The Sorrento Newsletter

April 2015

Sorrento Town Office (422-6889)

Fax: (207) 422-3737

79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, Maine 04677-3126 The Town Office does not accept credit or debit cards. If you drive in to the Town Office during office hours and don't see a vehicle and think we are closed, think again. Check the red signs in the windows for OPEN. Many times the clerk is at the office with no vehicle.

<u>NOTARIZING</u>-The Town Clerk's notary has expired and needs to be renewed, so for the time being you can go to the Sullivan Town Office (or any other town office) for your notorizing.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY--8am to 12noon &

2pm to 5pm

TUESDAY--12noon to 6pm WEDNESDAY--8am to 12 noon THURSDAY--8am to 12noon &

2pm to 5pm

FRIDAY--8am to 12noon

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED ***** CHECK THESE DATES *****

Fri. & Mon., April 3 & 6

If there is need of an unexpected closing, notice will be posted and it will be on the telephone message, when possible.

If there is a snow/storm that man nor beast should be out in, please call the Town Office to be sure the office is open. The office may be closed for the day or may be delayed in opening while waiting for plowing, shoveling and sanding or salting to be completed.

2014 PROPERTY TAXES
The 2014 property taxes
were due by January 5, 2015.
Interest began to accrue on unpaid 2014

property taxes as of January 6, 2015.

WEBSITE -

The Town of Sorrento <u>DOES NOT</u> have a website. What people are mistakenly thinking is the Town's website is posted by a private resident. If you use that website and get incorrect information on some subject, the Town did not put that information there.





ROADSIDE BRUSH CUTTING

Through the next few months, there will be roadside brush cutting/tree cutting along all of the roads of the Town of Sorrento. This is to take care of any brush/tree branches that are growing into the road and causing problems with drivers being able to see safely; dead trees will also be taken down so they won't be falling into the road ways.

If you have any questions on this, please call the road commissioner, Joey Clark, at 422-6570 or 812-2208.

A SORRENTO COOKBOOK



WE NEED RECIPES!!!

Be sure to check out the end of this newsletter. If we do not get enough recipes (would like a couple of hundred! - we have 75 to date - could use at least 75 more), we will be unable to publish a Sorrento cookbook.

Deadline to turn in recipes has been extended to 'until we have enough to publish our book'.

The form to write your recipe on is at the end of the newsletter.

Feel free to make copies for multiple recipes.

FEMA Elevation Certificates

The Town of Sorrento participates in the

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) allowing residents to purchase flood insurance. If you have flood insurance you also have a FEMA elevation certificate. Please send a copy of this certificate (or bring it in so we can copy it) to the Town Office to file with your property records.

Thank you, Rob Wilpan, Selectman

POSITIONS/APPOINTMENTS OPEN -Please call the Town Office if you are interested in one of the following:

Sorrento Representative to the Hancock County **Planning Commission**

BOARD OF APPEALS - 2 positions open. effectively do not have an Appeals Board with only one member.

Current member is Dennis Perry.

Sorrento Harbor Committee - 1 position open

The Selectmen's meetings are the 1st and 3rd **Wednesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to discuss a specific subject with them, please call the Town Clerk so that you can be placed on the agenda. We thank you.

(To reserve the Sorrento Community Building or the Village Green, call the Town Office. USE AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS for the SORRENTO COMMUNITY BUILDING and the VILLAGE GREEN

The Town's insurance carrier states that the Town must receive from anyone using the Community Building or the Village Green a Certificate of General Liability (as well as Certificate of Liquor Liability, if applicable). This Certificate of General Liability MUST LIST THE TOWN OF SORRENTO AS ADDITIONAL INSURED and must be provided by any one or any group using either the Community Building or the Village Green.

REMEMBER!!! - IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR DOWNED TREES AND/OR WIRES OR WHATEVER EMERGENCY (fire, police, ambulance), YOU NEED TO

CALL 9-1-1.

The Fire Department will be toned out by Hancock County Dispatch. There is no number to contact the Fire Department directly - you need to call 9-1-1.

TOWN NOTE FROM THE **SULLIVAN OFFICE:**

Sorrento residents have to go to the Sorrento Town Office **FIRST** and pay the excise tax on the vehicle you are registering. Motor Vehicle in Augusta says towns are not supposed to accept excise from other towns.

IF YOU COME TO SULLIVAN BEFEORE PAYING YOUR EXCISE TAX IN SORRENTO. YOU WILL BE SENT BACK TO SORRENTO.

SALT WATER FISHING

Anyone 16 years of age or older who wishes to fish recreationally in saltwater needs to register in Maine. Customers will be able to register for free at the same time that they purchase their freshwater fishing license. MAKE SURE WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE THAT YOU ASK **FOR** SALTWATER FISHING TO BE MARKED ALSO, IF YOU WISH TO SALTWATER FISH.

You should have your freshwater fishing license with you when fishing in saltwater to prove you have registered in Maine.

A person who wishes to fish in saltwater who does not want to purchase a fresh water fishing license must register on the Saltwater Registry. This is done on the regular license form. The state fee is \$0 and the agent/town fee is \$2. A person who wishes to purchase the Salt Water Registry item is required to provide a phone number.

If you are purchasing any other item on the license form, the fee for the salt water registry is \$0 for the state and \$0 for the agent/town.



FREE from Sorrento Rescue

File of Life-(magnetic-to hang on refrigerator) has insert where you can record your name, address, doctor, and medications. If you have a medical emergency this will save a lot of time. Emergency 9-1-1 magnet-lists the Poison Control Center number and you can list your doctor's number and the number to your pharmacy.

