

# Londonderry Times

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**Leading the Way** The Londonderry Lancer Mascots led the way for the High School Senior Parade that past through the high school on Tuesday afternoon. The last day of school for seniors is always marked with this tradition, and this year was no different. Hundreds of cars joined in on the parade. See more photos page 8.

## Budget Committee Discusses Town and School Finances

ANN MARIE SHEA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The COVID-19 pandemic was the hot topic at the most recent meeting of the Londonderry Budget Committee. The Budget Committee held its virtual meeting on Thursday, May 28 to discuss

the status of Town and School budgets. All seven committee members participated in the meeting, in addition to Justin Campo, Town Finance Director, Peter Curro, School District Business Manager, and Amanda Venezia, Director of Dining Services.

After approving the minutes from the previous two meetings and providing details of a training for Committee members, Committee Chair, Chad Franz, invited Justin Campo to discuss the town's budget to date. Campo shared

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## Town Council Wrestles with Traffic Concerns from Citizen

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, members continued to discuss way the town can deal with the ever-increasing amount of traffic in the northern part of town.

Two weeks earlier the council heard from Litchfield Road resident Ryan Prudhomme, who spoke during the Public of his concerns regarding the influx of traffic the road he lives on is seeing due to the Pet-tengill Road expansion.

During that discussion, Prudhomme mentioned that traffic has

increased from 1,000 cars a week to 5,000 cars a day. Numbers he said, the town's Traffic Safety Committee provided.

At Monday night's meeting, which was held as a videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Town Council Chairman, John Farrell began by saying that Prudhomme's home was built in the 1940s and is very close to the right-of-way, and asked that chief Hart speak to the issues that Prudhomme brought up at the previous meeting.

Hart started by saying that the numbers based on the data that both the Southern New

Hampshire Planning Commission and the what the Police Department had put together show no real discernable difference between the time prior to the construction of Pet-tengill Road. He added, "That said, the number is very high, it's nearly 6,000 vehicles a day, we are looking at ways to address that."

Hart also said they had planned on addressing it at the last Traffic Safety meeting which was scheduled for April, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation.

He said, "We expect the July meeting to be in

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## Police Chief Hart Speaks to Council on National Crisis

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police Chief William Hart took a few moments during the public comment section of the Monday night, June 1, Town Council meeting to express his feeling on the riots taking place across the country.

Hart began by saying, "I wanted to address the murder of George Floyd and the terrible nights of rage and violence that have occurred since, and what it means to your police department. A week ago, a man wearing a badge who had

taken an oath to serve and protect the people who live and work in his community, Minneapolis, murdered one of that communities citizens as he lay suffocating I the street, his dying words were all too familiar to all of us, "I can't breathe."

Hart continued, "We've heard those words before, those words have rightly become an anthem of anger and frustration one that we as police and we as citizens forget at our peril. That anger, that frustration is more clear to us alone in our thoughts in this crazy

time and we put those words 'I can't breathe, I can't breath' in the mouths of our brother, sister or mother, our best friend, I can't breathe."

I hope that George Floyds family, his friends and those who loved him and cared for him can accept my personal

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# ATV Trail Traffic of Concern to the Conservation Commission

KELSEY DERHAK  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission held their latest virtual meeting on Tuesday night, May 26, and a bulk of the meeting focused trail usage during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Starting off the meeting were updates from the Conservation Ranger, Glenn Aprile. Aprile notes that "the trails are packed and calls for service have pretty much tripled." The cameras in the conservation areas have picked up around 15,500 images during the

month of April, which is almost quadruple the amount the commission sees in a normal month, which ranges from 3,000-4,000 images. There are many concerns that have happened in the last month, most of which have to do with ATV incidents. Both the Highway Department and Fish and Game have helped make a barricade in the Musquash area for turtles to safely nest. All of the ATV traffic as of late has been disturbing the natural nesting areas of the turtles. Fish and Game have set up cameras to keep an eye on the turtles.

ATV traffic is an

ongoing concern. In addition, signs alerting people about the turtle crossing have also gone missing. The Commission discussed ways to secure signs so they do not have to keep replacing them. A motion was made to purchase four more signs for \$250 to replace the ones that have gone missing. The motion was seconded and approved.

The ATV traffic on the rise is becoming a bigger concern for the Conservation Commission. One member stated, "The goal of the commission is not to take away people's fun but to protect the conserva-

tion areas and its animals." Aprile also noted that there is no legal place in Londonderry where you can ride an ATV other than on your own property or property of another, as long as you carry written permission from them on your person. There have been increased incidents where ATV riders have been found riding on the power lines, which is also not legal. The fine for riding in these illegal areas has increased from about \$74 to about \$270. The CC realizes that most of the ATV traffic in the conservation areas

enter from the power lines and the hope is that the fine increase might defer some of the riders from taking their ATVs into the protected areas.

Due to the numerous incidents brought up at the meeting by Conservation Ranger, Aprile, the CC discussed the idea of having a column in the newspaper dedicated to incidents happening in the protected areas. The purpose being to inform residents of the incidents that are actually happening on these protected lands in the town. Hopefully this would help to

create awareness and protect these conservation lands. No names would be stated in the reported incidents involving the Ranger or police department, just summaries of the incidents. The column would focus on the importance of the conservation value of this land. It would be a log of incidents noticed and reported by Ranger Aprile during the course of carrying out his duties.

ATV traffic throughout the towns protected land areas was the major topic of discussion during this meeting.

## DMV Resumes Road Tests

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles resumed road tests on Monday, June 1. Prior to scheduling a road test, applicants must complete all driver licensing requirements, including successfully passing a knowledge test.

People can request a road test at [www.nh.gov/dmv](http://www.nh.gov/dmv). "We are very happy to resume road tests starting Monday and to continue offering our other services by appointment and through our drop boxes and online systems," DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki said. Applicants who need to complete a knowledge test can call 227-4000 to

request an appointment.

The following DMV locations are open by appointment: Concord, Dover, Keene, Manchester, Nashua, Newport, Salem, and Twin Mountain. The DMV would also like to offer the following important service reminders:

- Drop box services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the following locations: Concord, Dover, Manchester, Newport, Twin Mountain, Salem, Nashua, Keene, Gorham, Tamworth, Epping, and Milford.

- The following DMV locations are open by appointment: Concord, Dover, Keene, Manchester, Nashua, Newport, Salem,

and Twin Mountain.

- For licenses expiring by July 31, 2020, in-person driver license renewal appointments are available. Call 227-4000 to schedule an appointment. Customers are encouraged to renew online if eligible.

- The REAL ID compliance deadline has been extended until October, 2021. REAL ID transactions are not currently conducted outside of renewal transactions.

- All previously extended 20-day plates will expire on May 31, 2020. Residents must reach out to their local city or town clerk's office for permanent vehicle registration options prior to May 31.

