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Parking Predicament

The Conservation Commission is trying to make use of the area cleared near the entrance of the Musquash Trails, but without the help of Eversource the options are limited. See related story on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Town Council Chooses Not to Impose Water Restrictions

CASEY ELDRED
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council a new revised town water use ordinance during their meeting on July 13, 2020.

According to Assis-

tant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' drought report considered Londonderry in a moderate drought category at the time.

The current water

Ordinance 2017-04, allows for three levels of restrictions up to a total ban on residential lawn watering only.

The current level one residential watering restrictions allow even

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School Board Discusses Plan for Reopening School in Fall

CASEY ELDRAD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry School District staff members presented plans for reopening schools to the School Board during their meeting on July 14, 2020.

The importance of this presentation is to spread awareness about the proposed reopening models so the community can respond and participate in the process, according to Superintendent Scott Laliberte. Superintendent Laliberte was consistent with encouraging community feedback on all aspects of the proposed plan.

Superintendent Laliberte also said that a "vast majority" of the plan created by the Dis-

trict aligns with the New Hampshire State K-12 back to school guidelines released by Governor Sununu on July 14.

The health and safety will remain the main goal in creating the plan for the return to school. "Part of our plan will be for us to be prepared should we have someone that is diagnosed in our community," said Superintendent Laliberte. The estimated cleaning time is a person were to test positive for COVID-19 is two to five days, according to the presentation. The school will work will public health officials and follow all guidelines in this situation.

The School District has created a plan that

would combine in-person and remote learning to accommodate the needs of families throughout the community. According to a survey sent to parents in early June, around 6% of families reported that they will not consider sending their child back to school. Another 6% of families said they felt it was necessary for their child to return to school.

The District is preparing for various situations for the ratio of remote to in-person students, explained Assistant Superintended Dan Black. Families will be polled in the near future to provide accurate predictions of the

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Zoning Board Allows Chicks to Flock Under Two Acres

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, July 15, and had two public hearings on variance requests on two very different subjects. Chairman Neil Dunn was absent from the meeting, so Vice Chair, Jacqueline Benard ran the proceedings.

The meeting's first hearing was for property owners Erica Laue and Nicholas Thrasher who

were requesting a variance to allow a flock of ten chickens on a property less than two-acres on Lancaster Drive. Laue presented to the Board at the meeting on Wednesday.

"We haven't found through the course of our research or the process of putting together this application any indication that keeping a flock of chickens in our backyard would change the character of the neighborhood, would increase the sense of

public risk or injury, or create in any way a hazard," Laue said.

Laue also stated that the flock would be for personal use only to provide eggs to her family

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and neighbors. The flock will not be for breeding chicken or include roosters, Laue included. The chickens will be housed in a fenced in coop area to eliminate potential hazards to local traffic. The coop is a non-permanent structure with an outdoor area.

Four abutting property owners completed a survey created by the applicants that indicated they have no issues with the proposed flock, as long as there are no roosters. The results of these surveys were submitted to the Board and included in the presentation.

A majority of the Board agreed that granting the variance would not be contrary to public interest and would not change the general character of the neighborhood. The majority also agreed that due to the neighborhood support and the unique, secluded nature of the property the spirit of the ordinance, which was

created to protect from issues with sight, sound, and odor, would still be observed. Overall, three out of the four board members in attendance agreed that the proposed use of the land was reasonable, with set conditions.

The agreed upon conditions were the property would be limited to ten chickens, excluding roosters. With these set conditions, the variance passed the Board with a 3-1 vote.

Chairwoman Jacqueline Bernard was the sole dissenting vote. She argued that allowing the variance is a “slippery slope” because it would have the unintended consequence of exempting the property owners from future odor or noise violations. She did not agree that the spirit of the ordinance was observed or that the proposed use was reasonable.

Bernard also expressed concern because the variance is attached to the property, rather than the applicant. Although Bernard said the applicant was

“extremely knowledgeable and very responsible,” she made it clear that a future property owner would be granted the same privileges and may not be responsible.

In the second hearing that evening, the board was asked to vote on an existing six-foot fence that encroaches 38.7 feet into the front 40-foot set back, where the maximum height is four feet. Applicants Douglass and Robin Perry, who live at Two Grist Mill Hollow were requesting a variance after receiving notice from the Code Enforcement Office of their violation.

Douglass Perry presented to the Board that evening and told the Board that he was unaware of the Ordinance and would have pursued a variance prior to construction if he had known.

Perry stated that the fence was not contrary to public interest because it did not obstruct lines of sight or cause a safety hazard and aligned with neighborhood aesthetics. The height of the fence provides necessary privacy for the backyard and pool on the property, according to Perry.

In a letter to the

Board, Code Enforcement Officer Bradley Anderson stated, “I do not believe there is any sight impediment with the existing 6-foot-high fence given the physical view when I visited and the GIS mapping service that I used.”

Kevin Dion, a neighbor, wrote a letter to the Board in support of Perry’s fence, which was signed by four additional neighbors.

A majority of the Board disagreed with the applicants reasoning for allowing a variance for the existing fence on the grounds that its size would alter the character of the neighborhood. The Board also decided that there was no significant hardship placed on the applicants due to their options to change the height of the fence or relocate it to not encroach on the front set back.

Board Member Jim Tirabassi was the only board member to disagree. In his opinion, the fence was not contrary to public interest because it is not a safety hazard or an obstruction to vision. He did vote to agree that granting variance would not do substantial justice to the surrounding community. The Board agreed

that the size and placement of the fence made it the central viewpoint to drivers in the neighborhood.

The Board denied the request for variance with a unanimous vote.

OBITUARY

Judy Patricia (Hurst) Krzak



Judy Patricia (Hurst) Krzak, 74 of Londonderry, NH passed away July 18, 2020 at her home after a period of declining health. Judy was born in New York City, NY on Oct. 15, 1945, a daughter of the late Johannes Wilhelm Hurst and Susanne Josephine Hahspieler. She was a graduate of Fort Lee High School, Ft Lee, NJ, Class of 1963. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art Education from William Paterson State Teachers College in 1967. Judy married George Stanley Krzak on May 31, 1969 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Englewood, NJ. They settled in Waterford, CT where they raised their family.

Judy’s career as an art teacher included over 33 years in the New London Public School System. During that time she obtained her Masters Degree of Art in Liberal Sciences from Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. During her time as a teacher, Judy developed and ran a program called “T.A.S.”, the Talented Arts Students program. She believed that no talent should be overlooked and throughout her career worked to provide students with accessible enrichment of the arts. The students went on many field trips to museums in New York City, after school classes at Connecticut College and Lyme Arts Academy, among many other opportunities.

Judy also brought history into the classroom with her award winning program “Living history in the classroom.” She also presented the program in various public schools and workshops including at Old Sturbridge Village, Litchfield Historical Society and the 1993 Delta Kappa Gamma Northeast Regional Convention in Chicago. Judy received the Margaret Croft Award in 1990, the Alpha Kappa State Creativity Award in 1989 and the New London Teacher of the Year Award in 1990. Judy was elected to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for teachers and was ETA Connecticut Chapter’s past president.