STICKERS!! For your safety: Provided by the Sorrento Fire & Rescue and the SVFD Auxiliary

1. Next Generation Tot Finder stickers and brochure-Bedroom Door Fire Safety Program;

- 2. Children window stickers;
- 3. Handicap window stickers;
- 4. Petfinder window stickers.

These stickers can be picked up at the Sorrento Town Office.

LAND USE/BUILDING ORDINANCE

Don't forget Sorrento's Land Use/Building

Ordinance. This ordinance is for property that would fall outside of the Shoreland Zoning area and therefore the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A copy of this ordinance can be picked up in the lobby of the Town Office.

If you are unsure if you need to apply for a permit, call John Fuhrman, Sorrento's Code Enforcement Officer, 963-2363. Failure to get a permit if needed can result in penalties and other costs.

MAINE SHORELAND ZONING HANDBOOKS

Received from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection –

Maine Shoreland Zoning, A Handbook for

Shoreland Owners

Any Sorrento property owners who own shoreland here in Sorrento may come in to pick up this handbook.

For any differences between this handbook and the Sorrento Shoreland Ordinance, the Sorrento Shoreland Ordinance overrides the handbook.

A copy of the **Sorrento Shoreland Ordinance** can be purchased for **\$5** or you can just look at a copy in the office if you do not wish to purchase one.

THE 2012 PROPERTY TAXES were due January 25, 2013.

Any unpaid 2012 property tax liens must be paid up by July 25, 2015 or be foreclosed on.

The 2013 PROPERTY TAXES were due January 21, 2014. The lien process has now been completed. Liens have been placed on the unpaid properties and mortgage holders have been notified.

The **2014 PROPERTY TAXES** were mailed in early December and **were due January 5, 2015**. Interest on unpaid 2014 property taxes began to accrue January 6, 2015.

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX & RENT REFUND PROGRAM

This program has been repealed and replaced by a Refundable Property Tax Fairness Credit that can be claimed on the Maine Income Tax Form.

On the 2014 Maine Individual Income Tax Form 1040ME, a worksheet will be included to calculate the amount of the credit.

HOMEOWNERS OR RENTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE WHO MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: Residents during any part of the tax year; owned or rented and lived in a home in Maine during any part of the tax year; had Maine adjusted gross income of not more than \$40,000; paid property tax on a home during the tax year that was more than 10% of your adjusted gross income, or paid rent that was more than 40% of your adjusted gross income.

Forms can be downloaded from the following website:

http://www.maine.gov/revenue/forms or call 624-7894 to request a form. Questions??? Call 626-8475



TO NEW LAND OWNERS OR OLD LAND OWNERS – If you have bought or sold a portion of a lot of land, a map of the new division of the properties needs to be sent to the Selectmen/Assessors.

CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS

As of February 27, 2008, concealed weapon permit renewals and first-time applications now go through the **Maine State Police**, not the Town of Sorrento. If you need a first-time application or a renewal application, please call **624-7210** or go on line to maine.gov.

VITAL RECORDS – As of July 12, 2010 certified records of birth, marriage, & death increased from \$10 to \$15 and marriage licenses increased from \$30 to \$40. The State sets these rates.

AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN OFFICE

4" X 5" orange identification stickers for canoes, kayaks or rowboats. They have <u>IF FOUND - CONTACT</u> and space for your name and phone number.





All 2013 **BOAT REGISTRATIONS** expired on December 31. <u>MOST</u> of the 2014 boat registration renewals (those registered after July 1, 2013 will not have renewals sent to this office from Augusta so please bring your 2013 registrations here with you when you come in to do your 2014 renewals) have been received

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from the State by this office.



Also...

If you own a **<u>DOCUMENTED BOAT</u>** there is no yearly registration fee. But there is a <u>yearly boat excise</u> <u>fee</u> (for which you are issued a boat excise sticker-similar to a boat registration sticker), payable to the town. This documented boat excise fee is due within 10 days of operation on State waters, or prior to July 1st of each year.

When you come in to pay your boat excise tax, please bring your documentation certificate with you. There will also be a Documented Boat Excise Tax Form for you to fill out. One can be sent to one if you call and let this office know.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Whether you register your boat(s) and get registration stickers, or your boat is documented and you only get excise stickers, these stickers need to be put on the boat, in the correct areas.

THIS IS STATE LAW.

MOORINGS AND ROWBOATS

<u>ALL Sorrento waters</u> come under the Sorrento Harbor Ordinance, <u>so all moorings in all Sorrento waters</u> will pay a fee.

Mooring inspection: is now **EVERY 3 YEARS.**

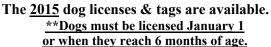
DOGS

Animal Control Officers –

Marie Zwicker Cell 266-5027 460-8920 Beverly Merchant (when Marie is away) Cell 610-0892 (home)422-9504



2015 DOG LICENSES



If you license your dog(s) <u>after January 31</u> you will pay a <u>\$25 late fee</u> per dog along with the license fee.

**When licensing your dog, you must bring with you your dog's rabies certificate showing the tag number and date of expiration and your certificate of proof of

spay or neuter, unless these are already on file at the Town Office.

**If you lived and paid for your dog's license/tag in another town in Maine and now live in Sorrento, you must come in to the Town Office and exchange for a Sorrento license/tag. There is no fee for this.

**Any dog living in the Town of Sorrento must have a

Spayed/neutered dog fee - \$6.00 Unaltered dog fee - \$11.00

PLEASE INFORM THE TOWN OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG. Thank you.

NOTE!!

DOGS: If you have a complaint about a dog(s) being on your property, running loose, barking, etc., you must sign a complaint form. This form states that you may be called to court to testify. Your name can be kept private until court time. If the person involved contacts you, this is witness tampering and can be addressed.

