

# The Fitzwilliam Newsletter

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**JULY 2025**

## **WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Sundays AA Meeting Fitzwilliam Community Church – 7 pm

### **JULY EVENTS**

Tue. 1 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 2 VFW Auxiliary – VFW Post Home Winchester – 6:30 pm

Thu. 3 Gap Mt. Lions Club – Village Pond Community Ctr. Troy – 6:30 pm

Fri. 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Flares Around Laurel Lake – 9 pm – (see article)

Sat. 5 Toddler Tunes & Read to Milo Library 9:30 am

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

Farmers Market – On the Common – 9am – 1 pm

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

Library Trustees – 5:30 pm

Historical Society – Blake House – 5:30 pm

Tue. 8 Board of Adjustment – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 9 Adult Trivia – Library – 6 pm

VFW – VFW Post Home Winchester – 7 pm

Thu. 10 Recreation Commission – Library – 7 pm

Historic Dist. Commission – Town Hall - 4 pm

Fri. 11 Agricultural Commission – Town Hall – 10 am

Sat. 12 Laurel Lake Assoc. Annual Meeting – Whites Campground Field – 10:30 am

Concert on Laurel Lake – east side near Laurel Lane – 5 – 7 pm

Mon. 14 Book Group – Library – 7 pm

Tue. 15 Planning Board – Town Hall – 7 pm

Wed. 16 Rolling Video Game Truck – Library – 5:30 pm

Associated Sportsman Club – 7 pm

Sat. 19 Toddler Tunes & Read to Milo – Library – 9:30 am

Farmers Market – On the Commonn – 9am – 1pm

Mon. 21 Adult Scrabble Coasters – Library – 6 pm

Conservation Commission – Town Hall – 7 pm

Tue. 22 Live Rain Forest Animal Show – Library – 6:30 pm

Wed. 23 Tweens & Teens – Library – 6:30 pm

Fri. 25 Red Cross Blood Drive (see article)

Sat. 26 Laurel Lake Assoc. Canoe & Kayak Race, Whites Campground Field – 9:30 am

Yard Sale & Bake Sale – Fitz. Community Church – 8 am – 1 pm (see church article)

Mon. 28 Cribbage Night – Library – 6 pm

Thu. 31 Mini Golf – Library – 6 pm

Happy  
4th of  
July

**Upcoming August Events**

Aug 16 - FDNA & Community Kitchen Mobile Food Pantry – Fitzwilliam Inn – 1 – 3 pm  
 Wed 27 – MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

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**FROM THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE****TOWN BEACH AND BOAT RAMP**

Now that the summer season is here, we would like to remind everyone that the Town Beach, located at the end of East Lake Road, is for the use of Town Residents only. Please make sure that you have a Fitzwilliam Transfer Station sticker on your car windshield as this is the identification needed to use the town beach. We are requiring all residents to obtain a new blue Transfer Station sticker. These are available at the Town Clerk's office or the Board of Selectman's office. There is porta potty opposite the boat ramp for people to use who are at the boat ramp or town beach. We ask that you take all trash generated when you visit the beach or boat ramp home with you. Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy spending time on our beautiful Laurel Lake.

**TRANSFER STATION STICKER**

We would like to remind everyone that in order to use the Transfer Station, you must have a Town of Fitzwilliam Transfer Station affixed to your vehicle window. These can be picked up in the Town Clerk's office free of charge.

**DRIVEWAY PERMITS**

Driveway permits are required for the construction of all new driveways onto town roads; this includes paving of an existing driveway. This application can be obtained in the Board of Selectman's office or on the town website [Fitzwilliam-nh.gov](http://Fitzwilliam-nh.gov)

**TEMPLETON TURNPIKE REPAIRS**

A new culvert has been ordered for the repairs to Templeton Turnpike due to the damage caused by heavy rain. We are awaiting receipt of the engineering plans. There is a ten to twelve week lead time for the delivery of this culvert. Unfortunately, this road will need to remain closed until we are able to make these repairs.

**TOWN TREASURER**

The Town of Fitzwilliam is seeking a qualified Town Treasurer, to perform the duties of the Office per RSA 41:29. Annual compensation of \$5000 paid quarterly. The successful applicant must have strong computing skills, particularly in Excel with extensive knowledge and ability working across multiple spreadsheets simultaneously. Must possess excellent communication and organizational skills. The successful candidate must demonstrate a high level of ethics and accountability in this role. Candidates should have a Post-secondary degree Accounting, Finance or Business OR 5+ years' experience in an Accounting / Finance position of responsibility OR an equivalent combination of experience and education which demonstrates an ability to be successful in the position.

