### **The Sorrento Newsletter**

**JANUARY 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 \*\*\*\*\*

Thursday, January 1 New Year's Day Friday, January 2

### Monday, January 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

It is winter once again - 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.

### CHRISTMAS VISIT, SONGS, REFRESHMENTS







Much fun was had by all at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Visit in the Sorrento Community Building.

Special thanks goes out to Barbara Sawyer for reading Christmas stories to the children, Bill Neleski for making his (delicious) cookies, Madeline Hamersley, Sorrento Dental, to those who donate to Santa's Christmas Visit, and all the elves who helped get it all together.

#### REMINDERS!!

There is no parking along the sides of the roads where the snowplows will be plowing – your vehicle can be towed (at your expense) if it is in the way.

Also, State law, there is no plowing the snow from your driveway in to and across the roadway.



### **2014 PROPERTY TAXES**

The 2014 property taxes

are due by January 5, 2015.

Interest will begin to accrue on unpaid 2014

property taxes as of January 6, 2015.

### WEBSITE -

### LET'S CLEAR THIS UP

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 68 to date - could use at least 82 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.** We 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.

### NOTE FROM THE SULLIVAN TOWN OFFICE:

Sorrento residents have to go to the Sorrento Town Office <u>FIRST</u> 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.



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

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# PURCHASE YOUR FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE THAT YOU ASK FOR THE 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

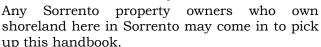
can result in penalties and other costs.

### MAINE SHORELAND ZONING HANDBOOKS

Received from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection –

Maine Shoreland Zoning, A Handbook for

### **Shoreland Owners**



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. The lien process has begun and will shortly be completed. Liens will be placed on the unpaid properties and mortgage holders will be notified.

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 **are due January 5, 2015**. Interest on unpaid 2014 property taxes will begin 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  $\overline{ALL}$ ELIGIBLE WHO **MEET** OF 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.



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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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



The 2015 dog licenses & tags are available.

\*\*Dogs must be licensed January 1
or when they reach 6 months of age.

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

\*\*When licensing your dog, you must bring with you your dog's <u>rabies certificate showing the tag number</u> and <u>date of expiration</u> and your <u>certificate of proof of spay or neuter</u>, 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.

\*\*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.



### FOSTER HOMES FOR CATS

Anyone have any room in your heart and home to foster or adopt some stray cat or cats.

Foster homes are badly needed for cats until they are adopted or put in an available humane society.

Please call Marie at 460-8920 or 266-5027 if you have any questions about this.

### **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**

12/03/14 – In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Craig Clement, Esther Clement, Joey

Clark, Dwayne Clement

Guest: Greg Ring

Approved minutes from last meeting.

Community member in about blight at Fuller Road. Selectmen are continuing efforts to improve situation.

Reviewed correspondence. Signed disbursement warrant.

**12/17/2014** – In attendance: Rob Wilpan, Dan Bierman, Sr., Esther Clement, Dwayne Clement, Approved minutes from last meeting. 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 **December:**

Charles Bennett, 227 West Shore Road: garage W. Henry Vandeveer, 342-3 West Shore Road: replace a non-conforming structure with less non-conforming structure (details on file)

**REMINDER**: All contractors doing soil work in the shore land <u>must</u> have State Certification and <u>must</u> 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 December 10, 2014

**Present:** Robert Cossette, Franklin - David Wilcock , Gouldsboro - Daniel Hodgkins, Hancock - Helen Gordon, Sullivan - Diana Young, Winter Harbor and Joyce Levesque, Plant Manager

Absent: Austin Wilpan, Sorrento

Call to Order: 4:05PM

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Secretary's Report: The minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting were presented and were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The current balances in the checking and savings accounts (as of Nov. 30th) were: Checking: \$33, 627.92; Savings: \$105,380.06 (Interest \$18.97). A motion to accept the report was made, seconded and approved.

Plant Manager's Report: The aging summery shows that MRRA owes CRC a total of \$16,444.21 for past shipments. The manager reported the CRC shipped one load each of cardboard and newsprint. The report was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

A. Status of Gouldsboro Membership in CRC: Gouldsboro Representative David Wilcock conveyed that the town's Board of Selectmen had voted to terminate membership at the end of the current fiscal year. Plans are being developed to use curb-side single stream recycling in order to recycle more material, at a lower cost to the town, and with no sorting required. Requests for bids (either using the town's transfer station or not) have gone out and are scheduled to be received by the town on Dec. 19th. The town was reminded again that its letter of withdrawal from CRC needs to be received by Dec. 31st of this year.

B. 2015-2016 Budget: Joyce Levesque had prepared a proposed budget that had taken out the annual payment from Gouldsboro but not the value of recyclables from Gouldsboro. After substantial discussion it was decided to remove an estimated \$5,000 from sales giving an anticipated budget for CRC with a deficit of \$40,551. A motion to this effect was approved unanimously.