PET CARRIERS – If you have any pet carriers, small or large, that you would like to get rid of, please call the Animal Control Officers.

S.A.F.E. (Sullivan Animal Food Eatery): This is s pet food pantry that is open to residents of Sullivan and surrounding towns, including Sorrento. If you are having trouble making ends meet and feeding your pets, contact Kristine at the Sullivan Town Hall, 422-6282. The pet food, both dry and wet, for dogs and cats is available at the Sullivan Town Hall during business hours. **Donations are gratefully accepted.**

Voucher Program for Spay/Neuter:

Voucher program through the SPCA Animal Shelter and The Ark if you need help with spaying/neutering your animals. They will pay 1/3, a participating vet will pay 1/3 and you pay 1/3. Please don't hesitate to ask for help. Call the SPCA at 667-8088 or The Ark at 546-3484 and ask for a voucher. You make the appointment, they fax the voucher to the vet., you take your pet in.

MAINE LAW NOW REQUIRES THAT ALL CATS MUST HAVE RABIES SHOTS.

There is no registration or license or fee as dogs have. But if an Animal Control Officer or other law officer asks to see your cat's rabies certificate for any reason, you must show them the rabies certificate.

CATS: If you have been feeding stray cats, it becomes **your** responsibility to take care of them, not the town's.



FIREVER HOMES NEEDED FOR CATS & KITTENS

ALL OURCATS HAVE BEEN HEALTH CHECKED, SPAYED & HAD THEIR RABIES SHOTS

CALL 422-9143 FOR ADOPTION INFO Or saltydops@myfairpoint.net **P.A.W.** (PROTECTING ANIMALS WELFARE)

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR CATS.

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

03/04/2015 - In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Esther Clement, Dwayne Clement, Guests:

Approved minutes from last meeting. Reviewed correspondence. Signed disbursement warrant.

03/18/2015 -

In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Craig Clement, Esther Clement, Dwayne Clement Approved minutes from last meeting. Reviewed correspondence. Signed disbursement warrant.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(as available)

Sorrento Code Enforcement Officer/Shoreland Zoning Officer—John Fuhrman, 963-2363

A REMINDER

TO EVERYONE APPLYING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT -NO WORK IS TO BE STARTED UNTIL YOUR PERMIT IS ISSUED.

STARTING THE WORK BEFORE THE PERMIT IS ISSUED CAN RESULT IN FINES. THE PERMIT IS TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE PREMISES OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

Permits issued in March:

None

REMINDER: All contractors doing soil work in the shore land must have State Certification and must furnish a copy to code enforcement for every shore land project.

Sorrento Community Building Committee --No report submitted this month-

Sorrento Harbor Committee -No report submitted this month-

From Coastal Recycling

(Sorrento Director-Austin Wilpan)

Minutes for

Present:

Call to Order:

Secretary's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Plant Manager's Report:

Old Business:

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

Next Meeting:

From the Sorrento Fire Department

STATE BURNING PERMITS

Maine is making is easier for homeowners to clean up and dispense with fallen limbs and other backyard brush from this year's winter storms. In early April, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Bureau of Forestry announced that it had expanded its burn permit system statewide. Traditional hand-written burn permits are still available, but the online system allows permits to be acquired 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the state provided that the fire danger is not high.

Unlike the previous system, revenues will now be shared with the municipality where the burn will occur (\$2 out of the \$7 charge). When permits are issued, the system also can notify up to 20 town fire wardens and fire department personnel with emails or text messages. Online burn permits can be obtained at any time and are valid for 48 hours after payment has been submitted. The fire chief or town warden for each municipality may impose further restrictions on allowable burn times or needed personnel and equipment. For more information, call 287-4989 and visit www.maineburnpermit.com.

FIRE PERMITS from the Sorrento Fire Dept.

All commercial burn permits

will run October 15 to April 15. 🌋



ALL COMMERCIAL BURN PERMITS **EXPIRE ON APRIL 15.**

FOR BURN PERMITS ANY TIME OF THE

You are required by Maine law to have a permit

to burn, even for a small pile of grass clippings or leaves. A **Forestry Warden** will be called if you burn without a permit, possibly resulting in you being summonsed to court and fined.

The person who signs the fire permit is responsible for the fire. Do not leave any fire unattended.

To obtain a burn permit contact:

Fire Chief Joey Clark (422-6570 or cell 812-2208) Dep. Fire Chief Dwayne Clement (422-6889 or 422-3622 or cell 479-6049)

Asst. Fire Chief Mike Parker (422-6755) Asst. Fire Chief Brian Clement (422-3503) Chief Engineer Craig Clement (460-8851)

Required for burning:

**at least two adults to attend the burn,

**some form of water supply and hand tools must be on hand.

**and it is recommended you have a cellular phone or other communication device to call for assistance should the fire escape.

YOU are responsible to see that the fire is out before leaving.

Following are the calls, classes, work sessions, & training for the Sorrento Fire Dept. for the month of (end of) March: 01/29/15 –

Tips on emergency preparedness can be found at http://www.maineprepares.com.

Sorrento Planning Board

Elisabeth Heyward, Chair; Dan Bierman, Jr., Secretary; John Dedam; Gerald Mehl, James West

Minutes of: No February meeting.

Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Program

(Mike Hall, Shellfish Warden, 400-6183 or (h) 963-7104

To check for shellfish area openings or closings: Call the DMR at 667-3373.