## Town Council Adpts a Face Mask Resolution for Residents

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry Town Council meeting held on Monday night, June 1, the council approved the passing of a resolution relative to the wearing facemasks in the town Londonderry.

The resolution states:

Whereas: the Governor of the state of NH issued a state of emergency on March 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pantomimic;

Whereas: the Governor of the state of NH has extended the state of emergency multiple times since March 13, 2020;

Whereas: the Governor of the state of NH

the "Stay at Home" order on March 26, 2020;

Whereas: the Governor of the state of NH order with emergency order # 40 on May 1, 2020;

Whereas: Exhibit B to Emergency Order#40 provides "Universal Guidelines for NH Employers and Employees;

Whereas: the Universal Guidelines rely on guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") and "are based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and are intended to protect the public's health and allow NH to remain open for business"; and

Whereas: the CDC "recommends wearing

cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are different to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of areas of significant community-based transmissions."

Now Therefore be it resolved the Londonderry town council recommends in the strongest manner possible that Londonderry citizens follow the CDC guidelines and wear face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Without any discussion, the council voted unanimously to pass the resolution.



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# Traffic

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person, and we intend to address it there, and really look at some of the challenges we face out there.”

Newly elected Town Council member Deb Paul made a statement after Hart spoke, saying, “Well over seven years now I have been complaining to anyone that would listen to me about this. I’ve talked to the Planning Board, the Safety Committee, to the Town Council about this issue in this area, and what I got was a Stop sign.” She added that the stop sign now acts as a starting line for what has become a drag strip on Hardy Road. She also invited the police to sit in her driveway and see how fast people are driving down her street.

Paul also brought up trucks traveling up and down Stonehenge Road at all hours of the day despite the “No Thru Trucking” signs.

She was frustrated that the problem has been brought up for over seven years, yet nothing seems to have changed.

Town Manager Kevin Smith shifted gears slightly during that part of the discussion to speak of the numbers brought up at the previous meeting by Prud-

homme, saying, “It was stated at the last meeting that it had gone from 1,000 cars a week to 5,000 cars a day, but that was not an accurate statement. The daily average cars in 2010 on this section of Litchfield Road was approximately 4,200, in 2013 it jumped to 5,300. Smith added that what is interesting about these numbers is that they were prior to the build-out of Pettengill Road, but they do correlate to the construction of the Airport Access Road Bridge, giving easy access to Route 3 at that time.

He concluded by saying that after that spike, things have gone up slightly but remain steady since then, and attributed much of the traffic to the construction of the bridge that now links Londonderry to Merrimack.

Farrell asked Chief Hart if he has any recent speed numbers for Litchfield Road, but Hart said nothing over the past three months but could provide some additional numbers for the next Traffic Safety meeting, adding, “I do agree with Councilor Paul, speed is an issue on those cross-through roads.

Farrell suggested following through with having those numbers for the July meeting, and then brought up the

issue of trucks using the roads.

Councilor Tom Dolan then suggested that Smith talk with the town’s IT Department, and see what it would take to get a hold of these internet app developers, and inform them of the Londonderry “No Thru Trucks” roads in our community.

Member Jim Butler suggested that the Police Department start

ticketing more, to make a statement to travelers, letting them know the area is being more heavily patrolled.

Chief Hart noted that moving forward he would instruct his personnel to upgrade the special attention to those particular areas in town. He added, “When we do, there is a diminution in the behavior for a period of time.”

Smith added that the

speed numbers he had showed that the majority of vehicles were traveling right around the speed limit, between 36 and 45 miles per hour.

Smith also suggested using signage to direct travelers to go down Grenier Field Road as opposed to Harvey and Litchfield roads.

Prudhomme called in to the meeting and stat-

ed that he had done a count of the cars from his home, and in five minutes he counted 76 cars going by.

By the end of the meeting, the council decided to wait until after the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting and see what they come up with before determining their approach to a solution.

## OBITUARY

### Eileen M. Schacht

Eileen M. Schacht, 78 of Londonderry, NH passed peacefully on Saturday May 23, 2020 at her home at Carriage Shack Farm following a long battle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. She was born in Medford, MA on July 16, 1941, a daughter of the late, Joseph and Edna (Branch) Coffee.

Eileen worked for MKS Instruments in Andover, MA and later retired from Sanmina Corp. in Manchester. She spent her retirement days greeting visitors who came to her farm. Eileen loved casinos and the lottery. She loved watching Professional Bull Riding, NCIS, and the game shows.

The family would like to offer a special thanks to her amazing hospice team that kept her comfortable along with her family members.

She is survived by her two sons, Paul Schacht, Jr. and his wife Maria of Londonderry, and Duane Schacht and his wife Brenda of Londonderry, four grandchildren, Paul Schacht and his wife Katie, Danielle Schacht, Quintin Schacht, and Cheyenne Schacht, and two great-grandchildren, Sophia and Jaxson Schacht. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul W. Schacht, Sr. in 2017, and also by her daughter, Debbie Schacht in 2014.

The family is planning private services for a later date.

## OBITUARY

### Wesley A. Gage



Wesley A. Gage, 74, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday May 28, 2020 at Parkland Medical Center after a period of declining health. Wesley was born Sept. 16, 1945 in Melrose, MA and was a son of the late Wesley and Janette (Woodward) Gage. He was raised and educated in Saugus, MA and had been a resident of Derry for the past 13 years.

Mr. Gage served his country in the Vietnam War, as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard. After returning home, he was employed as a truck driver with Eastern Oil for many years. He had been an avid sports fan, fisherman, enjoyed taking drives, enjoyed the seacoast and overnight trips with his wife.

Members of his family include his loving wife of 50 years, Dorothy (Munroe) Gage, two daughters, Laurie Bain and her husband Jonathan and Christine Gage; three grandchildren, Patrick, Caitlyn and Emma; a brother and his wife, William and Carolyn Gage; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Wes was a gentle caring soul. His sense of humor and smile will be greatly missed.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, private services will be held for the immediate family and conclude with burial will be in the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please make your contributions to the New Hampshire Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive, Suite 210, Bedford, NH 03110 or at [www.cancer.org/about-us/local/new-hampshire.html](http://www.cancer.org/about-us/local/new-hampshire.html)

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# Editorial

## Getting the Full Story

How many of us find ourselves irritated or offended by comments on Facebook or other social media sites? It's important to be in the know about big traffic jams on I-93, sightings of multiple emergency vehicles, school busses stopped on the side of the road, and icy road conditions during the winter. However, this information is often followed by rumors, half-truths, and anonymous comments. Sometimes the facts are there, but the material we read is often based on opinion and speculation.

Depending where you click, you might get the story. Or, you might be treated to somebody's idea of the story, which lacks facts all together.

