy rock & roll.

Thursday 21 – Gaslight Tinkers – A blend of global, danceable music of Afrobeat, Caribbean funk and Latin tunes meets up with Northern fiddle music.

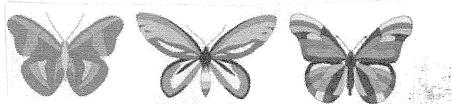
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Come join us for some summer hospitality at Fitzwilliam Community Church! We will be hosting an old-fashioned Bean Supper on Friday, August 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the church. The menu will include hot dogs and baked beans, with sides, desserts, and beverages.

Bring your family and friends for good community and food!

FAMILY FUN DAY**Saturday - Aug 9, 2025****CORN HOLE****TOURNAMENT****Registration 10 AM ~ Start 11 AM****3 Competition classes****Pro – Backyard – First Responders****\$30 per team**

**To preregister: Contact Brandy at
603 585 6565 or pd@Fitzpolice.us**

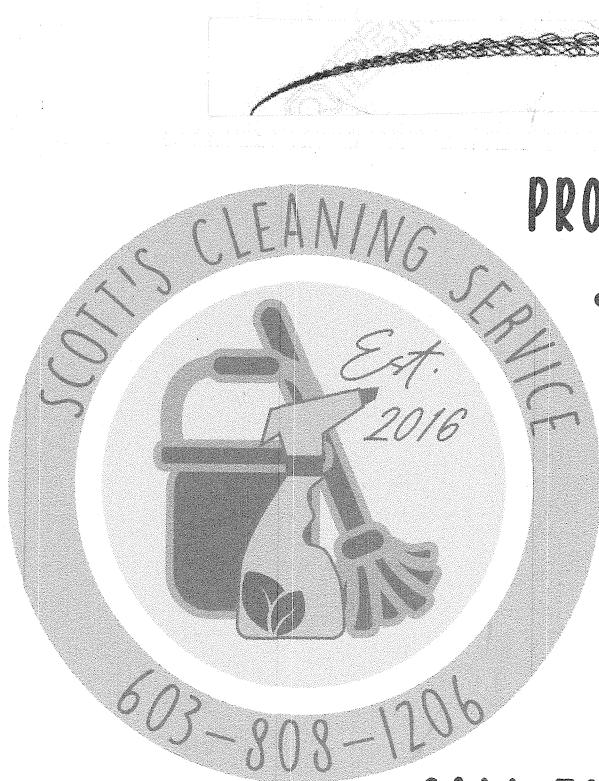
FOOD ~ GAMES**FIREWORKS**

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING STONE POND DAM PROJECT**

We have been working on a joint project with the Connecticut River Conservancy for a dam removal and culvert crossing at the Stone Pond Dam site on Templeton Turnpike. A Public Informational Meeting will be held on August 27th at 6:00 pm during our scheduled meeting at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall, 13 Templeton Turnpike. The purpose of this meeting is to invite appropriate parties including the general public, affected property owners, local officials, and other appropriate parties to discuss the project details.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Our board would like to recognize the dedicated employees, public officials, volunteers and sub-contractors who give tirelessly to this town. We thank these individuals who give their all, many times unnoticed. Our board would like to issue a note of support for all first responders, but in particular our police department. We are fortunate to have a staff of officers who have been dedicated to the Town of Fitzwilliam for many years. Our force has a low turnover rate. Given the fact that we are a small peaceful community, people often have a false sense of security that being a police officer here is less dangerous than in other communities. Nothing is further from the truth, in that police officers put their lives at risk every day. The fact that we do not feel that we are at significant risk is a testament to the excellent job they are doing. Our officers are an integral part of our community. While patrolling our roads is one of the most visible duties of the department, our officers are faced with numerous tasks daily. The Town of Fitzwilliam has 48.6 miles of paved and gravel roads. It would be impossible for every resident to visibly pass an officer on all the roads on any given day.