After retiring from teaching, Judy helped her husband George with the family business which she ran for ten years. Judy and her husband George enjoyed traveling. Some of her favorite trips were to Italy, France, Germany, England and two separate trips to Africa (Egypt and a memorable hunting safari in South Africa.)

Judy is survived by her husband, George Stanley Krzak, her two daughters, Jennifer Ann Jones (Daniel) and Allison Lorraine Krzak (Aaron Crouse), and three beautiful grandchildren Kaitlyn Rose Schimp, Abrielle Elizabeth Crouse and Aaron Andrew Crouse, Jr. plus many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service and burial was held Tuesday, July 21, at 1 p.m. in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in Judy’s name. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Londonderry High School to Host Baccalaureate and Graduation

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Wednesday, July 29, the Londonderry High School will be hosting the 2020 Graduation and Baccalaureate ceremonies on the Lancer Park football field starting at 7 p.m. The rain date will be Thursday, July 30, at the same time.

The Londonderry School District is looking to celebrate the Class of 2020 in a safe and responsible manner. They are working with class officers, advisors, local officials, district office personnel, and the school board, and the administration is planning three senior events for July 27, 29, and 31. These events will be the Senior Social, Baccalaureate/Graduation, and the Senior Prom. All of the events will comply with guidance received from the State of New Hampshire, the Department of Education, the Town of Londonderry, and the school district.

Four tickets for each graduate were issued earlier this month for immediate family members and they will need to be presented at one of the receiving areas for admission. Admission tables will be set up at the Concession Stand and Thibodeau Memori-

al Garden, Plateau ramp, or outside the north end-zone if people are coming from the middle school. Graduates are to report, in Cap & Gown, to the Track Field by 6:00 p.m. where they will be given a Lancer mask, and lined up by Alphabet/House, and given directions for the ceremonies.

Seating for the graduates will be together as an entire class, all 6-feet apart. The Class of 2020 will be presented in alphabetical order with two sections of 15 seats in each row, with 12 rows in each section, and a ten-yard middle aisle in between. This stretches the rectangular seating for the Class of 2020 and LHS teachers from the 15-yard line to the 45-yard line on each half of the football field. Administrators and School Board Members will be seated on or off stage, socially distanced. Family members can find end-zone seating areas on either side, the bleachers (only seating provided) where the band plays and/or crowd sits for games, along or above the retaining walls, or on the outside of football or baseball field. The district highly recommends that families bring masks and lawn chairs

for sanitary reasons. They also ask that families sit together, by family, 6-feet apart from other families. No guests are allowed in the graduate seating or staging area, or without a ticket.

A stage with lighting and sound system will stretch between first and second base of the Junior Varsity baseball field facing the press box. A 25-foot video wall to the left of that will project video for those seated at a distance. At sunset, the football and soccer fields will be lighted. The ceremonies will be broadcasted on our local cable station and also be live-streamed.

Parking for the graduation is as follows: Administration parking will be behind the gym. Teacher parking is behind the high school. The district is asking graduates and their guests to travel together to limit amount of vehicles there, and parking will be in the Main Lot or Plateau area.

The ceremony will begin with seniors marching in from the track area to their seats at 7 p.m. The Baccalaureate begin things, with traditional speeches will be made on or in front of the stage. Following that, seniors will individ-

ually stand to be recognized for their achievements or for scholarships they earned. They will be presented the documents in their diploma when they receive it during the graduation portion of the ceremony.

Following that, the Graduation Ceremony will take place. A traditional approach will follow with a welcome, recognition of our Top Ten Academicians, followed by speeches, the class gift, and presentation of the class. Students will then rise by row, and we'll have five students in a que (socially distanced) just off the stage. When their name is called, they will then proceed onto the stage to individually receive their diploma, which will be placed (by administration with gloves) onto a small table where the graduate will pick it up.

To make these events as safe as possible during the pandemic, the Londonderry School District requests that all participants follow the safety guidelines below, which are designed to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19 for seniors and their guests. Graduates and attendees must recognize that there is an inherent risk of and exposure to

Covid-19 in large gatherings such as a senior social, graduation, and prom. You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit, Covid-19 free, and healthy enough to participate and/or attend any or all of these events.

- Stay home if feeling ill: Seniors or attendees who have symptoms should stay home. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or if diagnosed with COVID-19, you must stay home. If you are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the CDC, either due to age or underlying health conditions you are encouraged to consider your individual risk and whether you would be safer not to attend.

- Before attending, complete this self-screen and if the answer is yes to any, please stay home:

- Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

- Have you had a fever or felt feverish in the last 72 hours? Anyone with a temperature should not attend.

- Are you experiencing respiratory symptoms including runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?

- Are you experiencing any new muscle aches or chills?

- Have you experienced any new change in your sense of taste or smell?

- Increase hygiene practices, including:

- Wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently.

- Avoid touching the face, eyes or mouth.

- Practice good respiratory etiquette, including coughing/sneezing into a tissue or your elbow rather than hands.

- Wear a cloth face covering: While participating in or in attending events please wear a cloth face covering to help protect against the spread of the virus. Prior to attendance you should review the CDC's guidance on use of cloth face coverings. Seniors will be required to have a facemask when social distancing cannot be attained.

- Practice social distancing: All seniors and attendees must maintain safe social distancing, which means keeping a distance of at least 6 or more feet between one another at all times.

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Editorial

Bringing on the Summer Heat

It's hot outside now. We're experiencing our first extreme heat stretch of the summer. Expected temperatures will be in the 90s over the next few days, add humidity and it feels like 100 degrees. Sending air conditioning into over drive and those without it looking for shade.

Time to remind everyone to take proper precautions to protect themselves, their families, the elderly and pets from the hot weather. These extreme heat conditions could lead to heat exhaustion, or worse, heat stroke. Here are some tips from the American Red Cross that may help:

- Never leave children or pets in your vehicle.
- Stay hydrated drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Continue to wear cloth face coverings in public.
- Slow down, stay indoors. Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

Excessive heat can lead to:

Heat Cramps; signs are cramps in legs or abdomen - Move to a cooler place, rest, lightly stretch the affected muscles, and replenish fluids.

Heat Exhaustion; signs are cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness and exhaustion - Move to a

cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and apply cool, wet cloths or towels to skin.

Heat Stroke; signs are hot red skin that may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness, vomiting and high body temperature - Slowly drink small amounts of cool water - If signs get worst, call 9-1-1.

Signs of heat stroke in your pet according to akcchf.org:

- Heavy panting and unable to calm down, even when lying down.
- Brick red gum color
- Fast pulse rate
- Unable to get up.

If you suspect your pet has heat stroke, take their temperature. If the temperature is above 105 degrees, cool the animal down with water. Stop cooling the animal when the temperature reaches 103 degrees. Bring your pet to a veterinarian.

One last warning for those who want to cool off in the water - Use places designated for that purpose. It's challenging to find water recreation this year with fewer pools in operation and crowd limits on places that are open due to Covid 19. Avoid places off the beaten path, they can be dangerous for swimmers. If something goes wrong, there's no one nearby to help. Just be smart.

Remember, in a few months we'll be talking about how much we miss these days. Summer is normally a time of fun in the great outdoors and there should be plenty of opportunities for that once these dangerous temperatures subside. Until then you should take the proper precautions to avoid the summer danger zone of extreme heat conditions.