Although there has been talk about the internet being the death of the newspaper, we don't buy it. We know now that this will only be the case with the 'big ones' and their weeklies that only pretend to be local. Privately owned community and local weeklies will soon be the only reliable source of information.

Social media postings can catch and keep our attention by providing real-time content, but they create rumors, suspicions, and conspiracy theories, making it difficult to tell truth from fiction. This is not the case in community newspapers, though, which are based on facts, people, and places we all know. What you read in print may not be as exciting as the latest social media posting, but it's factual, and if we make a mistake, we correct it in the

next edition.

The purpose of a community newspaper is to report the facts and educate rather than to speculate or start rumors, even though we're all tempted to sometimes. While reporters are asked to investigate rumors, readers will never see stories containing information that has not been proven to be true.

We do not create news. We cover what will happen and what has happened publicly.

While sites like Facebook don't have word count limitations, they cater to the short attention spans we've developed since the advent of the Internet. If you want to find out what really happened, pick up a community newspaper. You may not like what an article says, but it's based on the facts.

We also tend to forget about the personal aspect of community newspapers. Nutfield Publishing's publications are committed to reporting and photographing what happens in their respective towns. Our reporters, photographers, and owners live in the area and are familiar faces as they attend and support community endeavors. We aren't anonymous - you know where to find us. When you support us, you support a local business.

So, go ahead and check out social media. We all do it. We even have Facebook pages for our newspapers. But, if you want to read about what really happens in your community, you can't beat a community newspaper.

# Letters

## Kudos to Londonderry

To the editor,

I wanted to share a thank you or two to our town. I recently changed health of our staff, volunteers, and customers. I read the info in the Times, followed what Sherri wrote and was able to transfer my plates without entering the town hall, and the turn around time was amazing. I had a similar experience when re-registering my 40 cc scooter via Concord DMV.

Also, if anyone has not seen pictures of our 2020 High School graduates, drive up and down Mammoth Road here in town and you will. What a great idea to honor our graduates in this very different time!

Trudy Marshall  
Londonderry

## A message from our Executive Director...

To the editor,

The Upper Room is continuing to provide support for the community. Our food pantry is open Mondays 11 am - 1 pm and we have a second day on Thursdays from 3 - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our staff is assisting in applications for resources, and continues to provide support, case management, programs, and services remotely as we plan for re-opening this summer. We are making every effort to learn how to make a safe and comfortable return to business over the summer, with our hope for a successful re-entry late summer-fall.

We are working to adapt our curriculum and programs so that we can make swift pivots if needed again in the

future. We continue to work within the guidelines being presented to make informed decisions that promote the health of our staff, volunteers, and customers. We appreciate your patience in matters that may take a little longer to manage at this time. As we kick off summer, don't miss out on the things we have planned for you!

Take care.  
Brenda Guggisberg,  
Executive Director,  
The Upper Room

## Nothing Like an Informed Reader

To the editor,

Sending a thank you to Steve Homsey and Daniel Sullivan for their letters which speak volumes about the integrity of the community I call home.

As for Bob Pitre's letter, I would suggest he follow Ms. Lapwings guidance on citing the sources that he uses to form his comments.

Nothing like an informed reader.  
Jane Cooper  
Londonderry

## Salute Our Captain

To the editor,

Although Captain Pitre's opinion pieces can be, to say the least, head spinning he makes valid points in the last paragraph of his most recent piece.

The nation of course owes a debt of gratitude to Captain Pitre and his fellow "warriors" who put themselves in harm's way to protect us.

We should salute the

Captain and his band of brothers and share his distress that there are those who would doubt his patriotism. One can only imagine the disdain he and heroes like him feel for draft dodgers, and an intense repugnance I'm sure for draft dodgers who would mock decorated war heroes who spent time as a prisoners of war, or who would denigrate gold star families.

Daniel Sullivan  
Londonderry

## Thank You For Senior Photos

To the editor,

I would like to thank all of the people involved in hanging the photos the 2020 graduates along Mammoth Road in Londonderry. This was a great idea to honor these students. My own children already graduated from LHS. I remember well each of their graduations and all the fun activities they shared with friends during the end of their senior years in high school. It made me sad to think about how much fun these students, the class of 2020, were missing out on with all of the usual end of the senior year activities being cancelled or postponed. I celebrate and I'm proud of all of you and wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase of your lives. We will always remember the graduating class of 2020. The photos lining Mammoth Road are a wonderful tribute to all of them.

Martha Smith  
Londonderry

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# Local Rotary Honors LHS 2020 Graduates Along Mammoth Road

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The new president of the Londonderry Rotary, Ken Senus, recently saw what he thought, was a great idea on social media from North Carolina, where a town made banners with photos of their 2020 graduates, and placed them throughout the town. Senus thought it would be a great idea for the 2020 graduating class of Londonderry High School and presented the idea at the Rotary Club meeting. Club members thought it was a great idea, and the ball started to roll to produce the banners and display them along Mammoth Road.

Next, Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent and Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan were presented the idea, who were then, also quickly onboard. Sullivan said she then sent out an email to all the members of the Class of 2020 asking them if they could use the pictures supplied by their photographers on the banners that would be displayed along Mammoth Road. Sullivan then instructed the photographers to release

the photos of those kids that responded positively, or didn't respond. Those that said no were not displayed.

Eversource was also contacted for permission to use the poles along Mammoth Road, which they approved.

Bob Beane, the owner of Minuteman Press in town sold the banners to the rotary at cost.

Special shout out to two of the assistant managers Jeffrey Mack and Madeline Gonsalves at Home Depot went out of their way to provide all the hardware and PVC needed to hang the banners, and finally public works for hanging the 325 banners.

The banners will hang on Mammoth Road until graduation, when they will be handed to the graduates as a memento of their very unusual graduation year.

Many thanks to Ken and Carla Senus for conceiving the project; to Rotary for approving and funding the project; and to all those who came together to make sure it happened.

Finally, congratulations to each of LHS' graduating seniors for a job well done.



From left, Ray Adams, President of Londonderry Rotary, Katie Sullivan, LHS Vice Principal, Ken Senus, President-elect and project leader for the Banner Project and Faye Sell, Rotary Club Secretary



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# Fall Sports Programs at Schools Will Move Forward

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District Athletic Director, Howard Sobolov, recently released some optimistic news regarding the fall sports season for the town's young athletes. Sobolov's press release reads:

In light of the current success that the State of New Hampshire has recently had mitigating the spread of the Covid-

19 virus and with the Governor providing his plan to gradually reopen our State to sports and recreation activities, we are hopeful that we will be able to offer Sports at both Londonderry Middle School and Londonderry High School in the Fall of 2020. With that hope we are moving forward as we normally would with sports registration for the Fall of 2020. We will keep all informed and

updated as more information becomes available. In order for all to be prepared should we return to Fall sports as scheduled we are opening the Registration portal for LHS and LMS as of now. The registration must be filled out by a parent/guardian and signed by both the student and parent/guardian. If you are new to Londonderry Athletics please use the link from our registra-

tion provider FamilyID for information regarding the registration process.