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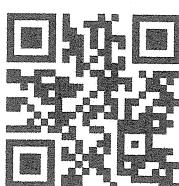
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FITZWILLIAM FARMERS' MARKET

July was a great month for us. Thank you to all that participated in The Cupcake Contest. 1st place goes to Maureen Dion with her Red White & Blue Birthday cupcakes, 2nd Place to Jennie Pazzano with her Chocolate Nutella cupcakes and there was a tie for 3rd place; Nancy Stacy with Raspberry Almond cupcakes and Alicia Lynch with Carrot Cake cupcakes. Congratulations to all the winners. Next up is the PIE CONTEST!

August 2 at 11am is our Annual Pie 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.

On July 19 the Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market held our first Teens/Tweens market. Participation age is 9-17. More than 10 showed up to try out their vendor skills. It was fun to see them in action. Thanks for coming out to support them.

So many of you stopped by the pink tent in support of Skylar day on July 19 remembering we have a family right here in Fitzwilliam in need of a heart transplant. The pink tent will be back on September 6th.

Our evening markets are going well. Our next one will be August 20 from 4-7 on the common. Same as the Saturday market but a little more casual.

Musicians for August 2 will be Brandon O'Neill and Mike Spencer. On August 16 will be Rik Ekstrom. A special Thank You goes to the Elliot Institute of Fitzwilliam for sponsoring our musicians for the second half of our 2025 season. It really means a lot to us.

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!



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THE FITZWILLIAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

We are thrilled to welcome Balanced Chemistry to Fitzwilliam! This business is a full-service mental health practice located at the Crossroads Plaza. We welcomed them to town with a ribbon cutting on June 28! We're so pleased they chose to make Fitzwilliam their home base!

Here's something we'd like to know: What can we do for your Fitzwilliam business? We meet the first Monday of every month in the lower hall of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Come and join us! We'd love to know how we can help you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are hosting a **NETWORKING NIGHT** on **WEDNESDAY 9/24**! Our friends at Monadnock Paddle have generously offered to host the event! Come and connect with members of the EDC and other local business owners. Even if you don't own a business, come along! This will be a great chance for you to meet the established and growing business community of Fitzwilliam! Food will be provided. Bring your own drinks. \$20/person.

Hope to see you there!

~ The Fitzwilliam Economic Development Committee

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THE FITZWILLIAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We want to **THANK** everyone who came out on a soggy May morning to celebrate Depot Day with us. We had lots of runners who had a great time in spite of the rain. Unfortunately, the Kids Fun Run was cancelled due to weather, but the kiddos who did show up got a trophy! We also want to thank Dennis Picard and Friends "Hobos and Tramps" reenactment group for sharing some fascinating history about the men who rode the rails. They've already agreed to come back next year!

We're still working on our Historical Puzzlers! Check out our social media pages to see our series on Doc Emerson! Can you identify any of the kids in the historic photos? Let us know!

And speaking of Doc Emerson, we were thrilled to host classes from Emerson Elementary School to the Blake House Museum back in June. The students were fascinated by our town's history. We hope we can do more visits in the future!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS! Our Historic Fitzwilliam Faire is coming up on **OCTOBER 11!** If you love history, we need you! If you have a vintage car you'd love to show, we need you! If you are a local crafter who wants to sell, we need you! October is not far away! Register today by visiting our website: fitzhistoric.org

You can also sign up, 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. We can't wait to welcome you!

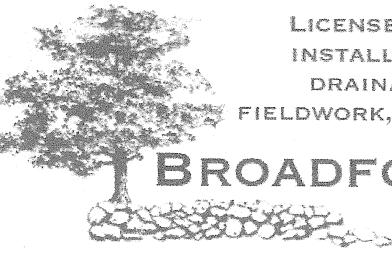
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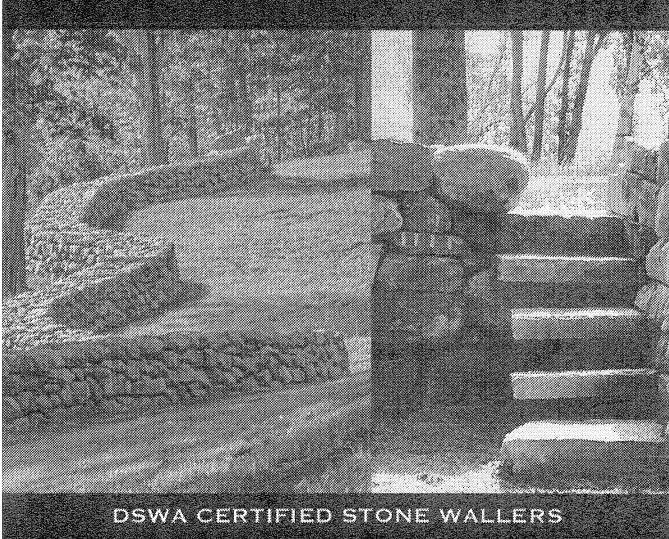
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2 containers (6 oz each) vanilla yogurt
6 flat wooden sticks with round ends

