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Decking the Common Nathan and Caleb Ayers enjoyed the holiday season by decorating one of the trees set up on the town common with some holiday decorations on Saturday. The trees were set up by members of the Londonderry Rotary and the town. See more photos on page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Mack Land May Be Purchased by Town and Conservation

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was announced on Monday night that the Moose Hill Orchard land across the street from Matthew Thornton Elementary School

might be purchased by the town and by the conservation Commission.

During the Monday night, Dec. 7 Town Council meeting, Town Manager Kevin Smith told the board that they have been in negotiations

with Andy Mack Senior over the past few months to purchase the 28 acres parcel. The town would be buying five of those acres, while the Conservation Commission would be pur-

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Water Rates Look to Rise for Those on Public Water

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Town Councils discussions on the budget Monday night, Dec. 7, it was divulged that water rate for the town would be a significant increase on water rates by Pennichuck Water Works.

The town's Finance Director, Justin Campo, said at the meeting that he reviewed a letter received from Pennichuck, "The letter states that there will be a 21.05 percent increase but when looking at the average bill increase it looks closer to 22.84 percent." So he adjusted the numbers in the budget sheets to reflect that

increase.

The numbers include what is used in the hydrants and the water the town facilities use.

With that news, Town Council Chair John Farrell responded, "I guess they're living on a different planet." He then asked his fellow members whether they would like to bring this up with the town lawyer to see if there would be any way to challenge the increase.

Councilor Tom Dolan asked Campo if the total cost also includes what the school's pay.

Campo responded that the number he was presenting only reflects the Hydrants and town building costs.

To that, Farrell suggested seeing if the school's legal representation would join in the legal pursuit.

The total amount billed to the town for water in 2020 was \$408,832. In that amount 354,376 was for hydrant use and \$54,455 was for building use.

Based on the increase indicated in the letter the town received, there would be an increase to the water use line in the budget next year of over \$89,700, or a total cost of nearly \$500,000.

Campo was asked whether this would be something that effects all residents in town that

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Cross Farm Development Looks to Enter Final Stages

HENRY GREENBAUM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board had another virtual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 2, with a focus on the latest plans for the elderly housing development called the Cross Farm Development along Route 102.

The site is being developed by Benchmark Engineering, Inc., and Phase I involved the development of the first 21 homes, which incorporated a road that led to a building that used

to be a rest stop and it was approved back in 2018. Phase two was approved in 2019, and added another 86 homes as well as a clubhouse and an off-site improvement to route 102 making it easier to access the development. Out of the 107 homes that were approved, 65 of them have been sold and are now occupied.

Benchmark Engineering is ready to get started on the final part of their project, which can be broken down into phases four, five, and

six. "Phase four is kind of broken into two phases. We call it phases 4A and 4B," said Benchmark representative Joseph Maynard. "What phase 4A is that it allows the developer to con-

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Town Council Discusses New Water Management Plan

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, Nov. 30, Town Council meeting held at the Londonderry High School, Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux delivered a set of action items to members for the Water Management Plan in town.

In that list were Water Resource Actions from the 2019 Water Resource Management & Protection Plan, the 2019 Water Quality Update and the 2013 Londonderry Master Plan.

The actions detailed were organized into three overlapping campaigns:

- The Health Campaign includes actions to protect and improve the health of Londonderry residents.
- The Supply Campaign includes actions to protect, improve, and identify sources of safe drinking water for Londonderry residents.
- The Safety Cam-

paign includes actions to mitigate the risks of flooding and damage to infrastructure.

There were a number of subjects covered in the table that was presented that evening, in all, there were 15 action items, some of the more High-Urgency items on that list were as follows:

- Lead (Pb) assessment to involve homeowners in testing and to gather data on where and to what extent the problem exists.

Education effort; create data base; needed for water supply planning. The Building Department was listed as the department responsible for future efforts.

- Land protection, especially over aquifers and along water bodies/streams: Update open space plan. The Conservation Commission was listed as the responsible board for this item.

- Revise or Add ordinances, e.g., regarding

allowed zoning uses and densities; septic systems and maintenance; fertilizer and pesticide use. This will be at a low cost, but will have a high payoff; includes incorporating LID into site/subdivision plans per Town Master Plan. The Planning Department was listed as the department responsible for future efforts.

- Reduce effective impervious surface; assess opportunities for LID techniques and require their use. There is opportunity for collaboration with agencies and owners. The Planning Department was listed as the department responsible for future efforts.

• Assess dams for removal or repair and stream crossings for repair or improvement to prevent flooding and protecting wildlife. There is state data and grants available for this item. The Public Works Department was listed as the department responsible for future efforts.