Letters

Some Statements on Our State Rep

To the editor,

Recent and longtime residents in the 5th Congressional District may not be aware that we have a state representative on the ballot whom the Guardian called Donald Trumps "biggest fan". His name is Al Baldasaro, and being an election year, I wanted to share with you a few of his statements as part of my continuing effort to help remove Trump and his minions from government.

Let's start with this gem. In the summer of 2016 your representative was quoted as saying that then presidential candidate Hillary Clinton "should be put in the firing line and shot for treason." This twisted logic was reported around the world. It was even too much for the Trump campaign, if you can imagine, and they disavowed the comment.

It was reported widely at the time that our representative was investigated by the Secret Service for calling for the execution of a presidential candidate. In a recent letter to the editor of this paper he called this "fake news". However, the Atlantic and others quoted Nicole Mainor, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Secret Service as saying "The U.S. Secret Service is aware of this matter and will conduct the appropriate investigation..."

In 2015 WMUR reported that our representative defended the president's plan to ban all Muslims from entering the U.S., comparing it favorably to the intern-

ment of Japanese civilians in the U.S. during World War II. Naturally, His comments drew harsh criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike.

Here is a headline in Salon in 2016. "Torture does not work": General humiliates bumbling N.H. Republican on CNN for blindly supporting Trump's "toxic" torture stance. Look it up, the video is uncomfortable to watch. While you are at it you can also look up his sexist remarks on breast feeding.

In 2010 WMUR and others reported that during a hearing on a proposal to repeal same-sex marriage which he sponsored, he said "So we sold each kid to a homosexual couple that's not married for \$10,000,". To his credit, he did walk this nonsense back a bit by explaining that it was a poor choice of words. However, he later was quoted as saying that same sex marriage was "not normal" and that "Baldasaro also said allowing same-sex marriage would open the door to other forms of marriage, rhetorically asking if the state would be discriminating against incestuous couples or Muslims who would want three or four wives."

In a debate in 2010 about the repeal of the same sex marriage bill the Keene Sentinel reported your representative said "When it comes to civil rights, a live person can't change the color of their skin, but a homosexual can change their sexual preference at any time,". Naturally, he later opposed a bill to outlaw the odious and largely discredited practice of "conversion therapy".

I must close this by thanking Rep. Al Baldasaro for his service in the Marines. Also, it should be noted that his work in the State House has not been in without accomplishment, particularly in the area of veteran's services. That said, this veteran for one thinks that he reflects poorly on us and it is long past time for Mr. Baldasaro to be retired by the voters.

Bryan MacLaren
Londonderry

Responding to Al Baldasaro's Letter

To the editor,

Last week Mr. Baldasaro submitted a letter that attributed the Phoenix VA Hospital scandal that resulted in 44 deaths to the Obama administration. It further praised the Trump Administration for the passage of the Veterans Accountability Act and Whistleblowers Protection Act and finally praised an increase in Veterans Affairs funding.

Let's take them in turn. The Phoenix scandal was about hospital management claiming they were making great progress in reducing patient wait times. They wanted the bonuses that the VA was paying for improved performance. The result was false information going to the Obama Administration. Please note the Obama Administration took immediate action to determine if the problem was wide spread and to determine the root causes of the problem. They took corrective action and worked with Con-

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Letters

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gress to pass supporting legislation. The White House expanded the VA's power to discipline employees, boosted funding for staff and infrastructure, and allowed access to government-subsidized private care.

Second, the passage of the Veterans Accountability Act and Whistleblowers Protection Act. Sponsored by Senator Rubio with Senator Jeanne Shaheen as a cosponsor. It established a separate VA office to deal with all matters of the Department relating to accountability, including accountability of employees of the Department, and retaliation against whistleblowers.

How effective was the Trump Administration's implementation of the new law. The VA Office of the Inspector General's report "Failures Implementing the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017. It focused on the new office's operations from June 2017 - Dec. 2018. As the Inspector General testified "This report high-

lights significant failings by OAWP's former leaders that have had a chilling effect on complainants still being felt today. These failings include the lack of relevant policies and procedures, fundamental misunderstandings of investigative scope, not holding individuals accountable, and inadequate protections for whistleblowers". This is the new office responsible for employee accountability and protecting whistleblowers. The Inspector General went on "VA employees who identify serious misconduct must feel protected when coming forward with complaints. They are essential to helping VA spot and address significant problems that may otherwise go undetected and persist, which could increase veterans' risk of harm."

Third, Mr. Baldasaro cited an increase in VA funding as a major accomplishment. It is an accomplishment that must be shared with the Democrats in the House. The House also past the Post 9/11 GI Bill which restored the promise of a full, four-year scholarships for Iraq and Afg-

hanistan veterans, their spouses and children; expanded homeownership and refinancing options; combatted chronic homelessness; provided tax credits for businesses that hire veterans; quadrupled the reimbursement for veterans traveling to receive care; and extended benefits and services for caregivers, spouses and dependents.

Finally, the latest Department of Veterans Affairs COVID 19 National Summary shows 26,651 cumulative veteran cases with an additional 457 employee cases, 1,014 known inpatient deaths (employee not separated out in the other 913 known deaths). They were not Democrats or Republicans. They were Americans who answered the call.

James Green
Londonderry

Just wondering.

To the editor
I recently read an interesting article regarding back memories of the polio epidemic during the 1940's and 1950's.

It stated more than 15,000 of young children were paralyzed each year during those peak years. It became one of the most feared diseases in the U.S. That was a period of ten or more years, which relates to 150,000, or more of our youths suffering paralysis for lifetime. Yet now here's although contagious, was there any mention of the closing of schools, restaurants, businesses, sports etc.

Some might say it was the signs of the times as compared to today's instant fear

news on a daily basis via TV. Try to imagine if 15,000 of our youths we're affected this year in such a manner what the daily hew and cry would be.

I keep wondering if this current virus which rarely effects the young or usually of short duration then why are they being deprived the freedom of socializing, outdoor activity, so necessary in the growing years along with needed schooling. Theses past months has been extremely stressful to many children and par-

ents as well, which hopefully will not lead to child abuse in some instances.

The passing on of the virus by children is questionable, as awareness of the needs of hand washing and other protective requirements has been well ingrained. One has to be concerned what the end result will be of the quarantine of our children, and the burden placed on all parents in the months to come.

Just wondering
Jerry Page
Londonderry

Leadership Londonderry 2020-21 Seeks Applicants

The Leadership Londonderry program is accepting applications for its town and school government informational training program.

Sessions will begin in September 2020. The program will run from September to May.

Participants are ex-

pected to attend each month's session, which will be held on the second Thursday of the month from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and other locations around Londonderry. Dinner is provided.

The program is open to any Londonderry resident interested in town

government. Applications may be found online and should be submitted by August 15.

There is a \$50 program fee. For more information, contact Pollyann Winslow at 858-6696 or Lisa Drabik by email (ldrabik@londonderry.org).