SHELLFISH ORDINANCE Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Conservation Ordinance



If you would like to harvest shellfish in Sorrento, a commercial or recreational shellfish license is required. The licenses run from July 1 to June 30. "Peck" or recreational licenses may be purchased at the Sorrento

Town Hall. A resident recreational license is \$6.00; a non-resident recreational license is \$11.00; 16years and under and 65years and older is only the \$1.00 agent fee. Resident commercial licenses must be purchased at the Ellsworth City Hall. Non-resident commercial licenses are awarded annually by lottery.

A copy of the ordinance may be obtained in the lobby of the Sorrento Town Hall or at Ellsworth City Hall.

Shellfish warden Mike Hall is routinely patrolling the shoreline. Violators will be prosecuted for noncompliance. Local harvesters will work with DMR and other parties to work on conservation measures.

When used in the context of this new ordinance, the words "shellfish", "clams" and "intertidal shellfish resources" mean **soft shell clams** (Mya arenaria), **quahogs** (Mercenaria mercenaria), **razor clams** (Ensis directus), **hen clams** (Spisula solidissima), **eatern oysters** (Crassostrea virginica) and **European Oysters** (Ostrea edulis).

Sullivan Sorrento Playground News

A REMINDER!! – The official policy of the playground is <u>"carry in, carry out"</u>. Your efforts to keep this special area clean for all to use are appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the playground, you can leave your donation off at either the Sorrento Town Office or the Sullivan Town Office or it can be mailed. Please make checks payable to the Sullivan Sorrento Playground Fund.

The Sullivan-Sorrento Playground Committee has instituted a volunteer effort to maintain the area and keep it looking nice. If you would like to help with the ongoing care, please call the Sullivan Town Office.

Empty returnable cans and bottles are still being taken for the playground. **Please leave them at Tee Tee's Redemption at Buteau's Alley.** She will get the money to Lynn at the Sullivan Town Office – make sure to let Tee Tee know if you want the money to go to the playground or to P.A.W.S. (Protecting Animal Welfare).

There are items on sale in the Sullivan Town Office to benefit the playground.

ROADSIDE TRASH



April 2 you will need to again put your trash bags out in trash cans, as according to our Town ordinance.

Beginning December 5 you may be put out your trash bags (each with a trash sticker) without being in trash cans, as is our practice through the winter months. Don't forget that if you do this, there is the chance of animals or birds getting in to your bags and it is your responsibility to clean it up.

Get your trash out early!

Each trash bag must have a Sorrento trash sticker on it—bags without stickers will not be picked up. Put the bags in trash cans (beginning April 2). Per our contract with Harris Disposal, the trash bags are **not to exceed** 40 **pounds in weight when full.**

If something – a bird, animal, whatever – gets into your trash bags and scatters your trash, **you** are responsible for the cleanup – not Harris.

PLEASE NOTE-If a Thursday is a holiday, Harris will do the trash pick up on Friday.

COASTAL RECYCLING

in Hancock – 422-6766 **Making it easier to recycle!**

Hours:

Wednesday through Saturday 7AM to 4 PM.

There are brochures for Coastal Recycling available in the Town Hall lobby. These explain what they will and will not take.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICK UP



The months of <u>October through May</u> will have curbside recycling pick up <u>only the 4th Thursday</u> of those months.

The months of June through September have pickups the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of those months.

Roadside recycling pick up is done by Tatum Mclean of Gouldsboro. Please call him at <u>266-7908</u> if you have a problem.

Be sure that you have your recycling correctly separated. There are guidelines in the lobby of the Town Office as to how they are to be separated.

Note: The guidelines are the same as the Coastal Recycling guidelines (note: except-roadside recycling does not pick up scrap metal). If not separated correctly, they may not be picked up.

Recyclables must:

- * Be clean and dry
- * Separated into containers by category as shown in the Coastal Recycling handouts in the Town Hall lobby (come in and pick up a handout)
- * Be left out by 7:00 AM

Dates for the next two months are -

April 23 and May 28

Have your road-side recycling out <u>EARLY!</u> Have your recycling out at 7:00 a.m.

Set it apart from your trash pick up so there is no mix-up.

Make sure it can be seen.

If you use plastic bags, it is a good idea to use a different color than you use for your trash bags. Clear bags are good if you have them. Roadside recycling does <u>NOT</u> require stickers.

TAKE NOTE

There is a business here in Sorrento who will pick up metals for **FREE**.

Guyette's, Inc. 422-3908

Removal of metals – washers, dryers, , autos, etc.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF HEAT ASSISTANCE:

Call <u>211</u> – a 24/7 call center program providing information about programs and services available to Maine people.

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Fuel assistance with oil, kerosene, wood, pellets, propane or electricity.

Home Weatherization & Energy Related Repairs – Programs to fund improvements to make a home more energy efficient and comfortable. These could include home insulation, caulking, weather stripping and furnace repair or replacement.

Eligibility Screening for Other Assistance Programs. Approved LIHEAP applications opens opportunities for other available programs.

Energy Crisis Intervention Program (T.H.A.W. Fund) – is a one time, emergency assistance benefit for ½ tanks or less or disconnection. This is a low-income, first come, first served basis program funded by donations to WHCA for fuel assistance.

Call WHCA for more info @ 546-7544 or the Ellsworth office @ 664-2424.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Mountain View School is collecting box tops and labels for education.

There is a box for these box tops and labels on the counter here at the town office. Check your cans & boxes and bring in these tops and labels if you have any.

These are used to earn various items that the students can use at school.

HOMEOWNERS

HOME REPAIR ASSISTNCE IS AVAILABLE TO OWNERS OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES.

DEFERRED/FORGIVABLE LOANS & GRANTS TO HELP YOU MAKE NEEDED REPAIRS.

SUCH AS: ROFFING, SIDING & TRIP WRAP, NEW WINDOWNS & DOORS, ELECTRICAL, PLUMVING, HEATING, SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, HANDICAP ACCESS, ETC.