- PFAS follow-up with residents and characterization of the extent of the problem in

surface and ground waters. It questions if legal action possible? Include testing of brownfields; needed for water supply planning. The Town Managers office is list as responsible for this item. • Arsenic characterization of where and to what degree problem exists. Combine with PFAS? Education effort; needed for water supply planning. Town Managers office is responsible for this item also.

Although the table designated a responsible department or board, the plan stated that each action requires a degree of coordination and planning beyond routine processes and procedures. The responsibility for this coordination and planning, as well as task execution, rests with the Department Head or Board Chair or their designee.

It also mentioned that for each Action above the responsible Department or Board will prepare a plan specifying:

- The tasks necessary to implement the action:
- When each task will

be completed.

- By whom (e.g., staff or contractor) each task will be completed

- The resources required (e.g., budget dollars, contract value, staff time).

The overview stated that it is the annual responsibility of the Department or Board to provide an update for the Town Council to be coordinated through the Planning Department. The annual update should include a summary report of accomplishments, future plans, and any necessary budget requests or proposed warrant articles to the Town Council at the start of the budget cycle.

Mailloux told the council that her department has been researching a number of these items, but anything that would require funding has been put on hold for now. She also said that she would be coming back to the council with frequent updates.

Councilor Deb Paul asked if there was a timeline on getting more information to the town, worrying that if it takes too long the data is going to change.

Mailloux responded that because the Planning Department staff is focused more on the project plan submittals currently. She also added that the funding would be an issue at this point.

Councilor Joe Green added that if the cost is

an issue, but the priority of the problem outweighs cost, perhaps that could be added as a Warrant Article this year.

Mailloux responded that her goal would be to addressing these high priority items at the beginning of a budget cycle or during the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process. This way there would be a cost listed in association with each item.

Council chair John Farrell suggested that after the council finishes the budget for this year, they would have her back to discuss what might be presented to the CIP.

Resident Ray Breslin, who has been following the water studies done over the past number of year, addressed some of his concerns. The biggest issue was the amount of time spent on this, and how long it's taken to access the costs associated with it.

He asked if the town has gone to the DES yet to ask them for funding.

Mailloux assured him that when they come up with a figure, they would be going to the state for whatever is available to them.

Breslin said that he understands that a lot of things have been slowed down over the past year, but he said, "We need to look at what our priorities are. What is more important than the health and welfare of the citizens."

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Town Council Continues Discussions at Budget Workshop

TJ RUZICKA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The night of Monday, November 30, 2020 saw the Londonderry Town Council hold a meeting at the Londonderry High School cafeteria. The latter part of the meeting consisted of the budget workshop, where the Council discussed a wide variety of budgetary points of interest.

Before the Council went into detail about their various budgetary topics of conversation, multiple members of the Council, including Chairman John Farrell, made it clear that many of the decisions should be and would be made understanding revenues holding and potential revenue shortfalls in the coming year.

With that, the meeting opened with the news of a new rate increase of 21 percent toward town water utility. The Council decided to send a representative to argue against the rate increase,

and to have the town manager add the Council's objection to the rate hike in a letter head.

The next topic of discussion was tenures over the past ten years. With no new tenures from 2010 to 2014, the report started in 2015 and went up to 2020. The consensus takeaway from the report was that the majority of new town employees were brought in through the ballot. The notable exception being the new Student Resource Officers (SRO) at Londonderry schools in 2015 and 2019.

After further detailing of why and when new SRO's were brought in, and subsequent discussion on the numbers being seen—town employee pay, including benefits, etc.—the Council took solace in knowing that any higher rates in town employee pay was a result of voting or in regard to keeping the town's most vulnerable safe.

The next part of the

meeting was concerning the general government department: funds and expenditures including but not limited to telephone, custodial, electric, heat, and water for the town. Finance Director, Justin Campo broke down the spending, highlighting the \$95 thousand expenditure in heat and oil, and \$44 thousand in electric services.

The discussion on the general government department spending continued, and with it the year 2018 was brought up. All years before 2018 and the years following it, the department spending on average was slightly over \$40 thousand per year. 2018 was different however, as the number for that year was \$115 thousand dollars.

The increase was attributed to the cleaning of a site on Sanborn Road by the town prior to selling the property to the new owner. The cleaning was in accor-

dance to the sale deal, where the town was obligated by the DES to work on water management and clean the property of arsenic.

Once discussion on the general government department was settled, the conversation changed gears to focus on reductions at varying dollar amounts to spending. The run through was an item brought up at the last meeting that the Council wanted to have more detailed.

One of the hypothetical cuts included a contract with CHS for opioid

education, an \$11 thousand expenditure for campaigning on social media and through seminars to combat the opioid epidemic. The program was described as a "nice service, but not necessary."

The hypothetical spending cuts continued with permanently changing town one staff member's role officially part-time from full-time to save money, a \$5 thousand reduction in legal fees, reducing a lease amount through purchasing items, and reduction in salary to a posi-

tion in the library.