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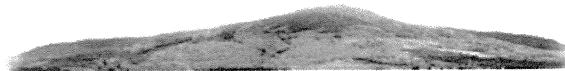
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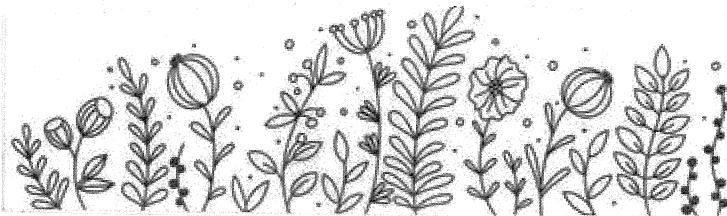
## TOWN CLERK NEWS

Dog Licensing time has expired! There will be a \$1.00/month late fee when you license your dog. Civil Forfeitures will apply sometime in August. Please license your pet(s) today.

We'd like to remind everyone to bring the old registration with you when Transferring plates. If you do not supply us with the registration you will have to purchase one for \$18.00 or go and get the registration and do it another time.

HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup>!

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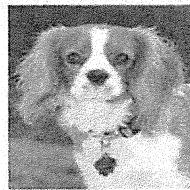
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**Saturday - Aug 9, 2025**

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**Registration 10 AM ~ Start 11 AM**

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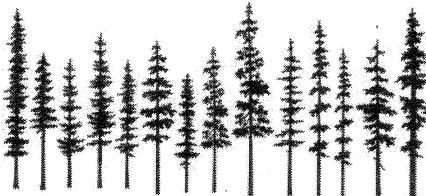
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For a donation of \$20 you may reserve a 10'x10' space  
and an 8'x 2.5' folding table to set up on the lawn of the  
Fitzwilliam Community Church. We have 12 spots  
available.

- \*Set up begins at 7am to begin your selling by 8am.
- \*You may bring a canopy (10'x10' or smaller).
- \*After unpacking and setting up you will be asked to  
move your vehicle away from the front of the church.
- \*Breakdown of space should begin by 1pm.
- \* All of your unsold "treasures" go home with you

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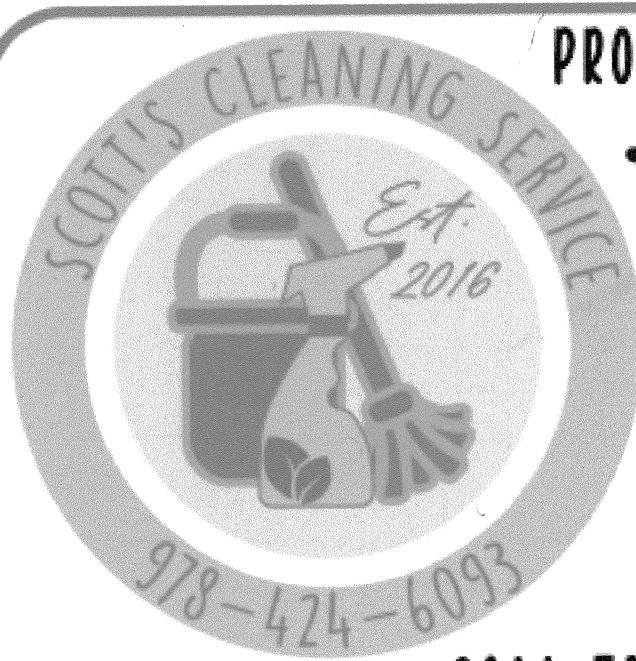
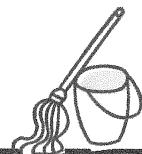
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## LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWS

July is the big month for Association events. We will celebrate the Fourth of July on Friday, July 4th with the traditional lighting of Flares around the Lake at **9:00 p.m.** The flares sold by the Association are not harmful to the lake environment and are available at Terry Silverman's Pottery Works on Rte. 119.

On July 12 at 10:30 a.m., the Annual Meeting will be held in White's Field on Keene Ave. at Laurel Lake Campground. Our featured speaker is Kat Kelleher from NH LAKES Lake Smart Program who will talk about the free services they offer for designing landscape solutions to reduce stormwater runoff into the lake. This is a great program which all lake-side owners should take advantage of. Association business will also be addressed. LLA logo products will be for sale. A chicken barbecue will be held after the meeting but you must buy a ticket ahead of time. Go to our website for tickets or ask a member of the board. Remember to bring a folding chair as none will be provided at the meeting. In case of severe weather, the meeting will be held at the train depot building at the Fitzwilliam Depot. All Association members are invited to attend.