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Class of 2020 Prom and Senior Social Outdoor Plans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School's 2020 Graduating Class will finally be able to enjoy their parting activities after having their final year at school turned upside down due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The school district has planned out a number of activities between Monday, July 27 and Friday, July 31. The Senior Social will take place on Monday, the Graduation on Wednesday, and the Senior Prom will be on Friday.

Senior Social

The Senior Social will take place on Monday, July 27th from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with a rain date of Tuesday, July 28. The event will take place at the Londonderry High School's sports complex behind the plateau. It is a free event, for Londonderry High School Seniors only. There will be outdoor activities, a boxed dinner and a D.J.

Students are asked to

park in the main lot and enter through main lot at 5 p.m. and exit from the plateau and across the front of the school. The entrance and exit will have barriers to block any cars from going behind the School.

Social distancing is readily available due to the amount of outdoor space at LHS.

There will be many-hand sanitizer stations throughout the area.

Dining Services will be offering box lunches. Only 10 students at a time will be picking up their box lunches with masks on and six-foot social distancing protocols will be in place.

Students will have the opportunity to bring their own chair or blanket.

This will be an event for Londonderry High School seniors only.

The DJ will be set up outdoors.

A single entrance will be used (main lot) and a single exit will be used (plateau).

A Police Detail was

hired for the event. One at entrance and exits areas and others will be stationed throughout the area.

All guests will be required to bring and wear a mask when social distancing is not possible

Activities include: D.J.; BBQ; Corn Hole; Wiffball; Ladder Ball; Speedminton; Football; Soccer; Frisbee; Bocce; Can Jam; Spike Ball; and Kickball.

Senior Prom

On Friday, July 31, the LHS Senior Prom will take place at Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in Windham, from 6 to 10 p.m. This event will be for Londonderry High School students only. Seniors will not be allowed to bring a guest outside of the school district due to safety protocols.

The inside dance floor at the Castleton will not be used, instead a 60x30' outdoor dance floor will be set up.

This dance floor will be covered by a 60x30' framed tent and will include two chandeliers and bistro lights

The tent will not

include siding so it will be an open-air event

Students will be required to wear a mask during their time on the dance floor. Dancing will also be available on the outdoor patios and the outdoor terraces in order to promote social distancing.

The Safety Protocols for the event are as follows:

- Indoor capacity will align with current guidelines at the time of prom.

- Buffet-style service with masks worn by guests and employees, food will be served by employees, while social distancing is maintained within the service line.

- Outdoor space at Castleton will be utilized to promote as many open air opportunities as possible.

- Tables will be seated six people to a table, with enough tables to accommodate our guests.

- This will be an event for current Londonderry High School students only, there will be no students from other towns allowed.

- DJ will be set up outdoors.

- Prom will end at 10

p.m. in order to adhere to the noise ordinance of Windham.

- There will be hand sanitizer stations throughout the space indoors and outdoors.
- Restrooms will be

monitored and routinely cleaned by employees every two hours.

- All guests will be required to bring and wear a mask when social distancing is not possible.

OBITUARY

Betty Jane Murphy



Betty Jane Murphy, 74, of Lowell, MA, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020, in Town and County Health Care Center, Lowell, MA. She was born in Cambridge, MA on July 11, 1946, a daughter of Vincent and Emma (Mower) Grieco. She worked

as a radiologist assistant for over 20 years at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. Betty has been a caregiver throughout most of her life, caring for her mother from a young age and continuing on into the field of healthcare. Even after surviving a stroke in 2007, her compassionate nature never wavered. Betty was always helpful around the facility in which she lived, acquiring several volunteer awards. She always did all she could to make sure those around her were happy and content. Her sense of humor saw her through life's tough challenges. Betty surely had a fighting spirit. She recently faced medical difficulties most wouldn't have survived and handled it with her signature stubbornness. Betty's sweet smile brightened everyone's day, her laugh often contagious. She will surely be missed by many.

Betty was immensely proud of her three children and four grandchildren. She is survived by her son Robert James Murphy, his wife Colleen, and their two children Sarah and Sean Murphy; daughter, Cheryl (Murphy) Grant, her husband Corey, and their children, Jason and Katelyn Grant. Betty is predeceased by her son, Michael P. Murphy. Betty is also survived by her only sister, Judith (Grieco) Neill, and her husband Alvin; three nieces, Susan (Neill) Lynch, Karen (Neill) Hoppe and Cindy (Neill) Tulimieri; nephew, David Neill, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Following cremation, the burial/graveside service will be held Friday, July 24, at 11 a.m. in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Stroke Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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School Opening

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ratio and help finalize details of the guidelines, said Black.

The necessity for providing families options for the upcoming school year was evident, said Assistant Superintendent Black during the presentation to the School Board. He explained that families that not comfortable with their child participating in in-person education can choose to enroll in remote learning.

Kim Carpinone, Director of Pupil Services clarified that the Special Education Department I

actively participating in the planning process to ensure that all policies are inclusive. In the case of partial or entire remote learning, special education students will have the flexibility to receive services in person, according to Carpinone.

According Assistant Superintendent Black, the School District will work to “create a positive culture” around physical distance, face masks, and prioritizing safety at school. It is recommended that the School District provide face masks and shields for staff and students,

Black said. Classrooms will be set up for three to six feet of physical distancing to lower the risk of infection, Black explained.

There will also be a focus of structuring the school day to include handwashing routines that follow Center for Disease Control guidelines, Carpinone said. Areas and materials that are considered “high tough” will be disinfected between each group of students, according to Carpinone. Hand sanitizer has been acquired by the school and is ready to be distributed to classrooms, she continued.

Students and staff will be required to self-

screen for symptoms of COVID-19, according to the presentation. The School District is not planning to require daily temperature checks for students or staff, which aligns with New Hampshire State guidelines and recommendations from Massachusetts, said Carpinone.

All schools in the district will limit the mixing of students throughout the day. Assistant Superintendent Black explained that students at the elementary level will remain in one classroom throughout the day. Middle school will transition to block scheduling and will not be using lockers to limit contact between students. High school is the most difficult to accommodate the mixing of students, said Black.

It was established that high school classes that involve a high level of student movement and high tough materials, like woodshop or art subjects, cleaning supplies will be provided to teachers and physical distancing will be observed, said Superintendent Laliberte. Face shields are also being considered for the higher movement classrooms.

Specific plans for band and chorus are being created, said Superintendent Lalib-

erte. The District is considering options such as outdoor space or larger common spaces for music classes to accommodate physical distancing.

Assistant Superintendent Black outlined the details of Remote Learning 2.0. Feedback suggested office hours would be helpful and it is being considered for the upcoming year, said Black. Teachers will utilize both live online learning with the entire class and small groups, as well as prerecorded lessons.

Feedback from families indicated that families were concerned with providing specialized subject like art or music during remote learning in the spring. This will be taken into consideration going to remote learning in the fall and will be an area of focus, said Assistant Superintendent Black. Ultimately, the number of students participating in remote learning will lead to a more specific plan and details about specialized subjects, according to the presentation.

The presentation also provided guidelines for dining in schools. Outdoor space will be utilized to limit students in the cafeteria and physical distancing will be enforced in lines. Din-

ing services will provide more prepackaged options and will offer less options overall, according to the presentation. Students enrolled in remote instruction will continue to be offered meal delivery.