The final area was within the health insurance lines. If the health insurance was budgeted differently, changing some open positions from family plans to two person plans, saving about \$95 thousand dollars in savings. All of these reductions together would save just north of \$200 thousand dollars.

After discussion of potential opt-outs and further detailing of the potential savings in the town's health insurance, the budget portion of the meeting concluded.

Mack Land

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chasing the remainder.

The was no discussion about how much they were looking to pay for the land, but Smith said they are very close to a Purchase and Sale Agreement.

The sale would need to have the approval of the Town Council and the Conservation Commission in order to hap-

pen.

The land purchase would also be proposed to the voters as a Warrant Article.

Smith also announced that the town is in negotiations with the Pennechuck Water Company, the Department of Environmental Services, the Apple Tree Mall and the neighborhood behind the mall to potentially bring municipal water to that area because the

area was effected by PFAS and PFOA contamination.

Smith said he did not have a cost amount for this yet, but hoped that it could be paid for through the Undesignated Fund Balance account.

He added that he would have more details on the two potential Warrant Articles at the Town Councils next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Dec. 21.

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Editorial

The True Meaning of the Holidays

Nutfield Publishing's newspapers cover five towns, and often the news in one town has little to do with what is happening in the others.

But all five towns are similar in at least one area - their residents are generous when it comes to helping out the less fortunate.

In the midst of the holiday rush, fulfillment of wishes on Giving and Angel Trees, donations of food and gift cards to provide holiday baskets, and even more donations of toys and new and used clothing came in day in and day out.

The generosity involved all ages, ranging from schoolchildren to businesses collecting socks, warm hats, coats, and toys.

Donations don't get where they need to be without the help of volunteers, and they, too, are in abundance during this holiday season. Whether it's carting gifts and food to a central location, matching gifts with the appropriately aged recipient, packing holiday food boxes, or serving at soup kitchens, people are ready to fill the need.

But the holidays are far from the only time for the generous spirit in our towns. Free clothing is offered throughout the year at several local churches. Sports teams and school clubs dedicate time to helping out the less fortunate - and learn something about the world in the process.

In addition to Sonshine Soup Kitchen and the various food pantries,

the Community Meals Network hosts free meals for all ages several times each month throughout the year, whether it's a hearty breakfast or a spaghetti dinner, with volunteers doing everything from donating the food to cooking the meals, serving the guests, and arguably the most important role, taking the time to sit down and chat with people who may not have many other opportunities for socializing.

We regularly announce fundraisers to benefit persons with serious medical conditions. It's sad, and frightening, that insurance is not available to meet these needs, but our fellow residents continue to step forward and host any number of creative activities to help out.

We'd be remiss if we didn't also highlight the volunteers who fill seats on town and school district boards and commissions. While some of their decisions may elicit criticism, that's the nature of a democracy, and it doesn't detract for an instant from the appreciation they're due for being willing to leave their homes and take the action needed to keep our communities functioning.

If you're into the spirit of making a New Year's resolution, volunteering to help your community is a good one to top the list. And to those who already do so, we offer our appreciation and thanks. Giving and being thankful the true meaning of the Holidays.

Letters

Thanks for Sign Maintenance

To the editor,
Five "Welcome to Londonderry" signs greet residents and visitors as they enter the town at different gateway locations. The Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee is responsible for the signs, and we are grateful to have three

local landscapers provide their continuing support in grooming and maintaining the sign plots.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Shady Hill Greenhouses and Nursery for maintaining the signs on Route 102 near the Hudson town line and on Rockingham Road at the Manchester line, to Artisan Landscapes for maintaining

the sign on Route 102 near Exit 4, and to Groundhog Landscaping for maintaining the signs on Mammoth Road at the Windham line and on Rockingham Road near the Derry town line.

Their efforts are much appreciated!

Lynn Wiles
Chairman, Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee
Londonderry

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Local Scouts Earn Merit Badges



Boy Scout Troop 426 of Londonderry, attended a Rifle Shooting Merit Badge outing hosted by the Londonderry Fish and Game Club recently. There were 17 scouts who attended, and all of them qualified for their Rifle Shooting Merit Badge.

Londonderry Fish and Game Club President, Ed Bouche, Jr., along with Mark LePage, Commissioner of Shooting Sports for BSA Daniel Webster Council and other volunteers generously donated their time to make this outing a complete success.

All Scouts had a safe, successful, and fun experience through the generosity of Londonderry

Fish and Game Club, who donated range time, ammo, rifles, and certified range personnel to make this possible for Troop 426.