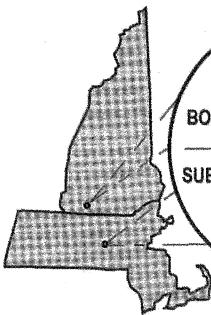
A lakeside concert will also be held on July 12, 5-7 p.m. featuring the band 'The Ways and Means', from the Wert/Fraiman home on Laurel Lane on the east side of the lake. Boat on over for some great music!

To end the month, the 34th canoe and kayak race will be held Saturday, July 26 at White's Field, with registration starting at 9:30 and children's races starting at 11 am. We look forward to seeing lots of paddlers! Here's hoping we have good summer weather this year!

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**HELP KEEP THE SUPPLY AFLOAT!****GIVE BLOOD**

Good News! FDNA is hosting American Red Cross Blood Drives in 2025! Save this date:

Friday, July 25, 2025

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Fitzwilliam Town Library

11 Templeton Turnpike

Fitzwilliam, NH

Here are a few bonus reasons to give blood: You get juice and cookies!; You will weigh less (one pint less than when you came in!); It's something you can spare (most people have blood to spare, yet there is still not enough to go around); You will give a gift that costs nothing, but lasts a lifetime (Blood is something money can't buy and it's only something that one person can give to another).

It's easy to participate. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Fitzwilliam to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Be sure to come well hydrated - it's important. Please remember to bring your identification (I.D. card).

Give blood between July 15th and 31st for a [Fandango Movie Reward by email](#) to see a movie on us! [rcblood.org/July](http://rcblood.org/July) Great! See you There!

**More Good News!**

FDNA had a fantastic Food Distribution on June 14 at The Fitzwilliam Inn site. We're doing it again! [Our next food share program will be August 16, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Fitzwilliam Inn](#)

**Good news!**

We had a great FDNA Annual Meeting with Ms. Tricia Breckenridge, OT/L, M.Ed, Wellness Coach of Three To Thrive. You can follow her teachings - sign up for her blog at [threetothrivewellness.com](http://threetothrivewellness.com). Transform your health & well-being one small habit at a time.

**July Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market**

Join us on Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

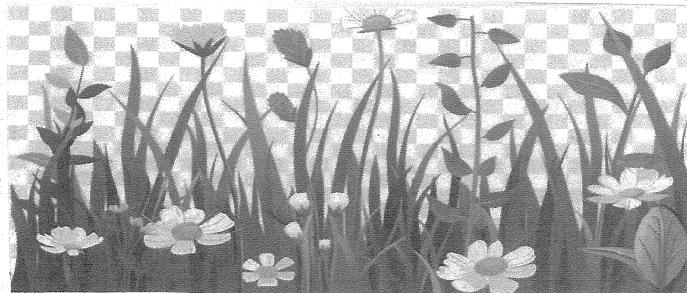
9am-1pm on the Town Common.

July 5<sup>th</sup> is the Cupcake Contest

July 19<sup>th</sup> Is Kids Market Day with special Kids Vendors and Musician is Rik Ekstrom



Any Questions please email:  
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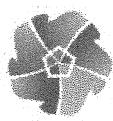
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### Level Up Thursdays at 4:45pm – Grades 1-6

July 3: Make Your Own Tic Tac Toe

July 10: Solar Rovers

July 17: Minecraft Art

July 24: I Spy Bottles & Games

### Sat, July 5 and 19 at 9:30 – Toddler Tunes!

Join Ms. Boo for Toddler Tunes. Sing some songs, strum along, and read a short tale. If weather permits, she'll be on the Library lawn. No registration required.

### Read to Milo! Sat, July 5 & 19 at 10am

Kids can practice their reading skills by reading to a dog! No registration required.

### Wed, July 16 5:30-7:30pm – Rolling Video

#### Games Mobile Truck

Play video games on wheels! Up to 16 players at one time and bleachers seats for viewing.

### Tues, July 22 at 6:30pm - Rainforest Animals with the Joys of Nature

Live Animal Show!

### Thurs, July 31 at 6pm – Summer Reading

#### Finale with Mini Golf on the Lawn

Certificates, raffles, snacks and golf.

## For Adults

### Wed, July 9 at 6pm – Adult Trivia Night.

Register to play. Groups answer Historic Fitzwilliam questions.

### Mon, July 14 at 7pm – Fuzz by Mary Roach

Copies are now available.

### Mon, July 21 at 6pm: DIY Scrabble Coasters

Register to make your own coaster with scrabble tiles.