If you are a returning family to the Londonderry Athletics registration process please see the information below:

You may use the information you submitted in previous seasons to save time with future registrations. Please use the following steps:

1) Click on the Current Season registration

form on your school's FamilyID

Landing page. <https://www.familyid.com/londonderry-athletics>

2) Login using the PARENT e-mail address and password you created previously (do not create a new account because this will erase all the student information the school has on file) if a student logs in/creates an account this is violating the FamilyID terms of service.

3) Choose the sport.

4) Click on "Add Participant Below or Click to Select" and pick your child's name.

5) Update health and demographic information, if necessary.

6) Sign-off on seasonal agreements.

7) Save and Submit

If residents have any questions regarding Fall sports registration, call the Londonderry School District athletic office at 432-6941 extension 2307.

## Budget Committee

Continued from page 1 that the town is currently slightly under budget in most areas and pointed out the current budget freeze. He mentioned that COVID-19 had caused a significant amount of overtime for public safety officers. Revenue has declined a bit this year, but noted there are several items still incoming in the next few weeks, including cable and airport revenue.

Campo said he expects the slow reopening of New Hampshire businesses to drastically affect next year's revenue, due to the loss of meals and room tax, as well as income from the gas tax. The lowered federal interest rate has

also significantly lowered Londonderry's interest revenue.

The town of Londonderry has applied for several grants to offset COVID-related expenses. If grants are approved, the town stands to be reimbursed for close to \$700,000 in unexpected expenses.

Amanda Venezia, Director of Dining Services, briefed the Committee on the status of the breakfast and lunch program offered by the school district. The program is currently funded through June 30, but Venezia was not sure if it could continue throughout the summer. She added that although the federal government is funding the program,

Dining Services still stands to lose about \$125,000 this year, as opposed to the \$80,000 surplus last year.

Next, School District Business Manager Peter Curro, discussed the financial status of the Londonderry School District. Although he continues to believe there will be a budget surplus at the end of this fiscal year, he explained that some significant unexpected expenses cut into that surplus. The original main electrical line at the high school shorted about a week ago and the estimate to repair is about \$100,000. The repairs have already begun. The surplus is due in large part to the furlough of bus drivers, the elimination of the need to pay substitute

teachers, reduced cost of utilities, and some unused stipend payments. He estimates a surplus of around a million dollars come June 30. The decision on how to handle the surplus will ultimately be made in conjunction with the school board at the July and August school board meetings.

Discussion turned to what schools may look like in the Fall. Curro said that the district task force has been meeting twice a week to discuss the evolution of the CDC guidelines and how the district can prepare for all eventualities. He had some vision of what to expect, but cautioned that due to ever-changing guidelines, there is no way to know right now.

"What's the point of no return for establishing a plan for next year," asked Budget Committee member Kirsten Hildonen. "Operationally, what's the rough last date that you can finalize what you're going to do in the fall to give you all enough time to adjust?"

Curro assured her that the School District will have their recommendations and plans ready to present to the School Board at the July meeting. He anticipates the School Board will take time to review the plans, and ultimately make a decision in time for the August meeting.

The only public comment came from resident, Debra Paul. Paul, who is also a Town Council member, but emphasized that she was com-

menting strictly as a resident. She asked the Committee members to consider asking all departments to aim to cut their budgets by 2-3 percent to alleviate some of the burden on the town and its residents. She suggested meeting with union leaders to ask that the current pay raises be postponed for now. The logistics of this request were discussed, with Committee Chair Franz ultimately telling Paul they would get back to her on the question.

The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25th. The public is welcome to join the meeting via Zoom, or if in-person meetings have resumed the meeting will be held at Londonderry Town Hall.



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# Chief Hart

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condolences as a 30-year-long law enforcement officer for this criminal act, one that brings shame and overall disgust to everyone like me that wears a badge, and who like me has taken an oath as a police officer and as the former county prosecutor I'm ashamed."

Because the event has affected all of us individually and as citizens I wanted to let you know what we are doing, in Londonderry, at the PD to prevent this from happening here. For us at LPD, sworn in and civilian, every moment of every day is in some way an inoculation against this heinous act happening here. There are three tendons of that success here at LPD: a rigorous hiring process; excellent career while in training; strong well-coached supervision. In committing to each fully, we build a successful policing culture every day over and over again, lingering on our failures as opportunities to learn and noting briefly our successes, glad that it went okay. Our hiring process is tough, as you

know, few pass through the lots kind of people do, while the hiring process, as it should be, focuses on the skill sets we believe will make a good tactical police officer, we look for more, we look for good people, people who will adopt our culture, our way of policing here in Londonderry. We look for people who want to serve, who understand that service is not in the telling; rather it is in the listening. For whom decency is not just a word, rather it is a way of living. We look for people who can carry out their mission while always understanding that a lot of bad things happen for all of us to be here in your home. We look for people to aspire to professionalism to noble calling, a calling that may, at any moment, require your life, but always in every moment requires kindness, empathy, decency, always puts paramount importance on the people part of people skills. We look for people who know that discretion and good policing, of interest tonight, sometimes means letting it go, not throwing the book."

We look for people who do not lose their

aspiration to expect excellence because today he or she failed, rather we look for people who matured wisely, understand that personal failure, professional failure, is often the first in the life-long journey towards excellence. We look for people who are not defensive, not name callers, not making excuses, not inflaming, rather calming. We look for men and women that have the inner confidence to know that in my admission of failure, I'm learning, and in learning I'm preparing myself and my community, the people that I serve every day, for success.

We look for people who take responsibility, who search it out, who seek it, who prepare for it, who when the going gets tough said, 'Let me do that, or I'll go first.'

Once we've made that hire, we train, we train again, and then after that we train again, every day, for an entire career."

Every day at work, for all of us that serve you, is aspirational in

nature, we as police, and I know I speak for the Fire Department, aspire to be the very best, and most days we succeed."

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This is not the first time an unarmed black man was murdered.

Please let it be the last. Enough is enough. I am sixty-five years old, yet, I can remember when I was a child, these

same challenges faced our country. I thought that when I was old, as I am now, the obvious injustice of racial inequality in America would be a thing long past. After all, the spring and summer when I turned thirteen were marred by assassination, riot, war. When I heard a man speak when Dr. King died, I thought, people will hear this. We will change. This will be gone when I am old. He said, "What we need in the United States is not division; what we need in the United States is not hatred; what we need in the United States is not violence or lawlessness; but love and wisdom, and compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or they be black."