TO SEE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE CALL: WHCA, TAMMY BURGESS @ 610-5957

Outside Sorrento

"Support for Aging in Place" AT HOME SCHOODIC

Mission Statement: With the support of our volunteers, we will provide our members with the services that are essential to enabling them to continue living in their homes, independently, as they age. Membership is open to residents of the Schoodic Peninsula towns of Sorrento, Sullivan, Gouldsboro, Prospect Harbor, Corea and Birch Harbor.

Few people want to end up in a nursing home in their old age.

Thanks to all those who have sent in their survey. Please keep sending them as we appreciate the input.

Great news! We now have the beginnings of a steering committee. Andy Jones and Kay Levine are our representatives from Sullivan. We would like one to two representatives from each town. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve on the steering committee. You can let us know via e-mail or you can come to our next meeting to learn more.

Our next meeting, and first meeting as a real steering committee, will be March 19. We will be looking at the Volunteer Application Form, going over the surveys and begin making decisions about what services we can offer to the seniors in our communities to help them continue to live in their homes.

Meeting: March 19, Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center, 6:30pm

E-mail: athomeschoodic@gmail.com

Written correspondence: 141 Loon Drive, Sullivan,

04664

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. The key to success is a

solid group of volunteers. We would like to start building our list of volunteers now. If you are interested please send us your name and contact information. We will keep you informed of our progress. Thank you.

Holly and Christna



Mountain View School 542 Bert Gray Road Sullivan, ME 04664 (207) 422-3200

Jill Cohen, Principal jcohen@rsu24.org

<u>FURRY FRIENDS FOOD BANK</u> EASTERN AREA AGENCYOF AGING

1-800-7812 OR eaaa.org

Working to keep seniors and pets together.
We provide supplemental pet food and supplies to low income seniors and adults with disabilities struggling to feed their animals. Because their pets are the only regular contact many of the seniors in our area receive, some have been willing to sacrifice their own nutritional needs in an effort to not surrender their furry companion. We take special pride in helping.
If you would like to apply for or donate to the Furry Friends Food Bank, call 941-2865 or 1-800-432-7812.
We cover Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington counties.



DOWN EAST SUNRISE TRAIL

This trail is an 85 mile multi-use recreational trail that starts in Hancock.

It can be used by walkers, bikers, skiers, horseback riders, ATVs and snowmobiles.

Parking is in the designated parking area on Railroad Siding Road (off Washington Junction Road).

REFLECTIVE 9-1-1 SIGNS

Reflective 9-1-1 signs can be purchased at the Sullivan Town Office. They are \$10.00 each and they make them there. Make sure you have your correct 9-1-1 number.

P.A.W. (Protecting Animals Welfare)

This is an animal advocacy group of volunteers who may

be able to assist you with animal issues and questions. We are working on Trap/Spay/Neuter (T/N/R) programs, fostering and all other ways that we can help animals in the Hancock County area. We meet once per month. Contact Marie Zwicker, Sorrento A.C.O. at 460-8920 for any inquiries about the group and how they might assist you with your animal questions, problems or concerns. If you are interested in becoming a member of P.A.W.S., call Diane at 422-3789 if you want to find out more.

There is a donation can on the counter of the Sorrento Town Office



The collected donations have been, and will continue to be, deposited in the bank to help address animal issues and concerns. P.A.W. received its Articles of Incorporation from the State of Maine, so are now recognized non-profit in Maine.

If you know of any animals being left outside too long or without shelter...please call the animal control officer.

P.A.W.S. may also be able to help with your vet bills if you are unable to pay them.

If you need help feeding your pets, you can go to the Sullivan Town Office for pet food. Don't let your pets go hungry or get rid of them because you can't afford to feed them. P.A.W.S. is ready to help. There is dog and cat food and also gerbil and guinea pig food.

If you can donate – cat food is needed.

TITLES

A vehicle is required to have a title in the State of Maine if it is 1995 or newer:
all motor vehicles,
trailers over 3000 lbs. (empty),
motorcycles with engines 300CC or higher.

From the Sullivan Town Office -

Attention:

Lynn is the Sullivan Town Administrator and is not always available to answer everyone's questions. Please ask the person answering the phone and if they can't answer your question they will get someone who can. The ladies working behind the counter are Kristine Guyton and Helen Gordon. Thank you.

<u>The Sullivan Town Office says –</u> Message from the Sullivan Town Office –

Sorrento residents have to go to the Sorrento Town Office FIRST and pay the excise tax owed on your vehicle. Motor

Vehicle in Augusta says towns are not supposed to accept excise from other towns. IF YOU COME TO SULLIVAN BEFORE PAYING YOUR EXCISE TAX IN SORRENTO, YOU WILL BE SENT BACK.

When you come to the Sullivan Town Office to complete your vehicle registration, <u>make sure to have your insurance card</u> (it must show date of expiration). They must see your insurance card!

Excise Tax: Excise tax on your vehicle <u>must be paid in</u> the town you live in BEFORE you go to Sullivan or wherever you get your registration.

When registering a vehicle, you must have your insurance card and mileage with you. You must have your INSURANCE CARD, not your insurance bill (this is State law!). If you complete your registration in Sullivan, you can have a copy of your insurance card faxed from your insurance company to the Sullivan Town Office at 422-4785.

When you pay your excise to the Town of Sorrento, you will receive 2 copies (a white copy and a yellow copy) of your registration needed to take to Sullivan (or wherever you complete your registration). Please fill out the white copy before coming in to Sullivan. This will save time.

The Sullivan Town Office does not take debit or credit cards.