### Mon, July 28 at 6pm: Cribbage!

Fun for all levels of play-no experience necessary. Bring a board if you have one.

### “Stitch and Bitch” at 6pm: Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

### Sat. 10am: Coffee Hour

## For Tweens & Teens

### Wed, July 23 at 6:30 - “Level Up” 3D Dragons.

Kids in grades 5-9. Paint a 3D Dragon.

## Home Delivery

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## Selected Kids' Books

The Bakery Dragon/ Kurtz, Devin  
Elle  
Bruce Saves the Planet/ Higgins, Ryan  
Max and Chaffy/ Smart, Jamie  
Fireworks/ Burgess, Matthew  
The Elephant's Birthday/ Rylant, Cynthia  
Forest Magic For Kids/ Spikol, Susie

## Selected New Fiction

Immaculate Conception/ Huang, Li  
Going Home in the Dark/ Koontz, Dean  
The Pheonix Pencil Company/ King, Allison  
Far and Away/ Poeppel, Amy  
The Ghostwriter/ Clark Julie  
The Listeners/ Stievfater, Maggie  
Murder Takes a Vacation/ Lippman, Laura

## Selected Non-Fiction

Lawless/ Litman, Leah  
The Mind Electric/ Anand, Pria  
How to Lose Your Mother/ Jong-Fast, Molly  
When It All Burns/ Thomas, Jordan  
John Hancock/ Sterne, Randall Williams  
Threads of Empire/ Armstrong, Dorothy

And many more books....

## STATE HOUSE UPDATE

By Dick Thackston State Rep. Cheshire 12 – Troy & Fitzwilliam

The NH General Court, (the State House of Representatives and State Senate), is in full swing with a new term that officially began December 4, 2024, but in actuality didn't get underway till February with Committee assignments of Bills, (new legislation). In New Hampshire every Bill is scheduled for both a Public Hearing and Committee action. Committees must refer Bills to the House with recommendations of either Ought to Pass, "OTP" or Inexpedient to Legislate, "ITL". Every Bill does not make it out of Committee, although most do, Bills that a committee can't find a consensus for – good or bad – or that need extensive amendment or have other problems can be "Retained" by the Committee to which they are assigned. Retained Bills are worked on either through special subcommittees or if they lack support/advocacy they may simply never move forward. (As an example of a Retained Bill that never moved forward in the last session, we had a Bill that would require that 2x4's sold in New Hampshire be sold as 1 3/4" X 3 1/2 Boards and failure to do so would be a crime – the Bill really lacked support.)

As of this writing in mid-May the New Hampshire House of Representatives has voted on over 200 Bills in General Session; about two thirds of these Bills originated in with House members and the remainder originated in the Senate. The House has only just begun to work on the Senate Bills and expects to meet every Thursday in June to complete work on additional Senate Bills as well as any Bills that originated in the House that have been amended by the Senate.

On a positive note, all three major rating agencies—S&P Global, Moody's, and Fitch Ratings—have reaffirmed the existing credit ratings for the State of NH (AA+, Aa1, AA+), maintaining a stable outlook.

I was asked to serve on two Standing Committees at the beginning of the Session: the new Housing Committee and the Commerce Committee where I served last term. The Housing Committee is intended to review and develop legislation of any kind that affects homeownership, but the specific goal is to seek ways in which the State can positively impact home affordability and accessibility. The Commerce Committee reviews and develops legislation of any kind that affects or regulates Banking, Insurance, Liquor, Cigarettes.

I co-sponsored four bi-partisan Bills this Session, unfortunately all four have failed or stalled. My Bills this Session are:

**HOUSE BILL 136:** Extending the time period for delivering of an absentee ballot from 5:00 p.m. to the close of the polls.

**HOUSE BILL 559:** This bill provides that not more than one emergency medical care provider shall be required to provide care to a patient during transport in an ambulance or other emergency medical service vehicle. Passed House ITL in Senate.

**HOUSE BILL 580-FN:** This bill prohibits retaliatory defamation against a victim reporting sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or domestic abuse. Retained in House Committee. (I was only Republican to co-sponsor.)

**SENATE BILL 259:** This bill creates an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities. Voted ITL in Senate. (Senator Rosenwald Only Democrat to co-sponsor.)