Pictured are: Top Row from left, Scoutmaster Greg Maynard, Jimmy Franklin, Ben Geezil, Nathan Beaulieu, Sam Stansfield, Breydon Brow, Chad LeBlanc, LFGC President Ed Bouche Jr. Bottom Row from left, Jakob Dahlgren, Braeden Ayers, Andrew Ayers, Braeden Brizuela, Jackson Croteau, Aaron Belanger, Calvin Maynard, Ben Geezil, Calvin Maynard and Marc LePage, Commissioner of Shooting Sports for BSA Daniel Webster Council.

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Local Groups Decorate Christmas Trees on Town Common



Members of Cub Scout Troop 901 and members of the Londonderry GREEN Team were at the Town Common on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6, to decorate trees placed there by the Londonderry Rotary. This has been an annual tradition for many years, but with the COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing mandates, groups had to stay spread out while getting into the annual holiday festivities. Most of the ornaments were hand-made and could be eating by wildlife. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Cross Farm

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struct Cranberry Circle which is a short cul-de-sac with about 11 homes on it...breaking this phase out would allow the developer the ability to construct homes and obtain occupancy permits while waiting for the entirety of phase 4B to be completed."

Phase four is broken down into two sub-phases, phase 4A and 4B. Phase 4A will allow for the construction of a cul-de-sac called Cranberry Circle. Phase 4B includes 14 units and connects the road structure back to what was built at the end of phase one. The main point of phase four is to connect the roads on the project together to make it easier to navigate and build more homes on the property.

Phase 5 is an additional 20 units off the

same road leading to Cranberry Circle. Phase 6 is the final phase in their project, it involves the extension of Pumpkin Patch Way. This street connects to another cul-de-sac, which will have another 24 units.

Benchmark also met with the Conservation Commission to discuss the wetlands that are on the Cross Farm Development as it is something they can focus on now that they have entered the final phases. Maynard said, "There were a couple portions of the property that were deemed to be 'high value' from a wetlands standpoint. One of them had some vernal pool things which was more to the west of our site and the contractor put about 26 acres under full conservation restriction on that end of the property."

Certain parts of the

Cross Farm Development have wetlands that are very important to the surrounding environment. Because of this, conservation restrictions were placed on some of them to prevent anything from being built over them. If anything were built there, then it would ruin the wetlands that are very valuable to the Wetlands Board.

Residents from neighboring areas joined the meeting, resident Mike Pettengill commented that he felt the developers are overstepping the already generous advantages given to 55-Plus communities.

Pettengill felt that the development as done nothing to achieve the goal of bringing affordable elderly housing to Londonderry. He said the only priority of the developers is to fit as many units into the

property as possible and most of the units being purchased are from people outside of Londonderry. He also felt that because these units are right up against the wetland buffers, those buying the units would end up encroaching on the wetlands.

Pettengill also was concerned about the blasting going on during the construction, saying that it could affect his well and there are no provisions for that.

Resident Susan Malouin also spoke during public comment and asked about the tree line along Route 102. She asked if many of the trees would remain, which she was told they would be unless the trees were dead or dying.

She also asked about the usable open space at the site. She was told that over 51 acres are required.

Malouin also wondered how much blasting was going to be done during the next phase, since she had no warning of the blasting during prior phases. She was told that there

would be much less during the final phasing.

A number of traffic and groundwater issues were brought up during the meeting, and the plan was continued to it Jan. 13, meeting.

OBITUARY

Brian Sullivan



Brian Sullivan, 73, of Londonderry, NH died Sunday Nov. 29, 2020 at his home following a period of declining health. Brian was born in Boston, MA on Feb. 5, 1947, a son of the late Leo and Thelma (Barth) Sullivan. He had been a resident of Londonderry since 1977, formerly living

in Medford, MA. Brian served from 1965 to 1968 with the US Army, during the Vietnam Era. Brian was an accomplished Electron Scanning Microscopist, which earned him an award in the 1982 Polaroid International Instant Photomicrography Competition.

Brian was, and always will be, the kindest, most gentlest soul, who's unique sense of humor was the glue that bound our family, and kept our hearts laughing. His talent for witty one-liners, and hilarious sense of humor, crowned him the King of the Dad Jokes. He loved deep, and was loved even deeper. As a father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, he touched so many lives in his 73 years. He had an enormous passion for music, which had a profound effect on people, especially his daughter. He showed and taught love through his guitar. He passed surrounded by his 2nd greatest joy (next to his grandchildren), music stands, overflowing with sheet music, and a guitar in each corner, ever awaiting someone to teach. Whether it be The Eagles, Dan Fogelberg, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond or any number of artists, the man could play. His grandchildren meant the world to him and, as he did with his own children, you could always count on him to be at a game, or an event, to show his support. He often became known as "#1 fan", as it was all too common to find "Mr. Sullivan" sitting in his chair, waiting for his son's, or one of his grandchildren's, games to start. We know he will now have the best seat in the house for ALL of the games. It gives us comfort knowing that our Brother, Brian, was there to hold out his hand and welcomed our Father home.