That is what we still need and it is up to me

as a police officer, a human being and most of all an American to be love, to be wisdom, to be compassion, to be justice. Indeed, it is up to all of us. Every day to aspire to those things which make America great. In doing so I make my country better; in doing so we make our country better.

It is up to us as Americans, if we hope, if we still aspire to be that place that we were told of as children, a place that our grandparents suffered and died to get to, a place of opportunity, a land of hope, a place where you could be safe from the knock on the door in the middle of the night, a place where you are free to be anything or anybody you want to be, a place where a person could breathe.

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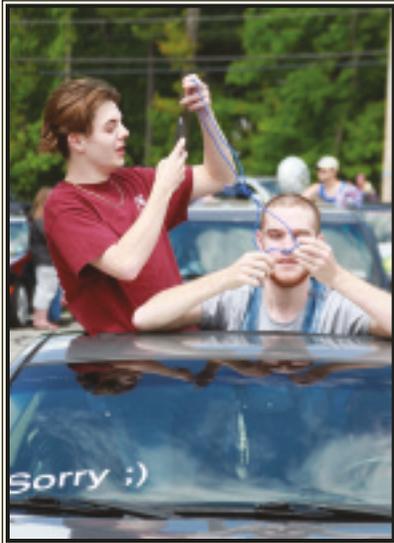
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# 2020 Seniors Honored with a Parade Around High School



Londonderry High School graduating seniors paraded around the school on Tuesday afternoon, and were showered with gifts and accolades by teachers and staff members. Hundreds of cars wrapped around the school during the parade lasting about an hour. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# Itching To Get Out? Here's How To Keep From Itching After

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Many people of New Hampshire have been taking to the trails since temperatures have allowed to stretch their legs after being cooped up indoors for so long.

Hiking and trail walking are great ways to get exercise and take in the sights of nature. But aside from the insect, wildlife and injury risks, there is one other thing that experienced and novice hikers both need to be mindful of.

Poison ivy and poison sumac are poisonous plants that can be

found in the New Hampshire wilderness. These plants contain urushiol, an oil containing allergenic properties that cause a number of problems for anyone who comes into contact with these plants.

There is an old adage of, "Leaves of three, let it be" when it comes to avoiding most poisonous plants, but as it turns out, this can be misleading.

"Part of what makes poison ivy so difficult to identify are the wide variety of growth habits it displays depending on the environment it is growing in." reads a

report from the University of New Hampshire Extension. "It can climb upwards into trees as a vine with many hairy aerial rootlets, creep along the ground, or appear shrub-like."

Since poisonous plants can be so deceiving, it is a good idea to keep plant-identifying literature on hand, or for hikers to make themselves knowledgeable on how to avoid contact with any suspicious plantlife.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health also offers tips on how forest workers and recreators

alike can prevent contact with any poisonous plants.

Wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, and gloves will help to protect the skin from poisonous plants. All clothing worn to places that may contain such plantlife should be washed separate from other clothing to prevent contamination.

Hikers should consider using barrier creams containing benzoquatam, a lotion that helps to prevent rashes from poisonous plants.

Those who choose to recreate from home are not out of the woods when it comes to poison plants. Poison plants can be found in residents' own backyard.

According to NIOSH, urushiol can remain active on objects for up to five years, so any gardening or pruning tools that may have come into contact with poison plants should be washed immediately with soap and water or rubbing alcohol. Disposable gloves should be used while washing, NIOSH urges.

Those who are permitted to have fires in their backyard should avoid burning green shrubbery in case it contains leaves of poisonous plants.

Anyone who has had dermal contact with poisonous plants may experience a red rash within a few days of contact, with possible bumps, patches, streaking, or weeping blisters, says NIOSH. Those exposed will likely also experience swelling and itching in areas that have made contact, or where oils have spread through scratching or contact with others.

NIOSH states that anyone who has come into contact with poison ivy or other plants causing dermal reactions should immediately rinse the skin with either rubbing alcohol, specialized poison plant washes if available, degreasing soap (such as dishwashing soap), or detergent, and a lot of water.

The area should be rinsed frequently so that wash solutions do not dry on the skin and further spread the urushiol, the skin irritating agent.

For good measure, nails should be scrubbed from underneath with a brush to further prevent the spread of oils.

After the area has been cleaned, either wet compresses, calamine lotion, or hydrocortisone cream can be applied to reduce itching and blistering.

NIOSH urges that directions should be followed on any creams and lotions, and reminds users not to apply any type of cream or ointment to broken skin.

In cases where multiple areas of the body have been affected, oatmeal baths may help to relieve itching. Be sure to clean the areas beforehand to avoid ending up bathing in the irritating oils.

Antihistamines such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl) can be taken to relieve itching, says NIOSH. As always, directions should be followed when taking any sort of over the counter medication, and in cases where children have been affected, a pediatrician should be contacted to determine appropriate dosage.

Should the rash be on delicate areas of the body, professional medical attention should be sought, says NIOSH. In cases of extreme reaction, such as swelling or difficulty breathing, or if someone has had a severe reaction in the past, emergency aid may be necessary.

For more information on poisonous plant identification, control, etc, visit [www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/plants](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/plants).

## Londonderry Announces Partial Re-Opening of Recreation Areas

As of Thursday, May 28, the Town of Londonderry announced the partial re-opening of certain town recreational fields, courts and facilities for Sargent and Nelson Road areas only.

Effective immediately, certain recreational facilities off Sargent and Nelson Roads will re-

open as follows:

- The LAFA fields will be open for scheduled practices only in accordance with the "COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Amateur and Youth Sports" promulgated by the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force.

- The tennis courts and skate park will be

open for recreational use; however, proper social distancing guidelines must be followed.

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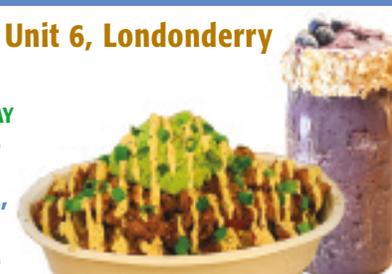
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# GREENWorks: Rain Gardens, A Beautiful Solution to Stormwater Runoff

Whether you are looking to enjoy more time in your yard or engage your child in a project, this may be a good time to enhance your yard with a special type of garden, called a rain garden, while helping protect the environment. What we do in our own backyards can affect the nearby lakes, rivers, streams and bays we love. By looking at our yards a little differently, we can do our part to help protect them.