Also, if you are required to file SR22 insurance you will need to go to Ellsworth to register your vehicle after you pay your excise in your town

SORRENTO-SULLIVAN RECREATION CENTER

<u>BINGO on Tuesdays</u> – put on by, and to benefit, the Sullivan Fire Department. Home cooked meals and great desserts. Raffle items, pull tab tickets. Come have some fun and meet some new friends. You might even win some money!

The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center hall is available to rent for receptions, parties, anniversaries, suppers, etc.

You do not have to be a resident of either town to rent. Call 422-6282 and we will set you up with an application.

Reasonable rental fees!!! Kitchen and cleaning included in the rental fee.

Need a space for a yard sale? Rent a space here for \$20.00.

Anyone wishing to join the Rec. Center Board please give Helen a call at 422-6719. If you don't want to join you can just be a helper!

(The Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center Board is looking for some SORRENTO members!!)

THRIFT STORE IS OPEN (new hours for Tuesdays) Tuesdays – Open at 12:00 to 4:00.m & Saturdays 10am to 2:00pm.

Benefits the Pet Fund and the Recreation Center.

Donations are welcome but do not leave them outside the Rec. Center door. Call 422-6282 or 422-6504 to find out when to drop them off.

We do not take electronics. Goodwill will dispose of these for you for free.

FRENCHMAN BAY LIBRARY NEWS



The Library is located in the southern wing of the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center on US Hwy #1.

Hours: Monday 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 1-5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Librarian: Barbara Sawyer

Assistant Librarian: Christine McGowan
Email: fblibrarian@frenchman.lib.me.us

Website: http://www.frenchman.lib.me.us

Board Chair: Myra Hornberger

Contact: 422-2307 Frenchman's Bay Library

PO Box 215

Sullivan, ME 04664

PJ Story Time: Monday, March 2 and April 6

@ 6:30pm. Healthy snacks after the

readings.

Save these dates:

Saturday, June 27, 2015 Book and Bake Sale 10-2 **Wednesday, July 22, 2015** @ 4pm—Daisy & Paul Minor-Daisy the Library Loving Pig

The library is accepting book donations again. Gently used books. NO encyclopedias, dictionaries, or textbooks please.

Remember our Adopt-a-Book program. If you are unable to come to the library, we can bring books to you.

Frenchman Bay Library catalog is now accessible from your home computer. Here are the steps: Google Frenchman's Bay Library.

Click on Website with Frenchman Bay Library - WIX.com

Click on "Services" Tal

Click on "Library World"

Enter "fblib" in Library Name (No Password

Required)

OR come in to the library for assistance.

Remember to check our website: http://www.frenchman.lib.me.us/.

If you have an extra hour and would like to volunteer, we would love to have you.

Reminder: The Library has WIFI.

Free Ancestry.com

Connection to the Maine State Library

4 computers for public use.

IF THERE IS NO SCHOOL DUE TO SNOW, THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED.

SULLIVAN SORRENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF SYLVANUS COOMBS STOVER AND HIS DAUGHTER, MARY ELIZABETH STOVER

SYLVANUS COOMBS STOVER 1822-1861

Born in Castine, the son of Nathaniel Stover and Lydia Coombs, Sylvanus Stover, a master mariner, lived in Sullivan (East Side Road, Waukeag Neck) with his wife Mary Ann Derby and their 7 children. The 1860 Federal Census lists 38year old Sylvanus, his wife Mary Ann and Joseph, 16, Lydia F., 14, Stephen M., 12, Sylvanus, Jr., 10, George, 8 & Mary Elizabeth, 3, his youngest child.

In 1983, descendants of Sylvanus and his youngest daughter began to write to the Sullivan –Sorrento Historical Society with questions about Sylvanus' death and mary Elizabeth's death, wondering if both were murdered. Recently the Hancock genealogy society received queries on these deaths.

The Town of Sullivan did a town census in 1865. Sylvanus and his family members were listed, but a date "By March 23, 1861" follows Sylvanus' name. Above is a note Under "Sudden Death".

"Capt. Sylvanus Stover of Sullivan, fell dead in that place 4th INST. Capt. S. was in his usual health and engaged in the woods with his oxen when he fell down beside them. He leaves a large family to mourn his sudden death." He was 39 years old.

In the Sullivan 1870 Federal Census, we can find Mary Ann Stover, Sylvanus' widow, living in the home with children Samuel, 15 &Mary Elizabeth, 13. The oldest child, Joseph, was recorded as 'Killed in Army', Aug. 23, 1863 in the Sullivan 1865 census.

In the Federal Census of 1880, we can find Mary Ann Stover, 61 yrs., living in Sullivan with her son-in-law, Warren Grant and his wife, Lydia, Stephen and his wife, Rachel Pettee are living in Gouldsboro.

Sylvanus Jr. lives with his wife, Minnie, and son, roy, in Winter Harbor, and George, a sailor and his wife, Alice, live in Hancock. Samuel, a sailor, and wife, Mary E., also live in Hancock.

Mary Elizabeth Stover is 23 yrs. Old. She lives in the household of Elbridge Moseley of Trenton, as a 'hired girl'.

NEXT MONTH, WE WILL LOOK AT ATHE UNNATURAL DEATH OF MARY ELIZABETH STOVER.

If you have anything that you are getting rid of about Sorrento or Sullivan that you think the Historical Society might like, please call the above number and ask. Books, pictures, maps, information, etc.

Remember....Once it is gone, it's gone and our ancestors won't be able to get it back.