Brian is survived by one son, Joshua Sullivan, and his wife, Allison, of Hooksett, NH; one daughter, Shannon Sullivan, and her partner, David Hartjes, of Medford, MA; nine grandchildren (Lauren, Mikayla, Alyssa, Kyle, Brian, Kylie, Jaxson, Ava and Avery); one brother, Leo Sullivan, and his wife, Theresa, of Montville, NJ; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his other son, Brian Sullivan, as well as his two sisters, Denise Quin and Ellen Lubin.

He was laid to rest with, alongside his son, in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd. Londonderry with a private ceremony. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. A much more deserved Memorial service will be planned for him in the spring/summer of 2021, once it is (hopefully) safer for everyone who wishes to pay tribute, to travel to NH. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry assist the family with arrangements.

Water Rates

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use Pennichuck Water, and he assumed that it would, since he said the letter states "average monthly residential bill."

Resident Ray Breslin

was at the meeting and asked if Pennichuck was buying water from Manchester Water Works, and if so, couldn't the town look into purchasing that water.

Breslin felt that the water going to southern

town's such as Salem and Pelham all travels through Londonderry, and the water Londonderry uses could all be purchased directly from Manchester Water.

He also brought up a problem that he had looked into involving a water restriction issue

along Mammoth Road. The restriction limits water pressure coming into town for fire protection and places like Woodmont Commons.

Breslin ended by saying, "A 22-percent increase is out of the question. We need to do our homework."

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Londonderry School Board Discusses Winter Sports

TJ RUZICKA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board met on Tuesday, Dec. 1 to discuss the upcoming sports season, plans for building improvements, and hear the Superintendent report.

A major part of the meeting came later in the night, as the meeting was opened up to a public hearing in regard to the upcoming sports season.

Given the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effort and dedication student-athletes have to their craft, the discussion became a two-way street between safety and fairness.

The first members of the public to speak were LHS cheer team captains Nikki Longua, Lilly Tharrington, and Alyssa Pitarys spoke to plead their case to have a winter Cheer season held.

The captains marked successes of the fall sea-

son despite the restrictions put in place due to COVID-19 and promises to continue following protocols as main markers for why a winter season should be held.

A number of student-athletes came to speak on behalf of holding a winter season. Maura O'Shaughnessy, a member of the Girl's indoor track team spoke on behalf of the team, noting the uncertainty rises in national COVID cases present the Board, but underscored mental health as a main factor why athletes feel the season should be held.

Zach Rheault, a captain of the hockey team, and Josh Bean, a captain for the wrestling team, rounded out the flurry of student athletes that took to the podium to speak in support of their season. The topics both LHS seniors focused on became the common thread of all the student-athlete speakers: that teams are aware restric-

tions will be in place and sacrifices will need to be made if there's any chance a season will happen.

After student-athletes spoke, LHS Principal Jason Parent and LHS Assistant Principal Steve Secor spoke in support of holding a winter sports season along with additional support from Music Director Serge Beaulieu and Athletic Director Howard Sobolov.

All of the speakers praised how students, staff, and other faculty had handled sanitation, COVID guidelines, and adaptability to hybridized learning and working environments as pillars in their support that LHS could safely hold a winter season.

On top of the belief in the ability of LHS to hold a season, pragmatic steps to promote safety were outlined including, no away fans, live streamed events, mask wearing mandates in

applicable sports, spaced out practices and games for sanitation, limited two home fans per player and a coinciding list of fans for tracking, no indoor track meets, no in-person large event championships, and COVID-aware protocols in strength training.

After all the speakers had their chance to state their point of view, the Board closed the public hearing portion of the meeting. Ultimately, there was no motion to vote on the state of the winter season Tuesday night.

Another highlight of the meeting included the opening presentation from the Trident Group per request of the Board. The presentation was a brief summary of the master planning effort to improve upon the educational facilities in Londonderry.

Items highlighted included some of the steps within the first

phase of the operation, including having a team of experts come in to assess each building and mapping out areas in need of improvement grouped into categories of immediate, five years, 10 years, and long term. Also included in the plan for the first phase of the operation were fiscal reviews of each building, and interviews with staff members in each building.

After some questioning from Board members the big picture of the master plan was broken down by the presenters. Described simply, the Board would ultimately choose the plan the School District will see. But the plans the Board will be able to choose from will come from a set of options presented by the Trident Group after inspections, analysis, and assessments are complete.

The final highlights of the meeting came at the very end of the meeting,

with the Board acknowledging the retirement of two long time Londonderry School District members, Matthew Thornton Teacher [Colleen Bashett] and LHS Counselor William Prince.

Following, the Board approved four motions, withdrawing money from the Maintenance Trust Fund and the District Information Technology Infrastructure Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, and Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve.