A rain garden is a specialized type of garden

that has a few unique features but otherwise is quite similar to a conventional perennial flower and shrub garden. Rain gardens are designed to capture rain and allow it to soak into the ground. By preventing stormwater runoff – water from rain and melting snow that does not soak into the ground – we can prevent water pollution, erosion, habitat degradation and more. Runoff is powerful. It can erode loose material like sand and soil, pick up toxins like pesticides, and liquefy substances

like road salt. These harmful materials move with the runoff into our scenic brooks, flowing streams and rivers, and favorite ponds and lakes where they smother habitats, poison aquatic critters and cause water pollution.

Luckily, property owners can do their part to reduce runoff, and building a rain garden is a beautiful way to do so. Next time it rains, watch how the water falls on your roof, deck, driveway and yard. Look for areas that send water directly to a waterbody or to the road, where it enters a roadside ditch or catch basin. Strategically place your rain garden to capture this water to prevent it from running off your property. Direct your roof gut-

ter downspout into your rain garden instead of down your driveway, for example. Or capture runoff from your compacted lawn by planting a rain garden along the runoff's path.

The most unique rain garden feature is that it's sunken down into the landscape to create a pooling area to capture the rain. As the captured water slowly filters down into the soil, plant roots and soils filter the water and groundwater supplies are replenished. A simple percolation test will tell you if your soil will allow this. (Find a link to instructions below.)

As for the size of the garden, all good rain garden guidance will provide you with instructions designed to

capture a certain amount of rain. For example, the sizing instructions in the Soak Up the Rain New Hampshire (SOAKNH) Rain Garden Fact Sheet [www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/rain-garden.pdf](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/rain-garden.pdf) will guide you to build a rain garden to capture one inch of rain falling on the area you are capturing. However, your rain garden can be smaller or larger; just know that a smaller garden will overflow more often and a larger garden, less often.

Now comes the fun part! Create a beautiful, sustainable, backyard wildlife habitat by filling your rain garden with native grasses, ferns, flowering perennials and shrubs. Just be sure to

use plants that can tolerate being inundated with water for up to a day or so. (A rain garden should drain out in about 24 hours to prevent creating a mosquito breeding area!) There are lots of plants to choose from. You can find lists online, including the SOAKNH Native Plants for New England Rain Gardens [www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Native-Plants-for-NH-Rain-Gardens\\_20160322.pdf](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Native-Plants-for-NH-Rain-Gardens_20160322.pdf). Try to use at least 80% native plants in your rain garden (or any perennial garden) to provide local wildlife species with much-needed pollinating, feeding, nesting and other opportunities.

Find out how to do a simple percolation test, review the benefits of using native plants, see or print the SOAKNH Native Plant for New England Rain Gardens list and learn more about rain gardens, by visiting the SOAKNH Rain Garden Planning page [www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/resources-2/rain-garden-planning/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/resources-2/rain-garden-planning/).

If you're not a gardener but would still like to do your part to prevent runoff and reduce water pollution, there are many other ways to help:

- Consider a rain barrel or two to capture your roof runoff.
- Build a dry well or an infiltration trench.
- Plant a vegetated buffer between your home and the water body you live by.

For more information on rain gardens and these other ideas, visit Soak Up the Rain New Hampshire [www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/) and look for the Do-It-Yourself Fact Sheets [www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/resources-2/diy-fact-sheets/](http://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/resources-2/diy-fact-sheets/) under the Resources tab.

## OBITUARY

### Edwin B. King

Edwin B. King, 74, of Derry NH passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 following a lengthy illness. He was born in Portsmouth NH on June 11, 1945, a son of the late Paul and Louise (Bennett) King. He had been a resident of Derry for many years, but grew up in Londonderry and often reminisced about his very happy childhood there.

He was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, class of 1963, and also earned a degree from Hesser College in the 70's. Edwin was a US Army veteran and served in Vietnam during the war. He had been employed in the electronics industry until his retirement, and traveled extensively for work. He attended Journey Church in Derry. Ed loved being retired and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed his time searching for the perfect fishing hole, playing cards, restoring old furniture and woodworking in general, and building things for his grandchildren. But he was most famous for his cooking, and was often referred to as Chef Boy O Boy. He loved nothing better than to spend a morning in the kitchen, concocting a vat of something delicious to pass out to family and friends. His chili was killer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharon A. (Johnson) King of Derry; three children, Dr. Edwin B. King and his wife Leslie of Pittsburgh, PA, daughter Allison M. King of Derry, and son Jonathan M. King and his wife, Jenny, of Manchester; six grandchildren, Maya and Adam of Pittsburgh, and Delaney, Liam, Rowan, and Kieran of Manchester, all of whom he adored. He is also survived by his brother Paul and his wife Mary, of Hopkinton, NH, and his sister Patricia Hauser and her husband Allen, of Londonderry, plus several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date when families can gather safely. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army of Derry. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Latest NH DHHS COVID-19 Update as of June 1, 2020

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Monday, June 1, 2020, DHHS announced 39 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 4,685 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, all are adults with 69% being female and 31% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (8), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (7), Merrimack (4), Carroll (1), and Strafford (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (12) and Nashua (6).

Five new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 456 (10%) of 4,685 cases. One of the new cases has no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

Current Situation in New Hampshire, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data

updated June 1, 2020, 9 a.m.)

NH Persons with COVID-19: 4,685  
Recovered: 2,954 (63%)

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19: 245 (5%)  
Total Current COVID-19 Cases: 1,486

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19: 456 (10%)  
Current Hospitalizations: 98

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR): 74,344

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests: 12,046

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL: 26,635

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL: 2,183

Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time): 4,000

\* Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

\* Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

\* Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not

\* Include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Specimens Tested by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests

NH Public Health Laboratories:

May 25	768
May 26	866
May 27	404
May 28	665
May 29	273
May 30	571
May 31	626
Daily Average	596

LabCorp:

May 25	175
May 26	99
May 27	281
May 28	385
May 29	151
May 30	449
May 31	83
Daily Average	232

Quest Diagnostics:

May 25	616
May 26	906
May 27	607
May 28	736
May 29	353
May 30	688
May 31	630
Daily Average	648

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center:

May 25	72
May 26	66
May 27	86

May 28	188
May 29	238
May 30	403
May 31	487
Daily Average	220

Other NH Hospital Laboratory:

May 25	138
May 26	178
May 27	184
May 28	261
May 29	21
May 30	32
May 31	n/a**
Daily Average	136

Other Laboratory\*:

May 25	38
May 26	11
May 27	9
May 28	39
May 29	45
May 30	27
May 31	30
Daily Average	28

Total:

May 25	1,807
May 26	2,126
May 27	1,571
May 28	2,274
May 29	1,081
May 30	2,170
May 31	1,856
Daily Average	1,841

Antibody Laboratory Tests

LabCorp:	
May 25	0
May 26	0
May 27	2
May 28	58

May 29	30
May 30	40
May 31	17
Daily Average	21

Quest Diagnostics:

May 25	236
May 26	232
May 27	305
May 28	302
May 29	225
May 30	279
May 31	174
Daily Average	250

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center:

May 25	n/a
May 26	n/a
May 27	1
May 28	13
May 29	13
May 30	22
May 31	4
Daily Average	11

Other Laboratory\*:

May 25	5
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May 26	0
May 27	1
May 28	6
May 29	28
May 30	29
May 31	13
Daily Average	12

Total:

May 25	241
May 26	232
May 27	309
May 28	379
May 29	296
May 30	370
May 31	208
Daily Average	291

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## Dog Licensing

Please see this important message regarding DOG Licensing. Dog Licensing LATE FEES will not go into effect until July 1. We know that this can be a difficult time to get appointments with Veterinarians. Remember that Dog Registration Renewals can be made through our on-line services, drop box located at the front and back of our building, or mailed directly to us. If you have any questions, please email [sfarrell@londonderry.org](mailto:sfarrell@londonderry.org).