JOIN YOUR SOCIETY DUES

for the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society are being collected for the period June 30, 2013 through June 29, 2015. Please mail to:

Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society P.O. Box 44 Sullivan, Maine 04664

Enclosed are my dues as checked:
Individual \$10.00
Family \$10.00
Life Member \$100.00
Donation
Name
Address:

The Historical Society is located in the Sorrento-Sullivan Recreation Center in Sullivan – come in the front right-hand doorway, up the stairs, then first door on the right. Check us out on Facebook.

THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

e-mail

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday--9:00 to 5:00 Wednesday and Thursday--9:00 to 8:00 Saturday 9:00 to 2:00

ART SHOWS:

February 7 to March 7: Tom Christensen

March 7 to April 4: Sylvia Atherton, Sherry Fletcher,

Laura Pellerano, Maribeth Salois and Sandy Smallidge

from Surry will display their work.

It is best to call us at 667-6363 to be sure that the Riverview Room is open to the public at the time of your visit.

DISPLAY CASE:

March: American Association of University Women

Pre-School Story Times Tuesdays at 10:30am

Recommended for 4 & 5 year olds

Thursdays at 10:30am

Recommended for 2 & 3 year olds

Fridays at 10:00am – Laptime Recommended for 0 to 24 months

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed., March 18, 6pm

Science after dark. Try some cool science tricks.

Sat., March 28, 10:30am Zippety Day –

Celebrate our mascot Zippety with party games and fun.

The Reading Pros – 4th and 5th Book Club

The book club will meet on Friday, March 6 at 2pm. Any 3rd, 4th or 5th grader is invited to join.

Legos @ the Library Friday, 2pm, March 13

Building fun for all kids and teens. Bring your Legos or use ours and get creative with your friends in the Riverview Room!

Puppets!

Friday, 2pm, March 20

This group is for grade school age children.

Bibliophile Read-a-Force Friday, 2pm, March 27

This group is for 6th through 8th graders.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Wed.., March 11, 3:30 to 4:30pm.

All teens are invited to attend the TAB meetings.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

THE TUESDAY READERS Tues., March 3, 2pm

"The Tuesday Readers" is a new book discussion group at

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the library. The group will meet first Tuesday of each month at 2pm, beginning in February. James Higgins, Reference Librarian, will facilitate these discussions. Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand will be discussed at the first meeting. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served.

Tightwad Exchange – Brown Bag Session Wed., March 4, 12 noon to 2pm

Join others who are looking for ways to save money, stretch the budget, and share frugal ideas. This is a brown bag meeting, so feel free to bring your lunch.

The Ellsworth Chess Club Every Thursday at 6pm

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

The Ellsworth Public Library Knitting Workshop March 7 and 21, 10am to noon.

Come in or crochet with us in the knitting nook (3rd floor). Knitters and crocheters of all levels are welcome!

Caregiver's Group Tuesday, March 10, 2pm

Join us for coffee, conservation, education and support with the Eastern Area Agency on Aging.

The Ellsworth Public Library Writers Group Thurs., March 19, 7:30pm

The 3rd Thursday of each month, new and experienced writers are invited to gather and share ideas. The group offers friendly critique, encouragement, resources and writing prompts.

The Ellsworth Public Library Book Discussion Thurs., March 5, 6 to 7:30pm

The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan will be discussed.

Lead Free for Loons – Tackle Exchange Thursday, March 26, 6pm

Enjoy a multimedia presentation about the loon's natural history as well as an overview of current threats, including lead tackle. There will also be a Lead Tackle Exchange, so bring in your lead tackle for a free exchange. Save our Loons!

EMMAUS SHELTER GENERAL WISH LIST

These items are used daily and they would welcome donations:

Plastic twin mattress & pillow covers Pre-paid phone cards and postage stamps Dish & laundry detergent & dishwasher tabs

Trash bags (33 & 13 gal.), toilet paper & paper towels

Coffee – regular & decaf Sugar, margarine, butter

Adult Advil, Tylenol, Ibuprofen

Batteries, pens & markers

Items Available at the Sorrento Town Hall: Sorrento, A Well Kept Secret--\$15 (\$20 if mailed) A Bicentennial History of Sullivan, ME--\$42.15 (+\$5 if mailed)

Sorrento Fire and Rescue Golf Tees - Bag of 6 for \$.50 or three bags for \$1.00

LED Flashlight Keychain - \$3.50

(Sorrento Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary)

2015 Day Planner/Calendar Pocket Pal – includes notepad, ID area, lists of holidays, auto service record, mileage between some US cities, First Aid for Emergencies, weights and measures, toll-free numbers, Web sites, time zones, area codes listing some maps with plenty of room to put in your daily appointments or notes...and it is only about 3" x 6"! \$5.00 (Sorrento Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary)

Sorrento Fire and Rescue 'For the Cure' T-shirts. 2 pink shirts left. Sizes XL and XXL. \$12.00

Elder Care. Will keep your loved one company. Run errands, light housekeeping and cooking. References available upon request. Call 422-2025.

In Home Care

State of Maine Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) is available to care for you or your family member in your home. A CNA helps you maintain your independence by providing a variety of tasks, including personal care based on an individual care plan, housekeeping, food preparation, and laundry. Call 422-3219 for more information or email dedam@panax.com and ask for Liz Dedam.

Coastal Lawn Mowing and Caretaking – snowplowing available. Call Greg Ring 422-0934

SORRENTO AUTOMOBILE CLEANING SERVICE

Cleaning of the interior/exterior of your auto- wheels/tires. Wash, vacuum, deodorize, dash, door panels, windows and leather treatment.

\$150 small auto \$200 medium auto \$250 large auto

Auto pick up and drop off at no charge. Call 422-6893 or 266-8267.