The meeting ended with a Superintendent report on the transition to remote learning. Superintendent Scott Laliberte acknowledged the challenges of the quick transition but marked his optimism toward Londonderry successfully completing the transition and ultimately coming back to in-person procedures. With that, the meeting ended, capping off the night.

Arts Council Celebrates The Wit, Wisdom and Sign Art of Andy Mack Sr.

ANDREW D. MYERS
SUBMISSION

The Londonderry Arts Council will be premiering a "socially distanced" art show celebrating The Wit, Wisdom And Sign Art of Andy Mack Sr. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Mack's Apples Farm Market - 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

Entitled "Sign Language", the show fea-

tures road-side signs created over the years by local Icon, Andy Mack Sr. Familiar to area residents who have travelled along Mammoth Road, Andy's signs have been a fixture of daily life in Londonderry focusing on farming, current events, social issues, and wide range of other topics.

Members of the Londonderry Arts Council were invited by Andy to

visit his barn where his workshop and sign collection are located, and representative works were identified and photographed by member Deb Lashua for potential inclusion in the exhibit. Then, selected pieces were curated by Londonderry resident Erin Noonan-Descoteaux, a well-regarded member of the Lowell Massachusetts art community,

and installed by a team of Arts Council members. Erin's husband, Greg Descoteaux also interviewed Andy about growing up on the Mack family farm, and how his work with signs began and has evolved over the years.

Andy's work and the story resulting from the interview are currently on display at the Farm Stand for visitors to enjoy. More details and

photographs can be found on the Londonderry Arts Council Website by visiting Andy Mack - Sign Language.

Andy Mack Sr. is the eighth-generation owner of Moose Hill Orchards, home of Mack's Apples, which has been continuously farmed by the Mack family since 1732, making this the oldest single-family run farm in

New Hampshire. A life-long resident, Andy is revered for his community leadership, generosity, and significant contributions to the quality of life in Londonderry.

For more information contact: Larry Casey, Londonderry Arts Council, phone 603-867-3077 or email larrycasey_nh@gmail.com.

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Pantry Plunge Gets Folks Freezin' for a Reason on Saturday

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The annual Pantry Plunge is scheduled take place at Beaver Lake (Gallien's Beach), in Derry, on Saturday, Dec. 12 beginning at 11:30 where there will be many swimmers taking a chilly dive for the fourth time.

This frigidly fun event is a fundraiser for the First Baptist Church (FBC) Community Food Pantry for the past three years and has raised much-needed funds.

For the past three years we have seen a growing number of local people step up and out of their comfort zones to raise money for the FBC Community Food Pantry by taking part in this event.

Nancy Francis spoke to the Derry Town Council last week and

explained the way the event will be held this year. She said this year the event is more important than ever since a lot of their fundraising events have been cancelled.

She said that she's been in contact with the town and the fire department on how to keep participants safe because of COVID-19 concerns. Unlike years past, this year there will be waves of plungers starting with the Pinkerton Academy Leadership Council.

Each wave will clear out before the next wave takes their plunge.

The Food Pantry at the church has been fighting hunger in Derry and the surrounding towns since 1988. Each month the Food Pantry serves over 350 individuals and more than 150 families. No one is

turned away. More information can be found at <https://www.fbcfood-pantry.org/> or at <https://www.pantry-plunge.org/>.

According to the event organizers, "This year we are ALL out of our comfort zone. This pandemic wasn't even on our radar at last year's Plunge and now COVID-19 has made this year's event more important than ever."

They added, "We are working hard to raise as much as we can, so that none of our neighbors will go hungry this coming year. Clearly, the demands on the Food Pantry this year are especially high. The need is especially great. And we are especially determined to rally our community to make this event especially successful! We invite you to join us! Form a team or



Dozens of local groups chose to take a quick dip in the chilly water at Beaver Lake to raise funds for the Derry FBC Food Pantry last year.

come solo. Bring your towel, your funds raised and your "can-do" spirit (and see the useful information on the [pantry-plunge.org](https://www.pantry-plunge.org) website) and become a part of the solution to local hunger. If you cannot plunge,

then please make a donation today at either of the above websites. We're Freezin' for a Reason!"

As a donor or as a Plunger, you will be a part of the fourth Annual Pantry Plunge and show

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LHS Graduate Receives National Recognition For Her Foundation

MELISA RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School graduate, Noelle Lambert, recently received national recognition, along with \$35,000, for her nonprofit, the "Born to Run Foundation."

The Born to Run Foundation provides specialized prosthetics for young para-athletes so that they may continue their athletic pursuits.

In middle and high school, Lambert was a tough competitor in athletics and she went on to play lacrosse into her first year at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell.

But in 2016 Lambert was involved in a moped accident which would end up taking her left leg.

But Lambert was determined to continue on her path of athletic excellence.

"I didn't want to let it define who I was to become," Lambert said of the accident. "So I tried everything to get back."