## Filing for State Representative or Delegate

Procedure for Filing for State Representative or Delegate with the Town Clerk. The filing period to sign up to run for State Offices in New Hampshire is Wednesday, June 3 through Friday, June 12. At the current time, Londonderry Town Hall is still closed to the public. Please contact our Town Clerk Sherry Farrell at [sfarrell@londonderry.org](mailto:sfarrell@londonderry.org) or call (603) 432-1100 X199 to make an appointment to sign up. For our safety and yours when you arrive for

your appointment, we suggest the following: 1. Wearing a mask, 2. Bringing your own pen, 3. Having exact cash/check ready if filing for State Representative (\$2)

## Parenting a Second Time Around

The Upper Room's Grandparent and Caregiver Support Group Parenting a Second Time Around (PASTA) will have a 3-Session Workshop Monday, June 1, 8 and 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Live on Zoom! \$20 (includes book)

## 1-2-3 Magic Workshop

Is your young child having tantrums? Join the Upper Room's 1-2-3 Magic Workshop on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Live on Zoom! \$35 fee (includes book).

## Crossroads: Co-Parenting Workshop

Are you co-parenting after divorce or separation? Join the Upper Room's Crossroads: Co-Parenting Workshop on Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Live on Zoom. \$80 fee (includes book).

## Lean to Draw

The Upper Rooms On My Own Teen Series will host Learn to Draw Remotely from June 10 - July. It is 8 Four Video Lessons followed by LIVE Discussions on Zoom. This workshop is free.

## Time to quit?

Vaping and Your Health Workshop Available remotely by the Upper Room during June. This workshop is for Teen & Young Adults up to age 24.

## Meals on Wheels

The Rockingham Nutrition Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens is offering a drive thru pick-up at the Londonderry Senior Center Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The address of the senior center is 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Pick up time is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Meals are served with milk, dessert

and bread. Selections need to be made one week in advance. The June menu is now available and can be mailed to you. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal helps to offset costs for those that cannot afford meals. If you are interested, please call the Senior Affairs Director, Cathy Blash at 432-8554 and leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours.

## Cancellation Of Summer Recreation Program

After careful consideration, the Town has decided to cancel the 2020 Summer Recreation Program, also referred to as the Summer Playground Program, which is usually held at one of the elementary schools. The Recreation Department has determined it is not feasible to hold the Summer Recreation Program in light of the school building closures as well as the draft guidelines for Summer Day Camps promulgated by the Governor's Re-Opening Task Force. While we are disappointed, it remains our main goal to keep everyone safe and healthy this summer, and we thank you in advance for your understanding.

## Calling Town Hall

In order to serve you better and for our clerks to more efficiently process your online and drop-off transactions, we have temporarily rerouted all clerk

phone lines to one individual in Town Hall. Should you need to reach us by phone (432-1100) and are unable to do so, we are likely on the other line, so please leave a message and we will get back to you within 24 hours. Alternatively or In the meantime, you may always visit our website ([www.londonderry.org](http://www.londonderry.org)) where there are a variety of "how to" documents for each Department which provide step-by-step instructions on conducting resident transactions.

## Library Drive-Thru Service

The Leach Library is pleased to announce the opening of drive-thru service starting on Monday, June 1, 2020. The hours of the service will be Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Just call the library at 432-1132 during the above listed hours and tell the staff member that you would like to pick up an item. The staff will ask you information pertaining to the item(s) and format (book, DVDs, Books-on-CD, etc.) you wish to "check out". In addition, staff will be asking you for a time that is convenient to pick up the item. When you arrive at the library during your scheduled time, an employee will come to your car wearing personal protective equipment and they will look at your library card or driver's license through the driver's side window. Thereafter, you can "pop" open your trunk, and the employee will put your items (which will be bagged) into the trunk of your car. However, staff will not be collecting any returned items from patrons or their vehicles. If you are returning items, please park your vehicle in

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the parking lot and then put the items in the book drop. By doing so, social distancing can be maintained and the pick-up line

will not be impacted.

## Plant Sale Cancellation

Derry Garden Club regrets that our annual plant sale to be held this year at the Robert Frost Farm May 30th has been put on hold this year. We

are planning to do some activity in the fall at the same location but plans have not been finalized yet. Please check on our website later this summer for an update. [www.Derry-GardenClub.org](http://www.Derry-GardenClub.org). If you would like to see our Chil-

dren's Garden in progress, drive by the Boys and Girls Club on Hampstead Road in East Derry. For more information about our cancelled plant sale please call 396-0053 and leave a message

## Touch a Truck Cancelled

Touch A Truck! 2020 has been CANCELLED We regret to announce that this year's Touch A Truck event has been CANCELLED.

## Yoga For Children

Do you have an active 3-6 year old? Upper Room offers Yoga for Children on Fridays from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m., May 8 - June 28. Free live on Zoom. Preregistra-

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**Monday - April 25**  
**12:13 a.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to hospital from Kimball Road.  
**8:52 a.m.** Shooting Complaint reported on Peabody Row.  
**9:24 a.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**2:56 p.m.** Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Auburn Road.  
**3:41 p.m.** Services rendered for Auto Fire, at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.  
**5:33 p.m.** Trespassing reported on Grenier Field Road.  
**9:53 p.m.** Peace Restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Coteville Road.

**Tuesday - April 26**  
**3:21 a.m.** Services rendered for a disturbance on Charleston Avenue.  
**9:43 a.m.** Suspicious

Activity reported on Fieldstone Drive.  
**11:53 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Hillside Avenue.  
**1:25 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Stonehenge Road.  
**4:20 p.m.** Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**6:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration on Adams Road.  
**10:53 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to hospital on Scots Place.