All students and drivers will be required to wear masks on school buses. Drivers will sanitize busses before and after each run. Buses will open windows and utilize roof vents for increased ventilation. Carpinone clarified that specialized transportation will be separated into two routes to accommodate physical distancing on smaller busses.

There are several known budgetary increases for reopening. The known increases are estimated to be \$65,000 for summer learning, \$73,000 for facemasks, \$30,000 for hand sanitizer stations, and \$5,000 for each tent for outdoor learning or dining. There are potential federal grants for aid including the CARES Grant and the FEMA Grant.

The Londonderry School District is holding a public workshop for the community to share comments on the reopening plan on July 21, at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

Water

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number houses to water lawns on even calendar days and odd number houses on odd days, as well as banning all watering between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., explained Drabik.

The Council chose not to impose residential lawn watering restrictions under the current ordinance, despite the current drought conditions. Councilor Tom Dolan encourages citizens to use “common sense” and act responsibly with water use.

State laws have recently changed to allow municipal governments to control commercial lawn watering, in addition to residential in the event of a

drought, according Assistant Town Manager Drabik.

The new policy, Ordinance 2020-03, would set a three-level restriction system for the town to utilize in the event of a drought with the highest level banning all outdoor lawn watering for commercial and residential properties. The ordinance allows the Council to exempt specific businesses, like golf courses or fields, from watering restrictions. The Council chose to waive the first reading of the Ordinance.

Councilor Tom Dolan suggested that rather than local town government getting involved in restricting water use, he'd rather appeal to residents to conserve.

The rest of the board seemed to concur with

Dolan to not impose a water ban.

The updated ordinances will be officially voted on during the next Town Council meeting in August.

The Council also briefly discussed the status of a Free Dump Day, suggested by Town Councilor Deb Paul a number of weeks ago. The hope by Paul was that the funding for the day would come through the CARE Act.

There is more research required to determine if the event would be eligible for that funding, said Justin Campo, the town's Financial Director. The town will continue to pursue the event through federal funding and the Council will discuss it again in the future.

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Conservation Commission Discusses Wetlands Encroachment

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Tuesday evening, July 14 remote meeting of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, a good section of the meeting had to do with how to handle issues involving encroachment of wetlands in town.

Member Mike Noone told fellow commissioners that he was working from a document created about four or five years ago, and he had gone over with town staff and Conservation Ranger Glenn Aprile on setting up a point person to contact either Code enforcement or Aprile when people believe a property owner is encroaching on wetlands.

The commission was hoping to update the

plan, and get a draft back to the Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti for his approval.

Much of the discussion involved updating who would be notified when an encroachment violation had occurred by a property owner.

Member Mike Speltz had an issue with the distinction between who would be enforcing encroachment on the Conservation Overlay District versus encroachment on town-owned land.

He added that if it on town-owned land, the Conservation Commission would be the ones to intervene, but the Overlay District land would need to be handled by the town Code Enforcement officer.

After some discus-

sion, Speltz mentioned that he thought all encroachment matters should probably be filtered through Aprile, adding that he realizes Aprile's position is only part-time, and that since he has been in the position, a lot of issues have cropped up.

Chairperson Marge Badois responded that she thought the point of contact should be through the town, since Aprile would have no way of knowing what boundaries may or may not have been broken when it comes to plans approved by boards in town.

Aprile then added that the point of contact should be one member of the Conservation Commission such as Badois, and then he

would notify the town if it were a code enforcement issue.

Also at the meeting, Chairperson Marge Badois informed the board that she had been in touch with Eversource on using the area that had been cleared near the Musquash Conservation Area entrance on Hickory Hill Drive for parking. She said that Eversource was not interested in doing anything in that area, saying that it would open up liability and possible shock to those who may park under the power lines. There would also be an issue with getting equipment in and out of the area.

Later on the same subject, Glenn Aprile mentioned that the temporary 'No Parking' signs had been removed along that road and a number of permanent signs were installed toward the Musquash entrance to keep hikers from disrupting the flow to the residents who live on that road.

Earlier in the meeting the Commission voted to allow plans to move forward on a lot line adjustment on the Harvey Road property owned by the estate of Richard Innis LLA with two additions. One addi-



Temporary 'No Parking' signs were replaced with permanent ones along the end of Hickory Hill Drive recently. Photo by Chris Paul

tion to their approval member Deb Lievens was that the Flood Hazard note on the plans be corrected. The other was to designate that no further development occur on the property without wetland mapping taking place.

Also at the meeting, member Deb Lievens shared with the commission that after paying over \$14,000 in Land Use Change Taxes, and \$37,500 on the Conservation Ranger, the Conservation Commission Fund balance was at just over \$1,479,000.

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Governor Chris Sununu Signs HB 1240 and HB 705 Into Law

On Monday, July 20, Governor Chris Sununu signed HB 705, enacting key measures to combat sexual violence in New Hampshire including the Every Voice Bill, the first piece of legislation in New Hampshire history that is aimed specifically at curbing rape and sexual assault on college campuses. Previously, despite evidence that more than 1 in 10 college students in New Hampshire experience sexual assault, New Hampshire was one of thirty states with no laws in place addressing campus sexual violence. Now, New Hampshire has enacted one of the most comprehensive bills addressing campus sexual violence of any state in the country.

The Every Voice Bill, originally filed as SB 679, is unique in that it was authored by students and survivors of sexual violence, in collaboration with lead sponsor Martha Hennessey and the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

"I joined Every Voice because I saw the impact of sexual violence on my friends and on my community, and I felt powerless," said Every Voice New Hampshire Co-Chair and Dartmouth student Sophia Miller. "Now, students and survivors have written legislation

that will make campuses safer for generations to come. To every student that feels voiceless, I want to tell you: your voice matters. When students stand together, we can achieve real, meaningful change."

"For decades, survivors of sexual violence have been ignored, silenced, and erased," said John Gabrieli, Executive Director of the Every Voice Coalition. "Now, students and survivors have risen up and written their own civil rights into law. In passing HB 705, New Hampshire's message today to survivors of campus-based sexual violence is clear: We hear you. We believe you. We support you. And we will do what it takes to make sure that every voice is heard."

In addition to drafting the legislation, members of the Every Voice Coalition in New Hampshire led advocacy efforts in support of its passage. Students and alumni from Dartmouth College, the University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, and schools across New Hampshire contributed to drafting the legislation, and made hundreds of phone calls to legislators from both parties to urge for the bill's passage.

"The Every Voice Bill,

which will make our state a national leader in the fight to end campus sexual assault, comes from student grassroots organizing and advocacy across New Hampshire," said lead sponsor Senator Martha Hennessey. "I am proud to have filed this legislation on behalf of students and survivors in our state, and grateful to all of those who have worked for its passage."

"I'm very pleased to see this important bill become law, which empowers survivors of sexual assault with the protections and rights they need and deserve. This new law is a testament to the determined efforts of students, survivors and advocates throughout our state," said U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen. "Our laws must support survivors of sexual assault, which remains one of the most underreported crimes, particularly on college campuses. I appreciate Senator Hennessey's tireless work to get this legislation through the state legislature and am proud that New Hampshire is the first state to respond to the misguided Title IX changes."