Lambert ended up receiving prosthetics from two different organizations, and was able to return to the lacrosse field mere months after her life-changing accident.

Having seen how the work of those organizations helped her and others like her, Lambert became inspired to pay it forward to even more in her situation.

The Born to Run Foundation made its first donation in 2018, and has been helping young athletes as young as four years of age to continue doing what they love to do with the help of specialized prosthetics.

Lambert explained that insurance companies do not help cover the prosthetics necessary for athletes to continue their sports journeys, and will only assist with walking prosthetics. The units that are necessary to aid amputees with athletic activities are very expensive, costing upwards of \$50,000.

To date, Born to Run



Noelle Lambert, recently received national recognition, for her "Born to Run Foundation."

has changed the lives of ten young people by helping them receive their own specialized prosthetics. And Lambert continues to work tirelessly to help many more.

All of this great work has caught the attention of beauty giant L'Oréal Paris, who each year selects a select few out of thousands of "Women

of Worth" to receive funds for their causes which benefit their communities.

Of all these worthy women, only ten may be brought up for a national vote. These ten honorees receive an "Honoree Award" of ten thousand dollars for their accredited causes.

Then, the Woman of Worth who receives the

most votes out of these ten will also receive the "National Award," an additional \$25,000 and national recognition for her cause.

This year, Lambert is that Woman of Worth.

"I was shocked when I found out I was the National Honoree," recalled Lambert. "I was shocked when I found out I was in the top ten! to be recognized among these nine amazing women and their work for their communities is such a special thing to be a part of."

Lambert explained that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Born to Run had no choice but to cancel a good number of its fundraising events, which is how the foundation gets most of its funds for prosthetics. But thanks to the Women of Worth award, Lambert will be able to continue her work.

The Born to Run Foundation currently has about six or seven young people on its wait-

ing list, according to Lambert, who was anxious to be able to take them from the waiting queue to their respective fields.

"I want to get (prosthetics) to people as soon as possible so they can live how they want," said Lambert.

Lambert was featured on national broadcasts such as E! Entertainment and the Kelly Clarkson Show for her achievements. Thanks to these appearances, Lambert's cause has become known to millions across the country.

"The recognition alone is getting the foundation to where I never thought it would be," Lambert stated. "I'm so grateful..."

When she is not working for Born to Run, Lambert can be found training for the Tokyo 2021 Paralympic games, where she will be participating in the 100-meter run. Naturally, Lambert will not let cold weather nor a pandemic stop her

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Celebrate the New Year with a NH State Parks First Day Hike

New Hampshire State Parks invites the public to celebrate the New Year with a self-guided virtual hike. This year's First Day Hikes will run from Dec. 26 through New Year's Day 2021 at all state parks across New Hampshire. The goal of this year's hikes is to provide individuals and families the opportunity to safely welcome in 2021 in the outdoors while maintaining social distancing practices.

This is the tenth year New Hampshire has participated in the First Day Hikes program. The program is part of a nationwide initiative led by America's State Parks to encourage people to get outdoors.

Since NH Park's 2021 First Day Hikes will be virtual self-guided outings, hikers can choose to explore any of our state historic sites, parks, or recreational rail trails at the parks pet-friendly webpage at www.nhstateparks.org/planning/pet-friendly-state-parks, if you plan to bring your four-footed friends.

Hikers must register to be entered for a chance to win a family season pass for the 2021 Season and other prizes. A winner will be selected randomly and

announced the first week of January. Register here to commit to a hike and be entered to win at www.nhstateparks.org/news-events/first-day-hike.

Share your First Day Hike on social media for a chance to win prizes!

NH State Parks will be giving away a bunch of parks' swag for the best photos in the categories below. In order to be considered, follow us @nhstateparks on their own pace.

Leashed pets are permitted at many parks in the off-season so visit Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, use the hashtags #firstdayhikes #nhstateparks and tag us in your photo. Pictures must also be taken at one of our NH state park properties between Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, 2021.

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:

1. Best Family Photo
2. Best Couple or Friend Photo
3. Best Photo with a Pet
4. Best Photo Highlighting a Natural Feature
5. Best Photo Taken with a Trail or Park Sign

NH State Parks will be featuring the winning photos on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages. Winners will be

selected and contacted during the first week of January. Be sure to look for your photos, winners or not. Winners will be notified once photos are selected.

Here are a few helpful tips to make your day enjoyable:

- Please remember to check the weather prior to heading out.
- Follow all social distancing recommendations and practices.
- Dress in layers appropriate for the winter weather and wear appropriate footwear. Make sure someone knows you are out on the trails and when you will be returning from your hike. For more information regarding recommended clothing and gear, please visit Hike Safe (www.hike-safe.com).
- Traction devices for footwear are highly recommended (trails may be icy).
- Maintain 6ft of distance between others.
- Carry hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.
- Move to the side of the trail to allow others to pass.
- Wear a mask when around others.
- Slow down or speed up to maintain space along the trail.
- Be sure to pack

water and a snack for during the hike.