This budget assumes no increase in billing to the remaining five original towns in CRC and the deficit to be made up by taking funds from the savings account. The deficit was likely to be substantially smaller than \$40,000 due to the likely agreement with Evergreen Waste of Bangor to handle their cardboard and newsprint. It was recognized that this budget (even with the increased business from Evergreen) was not sustainable over the longer run, but more thought and planning would be required to come up with different ways of conducting CRC business in order to correct the situation and be sustainable.

New Business: Dan Hodgkins asked what CRC's closed days would be over the holidays. Joyce Levesque replied that Coastal would be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: Having no other new business, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 5:10pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 4PM in the Sullivan town Hall.

Respectfully submitted by David Wilcock, Secretary

### 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. 🍂



### FOR BURN PERMITS ANY TIME OF THE YEAR:

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
- \*\*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 December:

12/07/14 – Sorrento Fire and Rescue participated in the Wreaths Across America parade. Attending with trucks 824, 845 and 851 were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Brian Clement, Craig Clement, Patricia Clement and Michelle Clement.

12/16/14 – Monthly truck and station check. Attending were Joey Clark, Dwayne Clement, Dudbridge Taylor, Mike Parker

12/22/14 – Sullivan Fire and Sorrento Fire responded to a call of propane smell at Sumner Memorial High School. Attending for Sorrento with Engine 824 were Dwayne Clement and Brian Clement.

12/28/14 – Sorrento Rescue and Sullivan Rescue responded to a medical call on Pomola Ave. Responding for Sorrento with Rescue 845 were Dwayne Clement, Brian Clement, Joey Clark and Jon Mickel.

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: November 12, 2014

Attending: Lisa Heyward, John Dedam, Dan Bierman, Jr. Guest: John Fuhrman (CEO)

The Chairman convened a meeting of the Sorrento Planning Board at 7pm in the Town Office to consider a residential building permit application submitted by William & Amanda Vandeveer. After a review of the permit application and supporting documents, the PB requested that additional information and details be provided prior to the Board making a determination on the permit application. A motion was made to table the permit review until the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Board on December 10, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Submitted by Dan Bierman, Jr.

### Minutes of: December 10, 2014

Attending: Lisa Heyward, John Dedam, Gerry Nehl, Dan Bierman, Jr.

Guests: Kathleen Stevens-Rosa (AIA), John Fuhrman (CEO)

The chairman convened a meeting of the Sorrento Planning Board at 7pm in the Community Building. Consideration of a residential building permit application submitted by William & Amanda Vandeveer that had been tabled at November's PB meeting was the sole agenda

item

Guests Rosa and Fuhrman presented to the Board additional information and details requested at November's meeting. After much discussion because of conflicting ordinances and information provided by the town newsletter and website, the PB voted to approve the permit requested by the Vandeveers to rebuild a nonconforming residence in the Shoreland Zone. The vote was 3 to 1 with John Dedam dissenting.

In the next few months the PB will be reviewing the inconsistencies between the ordinances with a plan to bring the voters changes that will make them more consistant.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm Submitted by Dan Bierman, Jr.

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; 16 years and under and 65 years 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**

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. Per our contract with Harris Disposal, the trash bags are **not to exceed** <u>40 pounds</u> in weight when full.

If something - a bird, animal, whatever - gets into your trash bags and scatters your trash, <u>you</u> 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 October through May will have

curbside recycling pick up only the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of those months.

The months of June through September have pickups the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  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 –

January 22 and February 26

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.

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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.

### **Outside Sorrento**

A website has been established to assist our friend
Steve Fountaine of Sullivan
in his battle with lung cancer.
Anything you can do to help is much appreciated.
Please visit: <a href="www.gofundme.com/j1zj3g">www.gofundme.com/j1zj3g</a>.
No donation is too small and is much appreciated.

### 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.

This month we met with Joe from WHCA and we talked about ways At Home Schoodic and WHCA can work together to help us realize our goal of enabling seniors to stay living in their homes as they age. It took the Blue Hill group two years of planning to get up and running. Working together and using the model already in place is a

real boon to us. Sullivan Recreation Center on January 15 at Our next meeting will be at the Sorrento Sullivan Recreation Center at 6:30. We will be discussing exactly what services we can provide.

**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 Christina athomeschoodic@gmail.com



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

Jill Cohen, Principal jcohen@rsu24.org

The Town of Sullivan has cookbooks for sale with recipes from people in Sullivan and some Sullivan ancestors. The books are \$10.00 each.

The above are part of celebrating Sullivan's 225<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### FURRY FRIENDS FOOD BANK 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</u> on <u>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 Tuesdays – Open at 1:00 to 5:00p.m & most 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.

### SULLIVAN SORRENTO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thanks to John Daley for the 1880 geological report of the property of the Golden Circle Mining and Milling Co. Works on Seward's Island (presently Treasure Island), Sullivan, Hancock, Co., Maine by W. F. Stewart.