The Every Voice Bill will enact comprehensive measures to combat sexual violence and support survivors on New Hampshire's college



Senator Jeb Bradley, Representative Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien, Governor Chris Sununu, Ana Goble, and Pamela Keilig (New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence)

campuses. Specifically, the legislation will ensure:

1. Free access to medical and legal support services
2. Anti-retaliation protections for reporting parties
3. Confidential advising services that clarify survivors' rights & options
4. Transparent data on sexual violence
5. Universal, evidence-based prevention and response training

"We are grateful for the tireless efforts of Every Voice in helping to amplify the voices of survivors and student allies across New Hampshire," said Amanda Grady Sexton, Director of Public Affairs for the NH Coalition Against

Domestic and Sexual Violence. "With their leadership, New Hampshire has enacted a comprehensive bill that will dramatically improve the safety of students on campuses throughout the state."

National Context

For decades, students have been advocating for basic rights, protections, and support in regards to sexual violence in higher education environments. Deemed a "silent epidemic" by the American Medical Association, sexual violence in higher education is a longstanding and insidious issue impacting 1 in 10 students and disproportionately impacting marginalized identities and vulnerable populations.

In May, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos released her new Title IX regulations. New Hampshire is the first state to respond to these guidelines by strengthening state-level support and protections and setting a new bar for the rest of the country to follow.

Every Voice bills have also been filed in four other states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hawaii, and Illinois. The Coalition is set to file new bills this upcoming session in Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, and Virginia. Every Voice believes that students, no matter where they study, should have access to basic protections against sexual violence.

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NH Campsite Lottery Now Open, 2020 Season Health Reminders

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In an effort to keep summer as relaxed as possible, many state parks have been staying open for New Hampshire residents to enjoy the outdoor beauty unique to the Granite State.

Select campgrounds have also remained open for NH campers, with some new operating guidance put in place to ensure the safety of campers and staff alike.

New Hampshire State Parks have also been making plans for next year's camping season, having announced the return of their camping lottery for selected camping sites at Hampton Beach State Park on July 15.

Each year, NH State Parks offers this lottery as a chance for NH residents to experience the

most popular camping areas in all of the State Parks.

Camping at Hampton Beach State Park allows patrons to experience the fun of camping out away from home while taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of the ocean. The campground is an RV campground located at the mouth of the Hampton River. The grounds are close to many attractions such as whale watching, saltwater fishing, and swimming.

Lottery applications include campsites 10 through 15 and campsites 21 through 28. There is a non-refundable \$5 application fee per application. While multiple applications are welcome, NH State Parks chooses applications at random and any winning customers will only win once.

Lottery applications will be accepted from now until 8 p.m. on October 9. NH State Parks will announce winners in late October of 2020.

Applications can be submitted either by contacting the Reserve America call center at 1-877-647-2757 or by visiting newhampshirerestatereparks.reserveamerica.com. Anyone intending to submit more than one application should visit the Reserve America link, as the call center will only permit one application per call.

As many may have anticipated, this summer's New Hampshire camping experience will be different from years past. For a full document detailing NH State Parks' new operating guidance, visit the link provided at nhstateparks.org/visit/campgrounds.

This year, campers will be asked upon check-in if anyone in the camping party is not feeling well or are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. If anyone should answer, "Yes," the entire party will be asked to go home and a full refund will be issued.

Playgrounds and pavilions will be closed for this year's camping season. Boat rentals will also not be available this year, with the exception of Franconia Notch State Park.

This year bathrooms have been converted to "family-style" facilities, allowing one family group to enter at a time. Portable toilets have been installed in certain areas as needed. Showers will also be limited or closed depending on location.

Campers will be

asked to wear masks in areas where it may be difficult to maintain a safe distance. Campers and groups must try their best to remain at least six feet from others, including park staff.

Curbside retail will be available at most campgrounds should campers find themselves in need of certain supplies.

Campers are encouraged to take responsibility for their own health and safety by including in their camping supplies hand sanitizer, cleaning products, and disinfecting wipes.

Any camping parties with members coming in from out of any of the New England states must sign a waiver attesting that they have quarantined for fourteen days prior to their arrival at the camp-

ground.

There may be a few additional steps to be taken this year before enjoying sleeping away in the great outdoors this year, but with a little cooperation and understanding, determined campers will still be able to partake in their favorite summer activities safely.

Camping reservations can be made by calling 1-877-nhparks (1-877-647-2757), or by visiting newhampshirerestatereparks.reserveamerica.com.

For more information on New Hampshire State Parks and COVID-19 safety requirements, visit nhstateparks.org or call the Division of Parks and Recreation at (603) 271-3556. Questions or concerns can also be sent to nhparks@dnr.nh.gov.

Many Motorists Do Not Know How to Drive in a Rotary

SUBMISSION
ANDREW D. MYERS

Common sense and experience tell us you yield to traffic already in the rotary, wait for a safe opening and then proceed. Simple, right? It's not a game of chicken.

Unfortunately rotaries provoke heated controversy. Some say no it's every other driver. Um, no, that's 4-way stops. Others seriously claim they "were taught" otherwise. Still others insist the rules used to be different.

No, the law for at least the last 50 years or so ordered drivers approaching rotaries to yield, and then enter only when clear. I'll tell you how I know that below but first here's the actual law:

"The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield sign shall in obedience to such shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the existing conditions and shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so

closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time such driver is moving across or within the intersection."

The above word for word quote of NH RSA 265:30 begs two notes. First the NH highway department put up yield signs at approaches to most if not all rotaries. The word intersection in the statutes includes by definition rotaries.

The law, under "rules of the road" places fault on those

who ignore it. "If such a driver is involved in a collision with a vehicle in the intersection after driving past a yield sign without yielding, such collision shall be deemed prima facie evidence of his failure to yield right of way."

By the way the rules of the road also solidly establish the concept that a vehicle "passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island." Should be obvious I know, but there it is under RSA 265:23

(III).

Only because many readers work or have family in Massachusetts, the rotary law there provides a bit more clarity. The Commonwealth's "Standards of Fault" spell out situations in which drivers face a presumption of fault. One of them: "The Operator, when merging onto a highway, or into a rotary, thereafter collides with another vehicle already on the highway, or in the rotary." 211 CMR 74.04 (26).

Drivers' manuals in both states explain the above concepts. At the same time those from out of state can be confused. I grew up in Pennsylvania and visited family in New York and the West Coast. I never saw a rotary until I moved to New England to go to college.

My college roommate told me, "See that, it's a rotary. Slow down and yield!" That's probably more clear than the legislative verbiage. I never forgot it. Yes it's been 50 years.

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The Absentee Voting Process for Upcoming Elections

Released by the Town of Londonderry on July 20.

Effective today, the Town of Londonderry is launching an informational campaign related to the absentee ballot application process in light of COVID-19 and two upcoming elections: the primary election (on September 8, 2020) and general election (on Nov. 3, 2020). Given the COVID-19 crisis, the Governor and Secretary of State have announced that any registered voter in NH who is concerned about exposure to COVID-19 during the election process may vote via absentee ballot in 2020. From the Secretary of State's website:

Registering to vote and voting in person at

2020 elections may pose a health risk to some due to the COVID-19 health emergency. You may register and vote by absentee (by mail) if:

- You are ill due to COVID-19, or caring for someone with COVID-19/symptoms; or
- You are concerned that registering or voting in person will expose you or others to COVID-19.