In blender, place raspberry lemonade yogurt and frozen raspberries. Cover; blend on medium speed until smooth.

Divide raspberry mixture evenly among paper cups. Top with vanilla yogurt. Place cups in freezer about 20 minutes or until partially frozen. Insert 1 stick in each cup. Freeze 1 1/2 to 2 hours longer or until completely frozen. To eat, peel off paper cups.

GOOD NEWS! FROM FDNA

FDNA, the Community Kitchen and the Monadnock Healthy Alliance had great success with offering free food choices to anyone in Fitzwilliam. The more people attend then the more products we receive to distribute. Anyone in the Monadnock Region can attend. So - THE GOOD NEWS - we scheduled THREE (3) MORE distribution dates here in Fitzwilliam!

***Please feel free to join us on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Fitzwilliam Inn distribution site. It's a great program and we are delighted to provide meat, nonperishables, and fresh vegetables to residents of Fitzwilliam and beyond our town. There are always some special items for the young crowd. Take some stress off of your grocery bill. If you have come before - please come again! If this is your first time attending then we welcome you with open arms. It's going to be great! Please bring ID. *The More the Merrier.* ***

MORE GOOD NEWS: Other dates scheduled in Fitzwilliam: Saturday, September 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and both events will take place at the Fitzwilliam Inn. The sad news is that these will be the last Mobile Food Pantries in 2025. However - THE GOOD NEWS is FDNA will still offer food distribution to Fitzwilliam Residents in December as part of our Holiday Remembrance Program.

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August Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market
Join us on Saturday August 2nd and 16th
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August 2nd is the Pie Contest
Musicians are Brandon O'Neill and Mike Spencer
And the 16th our Musicians are Rik Ekstrom and
Gustav Fagersrom
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Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale – Saturday, Aug 23 from 9am – 2pm

We will happily accept donations beginning Aug. 2

We will not accept textbooks, magazines or Readers' Digest abridged books, cassettes or VHS tapes.

Please drop off donations during regular library operating hours and not on the porch.

Check out the Fitzwilliam Garden Club plant and bake sale happening on the Common at the same time!

Want to volunteer?

We are looking for help sorting books prior to the day of sale. We can also use help with set-up and break-down that day. If interested, please contact the Library at info@fitzlib.org

Home Delivery –

Are you homebound (long or short term) and can't get to the Library? We can help out with bi-weekly book deliveries to those who cannot access our collection. Call (603-585-3391) or email us (info@fitzlib.org) for more information.

For Kids

Regular Preschool, "Big Kids" and Afterschool Programs will resume in September. Please note that Wednesday Afternoons at the Library will be held Thursday Afternoons starting Sept. 11 at 4:45pm.

Toddler Tunes with Boo: Sat, Aug 2 & 16 at 9:30 Kids can strum along and sing some tunes with Ms. Boo.

Read to Milo: Sat, Aug 16 at 10:00

Mon, Aug. 25 at 6pm: End of Summer Movie Party for kids grades 1-6 Come watch an ocean-themed movie with us and enjoy some treats!

For Adults

Mon. August 11, 7pm - Book Group – We Burn Daylight by Bret Antony Johnston. "Literature of the highest order . . . Even the most flashy stylistic flourishes [are grounded] in convincing, unexpected detail. . . . Ultimately, what keeps us reading a novel is the promise of revelation, and it's in the smallest and most seemingly off-handed of its surprises that *We Burn Daylight* is most alluring."—*The New York Times*

Wed, Aug 6 & 20 at 6pm: "Stitch and Bitch"

Sat. 10am: Coffee Hour

Selected New DVDs

A Minecraft Movie

Selected Kids' Fiction

Dino Poet/Angleberger, Tom
Grumpy Monkey School Stinks!/ Lang, Suzanne
The Wombats Go Wild for Words/ Ferry, Beth
Gnome and Rat 1/ Stohler, Lauren
Snoop/ Korman, Gorden
...and many, many more!