The discovery of the vein was made on Saturday, March 6th, 1880 by Mr. Stillman F. White, proprietor of the Waukeag House, (a pleasant and popular summer resort at West Sullivan) who, with a hammer, chipped a few pieces from the surface.

At the date of this writing, April 7th (1880), a dwelling house for workmen, an ore house, blacksmith shop and explosive house, have been erected, and all the necessary tools and hoisting apparatus for pushing the work are on the island. "Location of the Golden Circle - ' as before stated, the mine is situated upon a small island known as Seward's Island.

This island, at low tide, appears like a sort of addenda to the extreme southeastern extremity of Waukeag Peninsula, from which it is separated by a channel of only a few hundreds of feet in width.

The island and the peninsula both rest in the sparkling bosom of that magnificent sheet of water known as Frenchman's Bay, at the distance of about four miles from the village of Sullivan, Hancock County, Maine"

Thanks to Shirley Plummer for the gift of the wall size 1860 map of Hancock County.

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 c	lues	as c	hec	ked	:
In	dividual	\$10.	.00			

Family \$10.00
Life Member \$100.00

Name		
Address:		
e-mail		

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

### 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

### Save these important dates:

PJ Story Time will meet on January 5 at 6:30pm.

The Sorrento Newsletter Page 11 of 14 January 2015 Beginning January 5, the library will again hold the Healthy Self Class, "\* Weeks to Optimum Health". This class is based on the book by Dr. Andrew Weil. The series is free and will meet for 8 weeks. The dates are: January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 16, and 23. The time is 6-7pm. Jean Guyette and Kathy Nyborg will lead these classes. Call the library for details, 422-2307.

**Book Club** will meet on **Monday, Jan. 19** at **2PM.** The January book is "The Living is Easy" by Dorothy West.

**SOUP AND CHILI LUNCH** is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 from 1-3 pm. Soups, chili, casseroles, desserts and beverages. Admission by donation. Donated food items accepted. Come spend the afternoon with friends and neighbors.

**CABIN FEVER BOOK SALE** will take place on **Saturday, February 7. Time: 10am to 2pm**. Small paperbacks: \$.25; Large paperbacks: \$.50; Hardcover: \$1.00; Children: 2 for \$1.00.

We have 4 computers for public use. WiFi is available.

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.

Does anyone have a copy of the **Memoir by Condaleeza Rice** they would like to donate to the library?

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.

### THE ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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:

**Dec. 6 to Jan. 3** – Photography by young, local, photographer Ethan Kell.

### SEE THE ELLSWORTH BROCHURE AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

### **DISPLAY CASE:**

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

No story hours during Christmas week.

### **SPECIAL SATURDAY STORY TIMES:**

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Books and activities are recommended for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders and all are invited to join. For more information, contact Abby at 667-6363 or <a href="mailto:amorrow@ellsworthlib.me.us">amorrow@ellsworthlib.me.us</a>

### Legos @ the Library

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

### **Puppets!**

This group is for grade school age children. Kids will learn how to make puppets then how to use the puppets they have created. They will also have an opportunity to perform in our puppet show at a special Saturday Story time next spring!

### Bibliophile Read-a-Force

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This group is for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Serving on our TAB may count toward your community services hours and you will have fun too!

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#### ONGOING ACTIVITIES

## The Ellsworth Public Library Knitting Workshop First and third Saturdays of each month from 10am to noon.

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

### American Mah Jongg

This is the American style Mah Jongg. If you know how to play, feel free to drop in for a game!

#### The Ellsworth Chess Club

Players of all ages and abilities are welcome.

### Tightwad Exchange - Brown Bag Session

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.

### Caregiver's Group

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

### The Ellsworth Public Library Writers Group

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The book discussion group will be holding their Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Yankee Swap.

### 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)

### **JUST IN:**

**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

### 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 <a href="mailto:dedam@panax.com">dedam@panax.com</a> 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

**COASTAL CHIPPING AND MOWING--**Complete property maintenance, field mowing, wood chipping, and driveway grading. References available. Greg Ring, 422-0934.

### **Guyette's, Inc.** 422-3908

Towing and removal of any metals, washers, dryers, junked cars, etc. At no charge. Auto repair.

### **Interiors By Details**

405 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605 (207) 669-8025 www.ineriorsbydetails.com connie@interiorsbydetails.com

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Phone: 207-422-2170

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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:

Frigidaire Gas Stove – by the Town of Sorrento. Was replaced by new one in the Community Building. Nothing wrong with it. Used only occasionally. White Frigidaire model FGF376CESP. Right front burner 10,000 BTU, Right rear burner, 7,500 BTU, Left front burner 7,500 BTU, Left rear burner 10,000 BTU. Bottom drawer is also a warmer. \$125 or best reasonable offer. Call the Town Office, 422-6889.

**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

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