**Wednesday - April 27**  
**10:57 a.m.** Keeping the Peace on Pleasant Drive.  
**11:49 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Adams Road  
**12:01 p.m.** Suspicious Activity leads to an Arrest on Trolley Car

Lane. Jeslyn Barbush, 33, of Derry charged with Breach of Bail; and Criminal Trespass.  
**2:47 p.m.** Report of Criminal Threatening leads to transport to the hospital from All American Assisted Living on Button Drive. Four officers respond.  
**7:48 p.m.** Peace restored by three officers after Juvenile Offenses on Adams Road.  
**11:57 p.m.** Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Scots Place.

**Thursday - April 28**  
**7:19 a.m.** Services Rendered for Medical Emergency on Trolley Car Lane.  
**8:17 a.m.** Medical Emergency transported to hospital from Conifer Place.  
**8:57 a.m.** Identity Theft investigated on Pine Street.

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### Feeling Overwhelmed?

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### Raising another's child?

Upper Rooms Grandparent & caregiver support group is on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free, live on Zoom facilitated by The Upper Room. Join this weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support. To access, visit: [www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559](http://www.us04web.zoom.us/j/140218559), Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at [selizabeta@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeta@urteachers.org).

### Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver

resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

### Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

### Food Pantry Open

The Upper Room's Food Pantry is open for contact-free pick up at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Hours are Mondays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays\* 3 - 4 p.m., and by appointment (front entrance) \*Please note that the food pantry will be closed Thursday, July 2.

### Raising a teenager?

Upper Rooms Parent & caregiver café (PaCC) is on Thursdays from 6 -

7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies.

### Teen Talk

Upper Room offers Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. On Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. A virtual place for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. To access, visit: [www.zoom.us/j/111147286](http://www.zoom.us/j/111147286), Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at [nmartin@urteachers.org](mailto:nmartin@urteachers.org) or call 437-8477 x29.

### Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at [eoconnell@urteachers.org](mailto:eoconnell@urteachers.org) or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

### Couch to 5K

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Track Club is adjusting as well. We are trying to be optimistic about summer activities. We are hoping to schedule our Couch to 5K programs this summer. However, it's up in the air as to whether the associated race will be the Run for Freedom on July 4. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the 2020 Coach to 5K program. We are grateful and hope to provide this program within the year. If you have any questions please send me an email: [fday@gdtc.org](mailto:fday@gdtc.org)

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work on timing to be as flexible as possible. Service will remain available to all towns, 5 days a week. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to [mwhitten@mtabus.org](mailto:mwhitten@mtabus.org) or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

### Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976

## OBITUARY

### June French



On May 28, 2020, June French of Londonderry, NH passed away of Respiratory failure, at the age of 90. June was born in Boston, Massachusetts and was the daughter of John Hofling and Anna (Oswald) Hofling.

June grew up in Jamaica Plain, MA. An only child, she was shy, but not unadventurous. At 16, shortly after receiving her driver's license, she took off as the main driver, on a cross-country road trip, with her close cousin, George, Uncle and Aunt. After many monotonous miles, surviving hairpin turns in the Rockies and dodging wildlife, she succeeded without a dent! June was a camp counselor over the next 3 summers, on Lake Winnepesaukee, teaching archery and canoeing. After high school, she attended Katherine Gibbs College and worked as a legal secretary in Boston, while living in Melrose, MA.

On one of her daily train rides home from work, she met her future husband, Warren French. They married two years later. After various residences in Topsfield, MA, Ellington, CT and Wakefield, MA. they settled into Ipswich MA and for the next 41 years, enjoyed life in the beautiful, coastal town of the famous Ipswich Clam!

June loved her home, neighbors and her favorite spots. Little Neck Beach, The Clam Box and Marini Farm. She was active, along with her husband, in the various couple's activities, associated with the Boston (Columbian) Masonic Lodge, Wakefield & Gloucester Elks and the Gloucester Power Squadron. Together, they enjoyed many years boating in Ipswich, Rockport and Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

After Warren's passing, June moved to Londonderry, NH to be close to her family. She loved her beautiful condo, that she shared with her beloved dog, Ginger. She remained independent, still driving her 2008 PT Cruiser that just topped 15,000 miles, to the beauty shop once a week! She loved her coffee w banana bread for breakfast and a wine spritzer at Happy Hour.

She was loved and will be missed greatly, by her daughter, Cynthia Marshall and her husband, Richard, of Merrimack, NH, her granddaughter, Kelly McDill and great granddaughter, Brook Soucy, of Nottingham, NH, and her granddaughter, Kimberly Twomey, her husband, Philip and great grandsons, Joshua and Nathan of Londonderry, NH.

A remembrance celebration will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children. To leave an online condolence please visit: [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## Police Log

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**10:15 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Westwood Drive.

**1:03 p.m.** Four officers render services for an Overdose on Mill Road.

**1:28 p.m.** Identity Theft investigated on Red Fern Circle.

**2:26 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Whittemore Road.

**3:14 p.m.** Five officers respond to a Complaint at 603 Brewery on Main Street. Subject taken to Family/Guardian.

### Friday - April 29

**4:13 a.m.** Runaway Juvenile investigated on Whittemore Road.

**2:08 p.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace at All American Assisted Living on Butten Drive.

**3:32 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an

Arrest on High Range Road at Pillsbury Road. Three officers assist in charging Frederick Bishop, 37, of Manchester with a Bench Warrant.

**6:07 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Winding Pond Road

**7:54 p.m.** Services rendered for Fire on Walton Circle.

**10:54 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Charleston Avenue.

**11:48 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to the hospital from Pendleton Lane.

### Saturday - April 30

**12:27 a.m.** Assault investigated by four officers at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

**9:57 a.m.** Services rendered for a missing person on Plummer Drive.

**10:19 a.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat transport-

ed to Hospital from Rockingham Road.

**12:31 p.m.** Shooting Complaint received on Avery Road at Londonderry Flea Market

**3:52 p.m.** Services rendered for Identity Theft on Rebecca Drive.

**4:18 p.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Tokanel Drive.

**7:03 p.m.** Three officers investigate Juvenile Offenses on Falcon Road.

**7:50 p.m.** Three officers investigate a Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

**7:55 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Falcon Road.

**10:49 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance leads to an Arrest on Ash Street. Michelle Vallee, 58, of Londonderry charged on a Bench Warrant.

### Sunday - April 31

**12:18 p.m.** Assisted Lon-

donderry Fire Department with services on Main Street.

**12:44 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated by three officers on Perkins Road at Sleep Inn.

**1:29 p.m.** Missing Person transported to the hospital from Premier Drive. Six officers respond.

**4:15 p.m.** Suspicious activity on Yellowstone Drive.

**4:48 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Ash Street.

**6:53 p.m.** Assault leads to an Arrest Made by three officers on Fieldstone Drive. Seth Shackford, 40, of Claremont, charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury)

**9:17 p.m.** Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Partridge Lane.



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