HASTINGS CONTRACTING/CARETAKING

A family owned business serving Sorrento for over 50 years! You name it we do it. We cover all aspects of **carpentry**/caretaking from yard care, snow plowing to roofs, decks, additions and anything else you may need. We care take more Sorrento homes than anyone! Call for free estimates. 422-6893 or 266-8267

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The Swap Meet

What would you like to buy sell, or swap? Please send or call in with your would-likes.

FOR SALE:

Prius tires mounted M&S Winterforce 185/65 R15 88s radial sincamara tubeless - \$400.00. 422-3033 Sorrento

FOR RENT:

FOR RENT - Mooring in Sorrento, upper harbor (Sorrento Harbor) 422-6514

BEAUTIFUL **OCEAN FRONT** VACATION COTTAGE FOR RENT-EARLY SUMMER AND FALL 2015 - "Oak Bluff", Collin's cottage on Doane's Point with ocean view. Fully furnished with three bedrooms, plus twin beds in loft (sleeps 8), two bathrooms, living, dining areas, kitchen, dishwasher, stone fireplace and wood stove, full basement with washer and dryer, large deck facing ocean. Wood available for chilly autumn weather. For rental fees and dates, contact: Sheila Collins, sheila.collins65@verizon.net; tele: (914) 560-6485.

SUMMER HOME RENTAL: Located at 2 Short Lane

(just off north end of Main Street) overlooking Back Cove; quiet setting but close to Town landing, Town dock, tennis, post office, church, marina/boat yard, etc.; 5 bedrooms with comfortable beds; open kitchen-diningliving area with wood stove, big windows, and great views; mooring often available; washer and dryer, Ping-Pong and storage in large clean basement; Wi-Fi; 2 kayaks and 1 canoe; available 1 to 4 weeks at a time from May to October; and GREAT year-round and summer neighbors. Friendly, well-behaved dogs are welcome in fenced-inyard. Please contact Nate Weeks at 508-364-0687 © or nateweeks3@gmail.com.

Four bedroom house, sleeps 7-8, on Sorrento point. Available for rent in August. Easy walk to dock, tennis, and post office. 2 queen beds, 1 double, 2 twins. Porch, great room and modern kitchen. \$1500 per week plus 8% Maine hotel tax.

Contact Hugo Smith (jsmith220@gmail.com or (978) 578-3619), or Polly Smith (waukeag@comcast.net, (207) 869-5049).

FOR RENT – House on tip of Bean Point with great views of Mt. Desert. Available end of August and September 2105

Large house (sleeps 9) on the tip of Bean Point right on the shores of Frenchman Bay. Listen to the waves on the shore, the loons in the bay and watch the boats, the wind and the sunlight on the waves as you eat, read or just simply enjoy the view. House has three waterside bedrooms (10, 1D and 1Twin) with two more on the front side (2 twins in each), two full baths upstairs (one shower, one deep old-fashioned tub) and a half bath on the ground floor. Waterside has large covered porch with plenty of chairs and a picnic table. Ground floor has two sitting areas, a dining area, kitchen and a large ping pong table. Kitchen has dish washer, microwave and washer/dryer and a gas grill just outside the door.

**No cats and no smoking.

If interested, contact Hetty Nerod 203-256-0808 or hnerod@gmail.com

HOUSE FOR RENT, available June 2- July 11

The house is in Sorrento village, walking distance to tennis courts, harbor, library and church, yet feels secluded. It has three large bedrooms, four full baths, and a deck with table and chairs and a view of the bay and Ingalls Island. The main cabin has a large kitchen, dining area, bath, fireplace, and a living room with futon. Two of the bedrooms, in a separate guest cabin, each have a double and a single bed and a private bath; one has a fireplace. The master suite, attached to the main cabin by a covered walkway, has two 3/4 beds, a bathroom, a study, a kitchenette, and baseboard heat. There is a path to the rocky waterfront, no beach or dock. There is cable and wifi. No cats are allowed. Due to lack of child-proof railings

on the deck, we cannot accommodate children under five. Rent is \$1200 /week (one week min.) plus \$200 cleaning fee. Photos available. Contact Chris Robbins at a.c.robbins73@gmail.com.

SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

Charming house with view of Sorrento Harbor. Three large rooms and bath, furnished. \$750 per month, plus utilities. Call 422-3235.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Please <u>submit items by the 23rd of the month</u> to Esther Clement, Sorrento Town Office, 79 Pomola Ave., Sorrento, ME 04677-3126 or fax 422-3737.

REMEMBER -

New Sorrento Post Office hours began February 7.

6 hours of window service each weekday.

The retail hours will be 9am to 1pm and 2:15pm to closing at 4:15pm, Monday through Friday. Saturdays will be 8am to 11:30am.

Access to delivery receptacles will not change as a result of the realignment of weekday window service hours.

Customers will have access to their mail receptacles 24 hours a day. Post Office Box mail will be available daily for pick p by 11am Monday thru Friday and at 9:30am on Saturday.



4TH ANNUAL HANCOCK COUNTY FOOD DRIVE March 2015

Research has demonstrated that late winter and early spring of each year find food bank and food pantry shelves with less to provide for families in need.

The Hancock County Food Drive is a collaborative effort of UMaine Cooperative Extension Hancock County, Washington Hancock Community Agency, Healthy Acadia, Maine Community Foundation, United Way of Eastern Maine, the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce and businesses, schools, community groups, churches, food pantries and free meal sites throughout Hancock County.

Thanks to support from the Maine Community Foundation, United Way of Eastern Maine and private donors, each food item will be matched with an additional cash donation. All food and moneys raised will go to Hancock County food pantries and free meal sites.

Please bring in your donations to the Sorrento Town Hall (Town Office). There is a box in the lobby.

Also, please be sure to check the expiration dates.