The term "disability" in the election law extends to these circumstances. Even if you do not consider yourself a person with disability in other circumstances, this term applies for registering to vote and voting in 2020. The opportunity to register and vote absentee due to disability from COVID-19 will apply in 2020, regardless of the future develop-

ment of the public health crisis.

The Town of Londonderry encourages all residents who have concerns about COVID-19 exposure during the election process to vote absentee. In other words, "Don't Wait in Line at the Polls; Vote Absentee Instead!"

There are three easy steps to vote by absentee ballot:

1. Ensure You Are A Registered Voter

If you are not already a registered voter in Londonderry, you must first register to vote. You may obtain a registration form at the Clerks' office in Town Hall, or you may request one via email (ccampbell@londonderry.nh.org) or via phone (432-1100 x195). You must return the voter registration form to the

Town Clerk's office, and once it is approved by the Supervisors of the Checklist, you will be added to the voter list in Londonderry.

(NOTE: If you request an absentee ballot and are not yet registered, the clerk will provide or send you both your Absentee Ballot Application and your absentee voter registration forms and instructions).

2. Fill Out An Absentee Ballot Application

In order for a registered voter to vote by absentee ballot, you must fill out and submit an absentee ballot application. The Absentee Ballot Application can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's homepage (www.sos.nh.gov) by clicking on "Voting During the COVID-19 State of Emergency. You may also visit the Clerk's Office at Town Hall to fill out an Absentee Ballot Application, or you may request one via email (ccampbell@londonderry.nh.org) or via phone (432-1100 x195).

If you would like to vote via absentee ballot in BOTH the primary and general elections, you must check both boxes on the form.

You should fill out

and turn in your absentee ballot application as soon as possible to ensure timely processing and receipt of your actual absentee ballot. You may return your Application in one of two ways:

- In Person: The deadline to return your absentee ballot application in person (to the Clerks' office) is 5 p.m. the day before the election. If you submit your Application in person, you will receive your absentee ballot (and can vote then via that ballot) at the same time.

- By Mail: If you mail in your application, you will receive your absentee ballot via mail, so you should allow ample time for the mail process.

3. Vote via Absentee Ballot

Once you receive and complete your absentee ballot, you may return it in one of two ways:

- Mail it via U.S. Mail
- Deliver it to the Clerk's Office in Town Hall or to the polls.

If you are returning your completed absentee ballot by US Mail, the clerk must receive it by 5 p.m. on Election Day. To increase the likelihood the absentee ballot ar-

rives on time and assist with an expected high volume of absentee ballots, we recommend mailing it at least two weeks before the election. After 5 days, you may check the Voter Information lookup, Absentee Ballot link, to see if the Clerk has received the ballot. Contact the Clerk's Office (432-1100) if your ballot has not been received.

You may also deliver it to the clerk's office in person or by a delivery agent until 5 p.m. on the day before the election. A delivery agent may deliver it to the clerk at the polling place until 5 p.m. on election day. Family members, nursing home and elder care facility administrators, and a person assisting a voter with a disability who signs the absentee ballot affidavit (limited to delivering ballots for 4 voters) may be a delivery agent.

You may direct any questions regarding the absentee voting process to the Clerks' Office at 432-1100 x195.

We continue to urge you to stay home to prevent the spread of covid-19. We will get through this together; as always, Londonderry leads the way

Derry Teenager Still Missing

The Derry Police Department is investigating a report of a missing person. Amanda Grazewski was last seen in Derry on March 17, 2020 where she was staying with a friend on Birch St. She reportedly left that residence in the early morning hours without her purse, cell phone or other belongings and has not been seen or heard from since.



Amanda has a history of substance abuse. She is known to frequent Nash-

ua, Salem, Manchester and Hooksett, NH. Derry police are seeking the public's help in locating Amanda Grazewski.

Amanda is described as white female, 5'5", 135 lbs, brown hair and hazel eyes. She does not own or have access to a vehicle.

Anyone with information on Amanda Grazewski or her whereabouts is asked to contact Derry Police at 603-432-6111.



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Virtual Vacation Bible School

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church will present Concrete and Cranes, a virtual VBS on Facebook, from Aug. 3, through Aug. 7, every morning at 10 a.m. Children in Grades 4 through 7 are invited to join the fun with Bible stories, Songs and Crafts. There will be a socially distanced ice cream party on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. in the church parking lot. (5 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry). Register at cfbc@cfbc-nh.net with name, address, phone number and age of child, to receive materials needed to follow the programming. Find us at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church on Facebook.

Historical Society Meeting

The Londonderry His-

torical Society will hold their July meeting in person at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, in the Parmenter Barn. Social distancing guidelines will be respected and will open up all the doors to allow for proper airflow. It is strongly recommended to wear a mask if you are able.

"UnCommon" Concerts

Londonderry's "UnCommon" Concerts on the Common Features Liz Longley Wednesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. Streaming Live on Facebook and YouTube at www.facebook.com/ConcertsonTheCommon/ and www.youtube.com/user/LondonderryCulture/videos / For a complete schedule and more details visit: www.concertsonthecommon.org/

Free Meals

Free July and August Meals in Derry/London-

derry Area opened to everyone. Continental Breakfast on July 26, at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Lunch on July 26 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Dinner on July 31 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Dinner on Aug. 9 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 5 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 15 at St. Luke's Church from 5 - 6 p.m. Dinner on Aug. 16 at Elijah's Table (EHS) from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Continental Breakfast on Aug. 22 at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Dinner on Aug. 28 at First Parish Church from 5 - 6 p.m., drive up to side door. Lunch on Aug. 30 at St. Jude's Parish from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sonshine Soup Kitchen - will be serving drive-by to-go meals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. If you need food, call 437-2833, ext. 1, and leave a message. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will get back to you to make an appointment for you to pick up food outside of its building.

Londonderry Republican Summer BBQ

The Londonderry Republican Committee will be holding a summer family BBQ on Thursday, July 23 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Londonderry Post 27 - American Legion Hall, 6

Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Special guest speakers will be our 2020 Republican Candidates for Federal, State, and Rockingham County elected positions. Come, meet, hear, and decide who will get your vote Sept. 8. You will have an opportunity to pick up signs of your favorite candidates and to donate to their campaign to ensure they are elected. The suggested donation is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, and children 12 and under eat free. Bring the whole family to enjoy an old fashioned Patriotic Evening with the Candidates. There will be music, a raffle, great speakers, and lots of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and desserts. A cash bar will be provided for alcohol and soda. Please Pre-register: Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net or call Liz at 603-437-6090.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 7 & 26, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency. Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers.) Proof of age. Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, or domicile may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

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, Meeting ID: 140 218 559 Contact Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

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).

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.

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 or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and con-

tact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

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 or jrkdias@aol.com

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the pantry. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership of CART safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, CART will transition to essential only. CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will include medically necessary trips (dialysis, pharmacy, etc.) as well as trips to the grocery store. CART will work with passengers to accommodate the essential trips and will 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 or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

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

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one of the elementary schools. The Recreation Department has determined it is not feasible to hold the Summer Recre-

ation 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.