Selected New Fiction

Maggie Or, a man and a Woman Walk into a Bar/ Yee, Katie
The Collector of Burned Books/ White, Roseanna M
Not Quite Dead Yet/ Jackson, Holly
Spectacular Things/ Dory-stein, Beck
The Compound/ Rawle,Aisling
It's Busy down in the Woods Today/ Piercy, Rachel
Rage/ Castillo, Linda
The Unravelling of Julia/ Scottolini, Lisa
...and many, many more!

Selected Non-Fiction

A Marriage at Sea/ Elmhirst, Sophie
Mailman/ Grant, Stephen, Starring
On Her Game/ Brennan Christine
Angelica,/ Beer, Molly
Dinner with King Tut/ Kean, Sam
Threads of Empire/ Armstrong,
Dorothy
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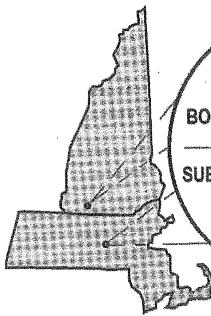
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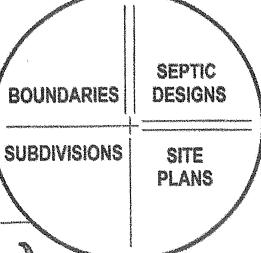


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FITZWILLIAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

YOUTH SOCCER: Our 6-week youth soccer program is open for registration, focusing on fundamental skills, weekly games, and fun for kids in preschool-grade 6. We urgently need volunteer coaches to make this season a success! If you can coach your child's team, please indicate "Yes" when you register or email us. Register at fitzrec.eventbrite.com.

WE ARE HIRING A YOUTH SOCCER

COORDINATOR: Are you passionate about youth sports and ready to make a difference in our community? We're looking for a Youth Soccer Coordinator for our 6 week program beginning in September! For more information and to apply, visit: fitzwilliam-nh.gov/parks-recreation

COMMUNITY ROCK SNAKE: Our community rock snake, "Rock-O," is growing, and we'd love for you to add your own painted rock! Simply bring your creation to the pole barn next to Emerson School to contribute.

TENNIS COURTS: The tennis courts next to Emerson School are open for pickleball and tennis! We kindly ask that you don't bike, rollerblade, or use other wheeled methods on the courts, as they've been newly resurfaced and we've noticed some scuff marks. Thanks for helping us keep them in great shape!

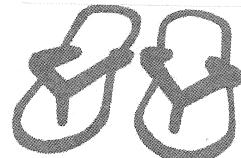
SPONSORSHIPS: We're looking for sponsors to support our 2025-2026 youth sports programs! Your generous contribution will help us create a fun, enriching experience for our young athletes, while keeping costs down for families. Visit fitzwilliam-nh.gov/parks-recreation for more information on sponsorship opportunities and how you can make a difference

STAY IN THE LOOP!: Sign up for our E-newsletter to stay up to date with all of our events and programs: fitzwilliam-nh.gov/parks-recreation. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FitzRec

QUESTIONS?: Contact us at: email:

Fitzrec@fitzwilliam-nh.gov, phone: 603-585-7270 or talk to Fallon in person at the Recreation Office (Town Hall) on Wednesdays, 4-5 PM or by appointment!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our townwide yardsale, and summer kickball league!



TOWN CLERK NEWS

August will be the last month to license your dog(s) before Civil Forfeitures are assigned. Thank you to all those who have licensed their dog(s) to date (have over 500 dogs). Please license them before Sept. 1 to avoid the \$50.00 Civil Forfeiture fee.

We are busy with registrations (vehicle and boat) as well as all the rest that we do in the office. Just a friendly reminder: Please bring your registration certificate with you when renewing. We are supposed to charge you for a duplicate (\$18.00) if you do not have it. Don't hate us; it's a State regulation. A lot of things have changed when processing your registrations. Please be aware of this when you come in.