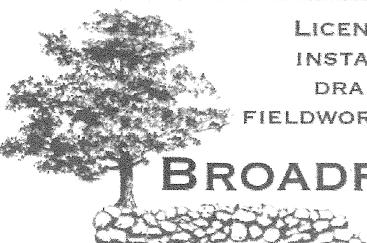
I was asked to speak to the House by the Housing Committee in support of Committee Motions on two Bills:

**HB 444 on February 6, 2025:** This bill fundamentally socialist bill restricted the Sale of Residential Properties; ITL Motion Passed the House 213 – 144

**SB 188 on May 22, 2025 (the last Bill of the day):** This bill addresses hiring & qualifications of third-party building inspectors; OTP Motion Passed the House 276 – 82.

All the Sessions of the New Hampshire Legislature, both House and Senate, are live streamed and archived on U-Tube. If you are interested in following the schedule of bills, meetings or other current information in the NH Legislature just plug in the following address and it will take you to the General Court Home Page: <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/>





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## CREAMY CUCUMBER SALAD

2 large cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced

1 sweet onion, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon sea salt

Dressing:

1 ½ cups mayonnaise, or more to taste

2 tablespoons vinegar

1 tablespoon white sugar

1 teaspoon dried dill weed

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Mix cucumbers, onion, and salt together in a bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 15 to 30 minutes.

Turn cucumber mixture into a colander set over a bowl or in a sink. Let drain, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid and salt has drained, 15 to 30 minutes. Transfer drained cucumber mixture to a large bowl.

Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, dill, garlic powder, and pepper for dressing together in a bowl until smooth. Pour over cucumber mixture and stir until coated.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours before serving.

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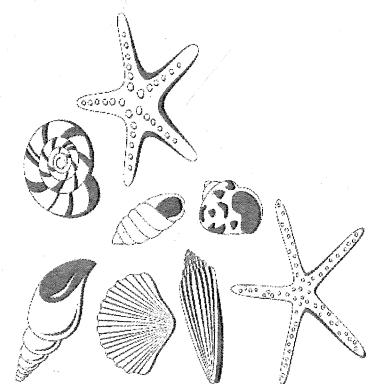
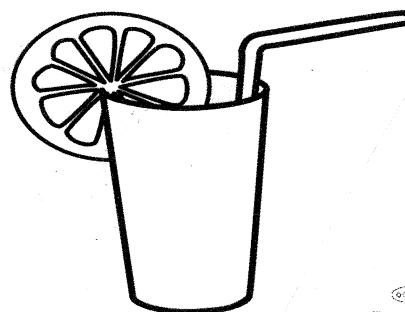
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June was the beginning of our special evening market that we will have on Wednesdays from 4-7pm. We will be on the common as usual July 23 and August 20. Thanks for coming out to see us.

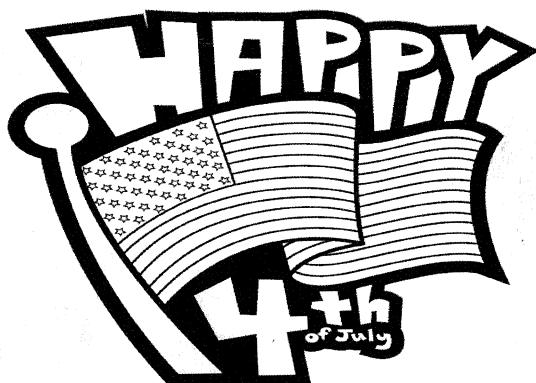
On July 5, our food contest will be the **Cupcake** contest. To enter please contact Marion Wheeler at [mmsr@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmsr@myfairpoint.net). Join our judging panel for \$5 to have a chance to try them all. The musician for the day will be Megan Barth.

On July 19 the Fitzwilliam Farmers' Market will have its first **Teens/Tweens market**. Participation age is 9-17. Products need to be handmade or grown. The participants must do all of the selling. Participants will have a 10'x10' space. Parents must remain with the participant. Parents can only help with setup. Register by emailing [Fitzfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:Fitzfarmersmarket@gmail.com). The musicians for this event are Rik Ekstrom and Gustav Fagerstrom.

**Skylar** day July 19, remembering we have a family right here in Fitzwilliam in need of a heart transplant. Visit the pink tent and see if you can help.

July 23 is our evening market from 4-7pm, same as the Saturday market but a little more casual.

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1 cup cooked and diced chicken  
 1 stalk celery, diced  
 1 bunch green onions, diced  
 1 tablespoon curry powder  
 1/4 cup raisins  
 1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
 1 teaspoon lemon juice  
 1 large Granny Smith apple, diced  
 4 ounces walnuts, almonds, pecans, or other nuts  
 1 cup red or green grapes, diced or cut in small pieces  
 6 tablespoons plain nonfat Greek yogurt  
 1 tablespoon mayonnaise

Combine ingredients one at a time and then mix thoroughly with mayonnaise.

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