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, Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Pass-

word: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's chal-

lenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - July 13
3:14 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an Arrest on Mammoth Road at Page Road. Four officers assist with the arrest of Melissa Ewell, 40, Derry and charger her with Domestic Violence Simple Assault.
11:28 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Home Depot on Nashua Road.
12:03 p.m. Warrant ser-

ved and arrest made on Capitol Hill Drive. Jeslyn Barbush, 33, of Derry charged with Breach of Bail; and Criminal Trespass.
3:41 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Phillips Street, Methuen, Mass. Bianelys Zamora, 28, of Methuen, Mass. charged with Disorderly Conduct.
4:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an Ar-

rest on Bayberry Lane. Seven officers assist with charging Justin Locke, 38, of Londonderry with Reckless Conduct (Deadly Weapon); Reckless Operation (Conduct after an Accident/Death, Injury); Conduct After (Property Damage).
6:10 p.m. Report of Weapons Offenses leads to an arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Four-

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NH DHHS Announces Online Purchasing Program for SNAP Recipients

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Economic and Housing Stability (DEHS) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a pilot program that allows recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase and pay for groceries online. The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program allows the use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to

purchase eligible food items through two authorized online retailers, Amazon and Walmart.

“From the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency, we have worked hard to ensure that our residents are able to safely access the things their families need when they need them the most,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Online purchasing provides additional flexibility for all Granite State SNAP recipients, allowing them more ways to use

their SNAP benefits to make sure their families have access to healthy and nutritious food during the pandemic and beyond.”

“Online purchasing is one more way New Hampshire residents can access good nutrition throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said DHHS Commissioner Lori Shibi-Nette. “Purchasing groceries online is safe, secure, and helps people maintain social distancing measures that help slow the spread of

COVID-19 in our communities.”

SNAP recipients will be able to purchase eligible food items, but will not be able to use benefits for service or delivery charges.

Participation in the pilot program is one of several measures DHHS has taken to reduce concerns around food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Others include the issuance of emergency SNAP benefits; the extension of certification periods for SNAP recipients; a tem-

porary suspension of SNAP work requirements for eligible individuals; participation in Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), which provides families with children enrolled in the National School Lunch Program additional SNAP benefits due to the loss of school meals during remote learning; and accepting applications by phone for the Women, Infants and Children program.

The SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot was established by the federal 2014 Farm Bill, which

mandated a pilot to test the feasibility of allowing online transactions using SNAP benefits. In 2017, eight states were selected to be part of the pilot, which was launched in New York State in 2019, followed by Washington in January 2020. Additional states have joined the program as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the SNAP Online Purchasing Pilot program, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov/dfa/foodstamp/index.htm.

Safe Driving Tips for Motorists and Vulnerable Road Users

The Office of Highway Safety's (OHS) mission is to drive down fatalities in 2020 and beyond. Continued efforts behind coordinated enforcement, targeted media messaging and education remain key. With the help of our state and community partners, as well as the motoring public, we can keep fatalities down and Drive Toward Zero

together. This year, in NH there have been 46 traffic-related fatalities with adult pedestrian and bicycle fatalities trending up from the same period last year.

“We, as individual drivers, are in control of our vehicles and the choices made about how we choose to operate these vehicles”, said Captain William Haynes, Commander Office of

Highway Safety. He continued, “Collectively, we can reduce the tragic events occurring on our highways and local roads by simply making the right choices.” The Office of Highway Safety recommends the following safe practices while driving and riding:

- Do not drive or ride distracted. Distraction includes anything that takes your attention

away from the road.

- Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit.

- Drink responsibly. Designate a sober driver, call for a ride or be the designated driver.

- Buckle Up in every position. Every trip, every time.

- Remain alert for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists.

- Stay out of blind

spots of large trucks and buses, make sure to pass safely and do not cut off these vehicles.

- Bicyclists and pedestrians should remain alert and avoid using handheld devices when crossing busy intersections and streets.

- Pedestrians should use sidewalks when available. If there are no sidewalks available, walk as close to the left side

of the street as possible, facing traffic. Bicyclists must ride with traffic.

- When walking/riding at night, wear brightly colored gear and/or use a flashlight for visibility.

We want to promote safe driving habits to ensure we all get home safely. Whether you ride, drive or walk, our goal is to Drive Toward Zero deaths. One death is too many. We are all in this together.

Police Log

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teen officers assist with charging Christopher Forrest, 22, of Londonderry with Reckless Conduct (Deadly Weapon); Falsifying Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide); Criminal Threatening (Conduct).

Tuesday - July 14

9:53 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Symmes Drive at Reliable Equipment.

2:13 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Grand Estate at Londonderry on Golen Drive.

1:30 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Whittemore Road.

8:46 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on

Nashua Rd at U.S. Post Office.

Wednesday - July 15

6:04 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Gail Road at Ross Drive.

6:31 a.m. Assisted Other Police Department with Services on Priscilla Lane.

8:58 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Morway Drive.

2:47 p.m. Peace Restored after Juvenile Offenses on Winterwood Drive.

9:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Hampshire Lane.

Thursday - July 16

1 p.m. Services rendered by Conservation Ranger on Independence Drive

Rail Trail.

6:59 p.m. Peace Restored after Complaint on William Drive.

8:39 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made at Derry Fire on Route 102. Katie Carvalho, 24, of Chester charged with Criminal Trespassing.

Friday - July 17

5:12 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Rockingham Road.

2:54 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Airport Road at Enterprise Car Rental.

6 p.m. Disturbance investigated on South Road at Londonderry South School.

7:25 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

8:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Stop leads to an Arrest on Pettengill Road at UPS. Jodi Lee Zaccagnini, 46, of Nashua charged with Drive After a Revoked/Suspend License (Second); Misuse of Plates; and having two Bench Warrants.

8:47 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Manor Drive. Nicholas White, 26, Manchester charged with Conduct After Accident/Death, Injury; Reckless Conduct (Deadly Weapon); Reckless Operation; and Driving Under The Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

9:10 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated by five officers on Kimball Road.

Saturday - July 18

8:17 a.m. Services rendered by Conservation Ranger on Independence

Drive.

10:05 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Jefferson Drive.

3:45 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Rockingham Road at Triangle Mobil Mart.

3:52 p.m. Trespassing investigated by three officers on Tyler Drive.

5:55 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

6:36 p.m. Five officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat resulting in transportation to a hospital from Bancroft Road.

8:50 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at Morrison House Museum on Pillsbury Road.

9:03 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Mercury

Drive.

Sunday - July 19

2:34 a.m. Missing Person investigated by four officers on Wedgewood Drive.

5:52 a.m. Services rendered for Drone Flight on Wedgewood Drive.

9:24 a.m. Services rendered for Missing Person on Wedgewood Drive.

5:23 p.m. Arrest made by Animal Control at Market Basket on Michels Way. Three officers assist with charging Roy Holton, 68, of Londonderry with Cruelty to Animals (Negligent).

10:54 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Transported To Hospital from Orchard View Dr at Shaw's.

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