Fitzwilliam is still a 2 check Town. When paying your registration fee we need 2 checks: one to the Town of Fitzwilliam and one to the State of NH.

Enjoy the last of the summer weather! The Town Clerk's office will be CLOSED Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume Tuesday, Sept. 2.

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 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 1 cup all purpose flour
 ¼ cup brown sugar (packed)
 1 pinch salt
 ¼ cup butter salted (softened)

Pre-heat oven to 350F / 180C. Grease and flour an 8 inch square pan.

Arrange the peach slices in the pan. Drizzle the lemon juice over the slices.

In a medium bowl whisk the flour, brown sugar and salt, cut in the butter to form coarse crumbs. Sprinkle the crumb mixture over the peaches. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown on top. Let cool to warm, then serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream if desired.

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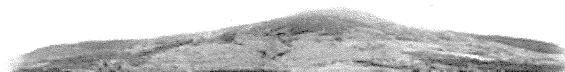
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We had a well attended annual meeting in July, with reports on water quality results, the Lake Host program and other association business. Our keynote speaker was Kat Kelleher from NH LAKES who spoke about their Lake Smart program, which provides great - Free - guidance on evaluating and addressing stormwater runoff issues at people's properties. For more info, go to their website. We also had a quick update on the status of the DES watershed protection grant, which has entered its data collection phase - looking at potential runoff problem areas in the lake's watershed. After the meeting we had a wonderful barbecue chicken dinner. The day was capped off by our concert on the lake. The 34th canoe/kayak race will have happened by the time this newsletter is published and I'm sure it will have attracted good participation.

Our August event is the 37th Dresser-Friedman sailboat regatta, on August 30 at 10 a.m. The rain date is Aug. 31. The boats are mostly sunfish but all sailboats & sailors are welcome to participate, regardless of skill levels. Contact Tom White at President@laurellakeassn.com for details. Even if you can't sail make sure you check out the lake to watch the beauty of the sails racing (hopefully with good wind) over the lake.

We want to remind folks that Laurel Lake continues to be a clean, healthy, beautiful lake, thanks to the efforts of the Association, with support from the town. Only 50% of lake properties are members but we work for everyone. If you live on the lake, you should be a member to help ensure the lake continues to stay that way. Check out our website (laurellakeassn.com) and Facebook page to keep up with Association activities and things which impact Laurel Lake.

Wishing you a good remainder of the summer!

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

12 1/2 ounces strawberries (3/4 pound)
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup whole or whipping cream (cold)
extra strawberries for topping

Clean and slice the strawberries, In a blender or food processor add the sliced strawberries and the sugar and puree. Remove 1/2 a cup of puree and set aside.

In a cold bowl add the cream and beat until stiff peaks form. Then fold in the remaining puree (not the 1/2 cup) gently.

Divide the 1/2 cup of puree between the 4 small/medium** glasses and top with the strawberry mousse. Refrigerate for approximately 1 hour or even over night if desired. Top with fresh sliced strawberries and serve.

BAILEY DOG OF HOWEVILLE RD

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved Bailey of Howeville Rd on June 9th, 2025. For 18 years, 5 months and 4 days she greeted year-round and summer residents as they walked to and from Laurel Lake.

She leaves behind her human mother, father, brother and sisters as well as her loyal neighborhood pack including, Josey, Larz, Finnley, Levi, Gem, Torrey and Birdie. She was predeceased by her dog sisters Daisy and Emma Rose.

She was an amazing dog who protected her family by announcing anyone walking by. This helped her human parents keep an eye on her brother and sisters and led to many great neighborhood chats with friends.

Every morning, she did a perimeter walk of the property and checked in with neighbors. We would like to thank those neighbors who kept an eye out for her and were patient in her last few months as her hearing and eyesight began to fade.

She will be missed as much as she was loved.

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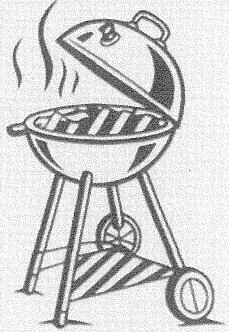
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 Peter and Emilee Peladeau

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June 11

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