- Avoid groups of more than 10 people

The Division of Parks and Recreation is comprised of the Bureau of Park Operations, Bureau of Historic Sites, Bureau

of Trails, and Cannon Mountain. The Division manages 93 properties, including state parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites, trails, waysides, and natural areas. The Division of Parks and Recreation is one of

four divisions of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. To learn more, visit www.nhstateparks.org, follow NH State Parks on Facebook and Twitter, or call 603-271-3556.

Reserve Before You Go

Most hikers and outdoor enthusiasts will agree, the fall season is the best time of the year to hike. However, making a reservation before you head out is the most important step in the process. Many of NH State Parks most popular hiking destinations require an advance day use reservation.

The temperatures are perfect right now. The leaves are changing and as they fall they are revealing stunning views of picturesque New Hampshire.

To accommodate and prepare for increased number of expected hikers, NH Parks requires an advance day use reservation. Visit www.nhstateparks.org/planning/day-use-reservations for an updated and complete list of parks that require a reservation. Many of these locations will be open through Veterans Day, November 11.

Fall campers can use

the parks "Camping this weekend: see what's available" feature at www.nhstateparks.org/activities/camping.

"The reservation system has worked extremely well this year and has reduced the need to turn visitors away after a park has reached its full capacity," said Brent Wucher, spokesperson for NH State Parks.

Locations in the North Country of NH are seeing peak foliage this weekend. State Campgrounds like Moose Brook in Gorham and Echo Lake State Park in North Conway are approaching peak foliage.

Popular Auto roads at Rollins State Park in Warner and Miller State Park in Peterborough, are revealing all the colors of fall, along with spectacular panoramic views at their summits. These parks are accessible by car via an auto road to the summit and require a reservation.

Monadnock State

Park in Jaffrey has seen record numbers of visitors in the 2020 season and expected to see a busy fall. Reservations on weekends are often booked, so planning ahead is crucial.

"We are proud of the fact that we have been able to provide visitors with safe activities such as hiking and camping," said Wucher. "The most important piece of this is that visitors understand they must have a reservation before they head out or they may risk being turned away."

Social distancing requirements remain in place and visitors are asked to keep at least six feet between other hikers and wear a mask when entering facilities.

Visit the NH State Parks blog site for more information on fall hiking at www.blog.nhstateparks.org/ or follow the parks on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NewHampshireStateParks or call 603-271-3556.



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Fish & Game Reminds Hunters & Hikers To Share Woods Safely

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The unofficial start of the fall season sweeps across the Granite State, groups of residents may have already begun trading in their swimming trunks and bathing suits for bright orange vests and camouflage.

September was the kicked off for New Hampshire fall hunting seasons, with the opening of the black bear and small game seasons. Archery seasons for turkey and white-tailed deer are underway as well. Waterfowl hunting begins in September, with dates varying by species and zone. The Hunting season continues through December please keep that in mind.

As hunters take to the woods to take game, and hikers to take in the sights, New Hampshire Fish and Game wishes to remind everyone to keep in mind the following rules and regulations and safety tips:

In order to take part in any hunting season, a

hunter must obtain a New Hampshire hunting license. Licenses may be purchased online, by mailing in an application, or by visiting a local licensing agent (a list by town available at wildlife.state.nh.us/licensing/agents.html). A valid state-issued ID must be presented in order to obtain a hunting license.

By state law, anyone who plans to buy a hunting, archery, or trapping license must complete the respective hunter, bow-hunter, or trapper education course, or show a previously issued license of the same type. For more information on how to enroll in a hunter education course, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/hunting/hunter-ed.html.

Whenever firearms and archery are involved, safety measures must be taken seriously. The following are some safety tips for hunters to keep in mind:

For firearm hunters, follow these best practices: Treat every firearm as if it were loaded, unload firearms when

not in use, never climb a fence or tree or jump over a ditch or log with a loaded firearm, only point at what you intend to shoot, never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water, keep fingers off of the trigger until ready to shoot, clearly identify a target and what is beyond it before shooting, make certain that the gun barrel and action are clear of obstructions, store firearms and ammunition separately, know where your hunting partner is at all times, if you are accompanied by a hunting dog, always keep him or her under control, and perhaps most importantly for all types of hunting, avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while on the hunt. These same guidelines can be applied to bow-hunters, as well.

Planning for the weather behooves any type of hunter. Hunters can be at risk for hypothermia in cold, wet conditions, and

even in temperatures as high as 50 degrees. To reduce risk of hypothermia, dress in warm layers, avoiding moisture-retaining cotton and opting for a water-repelling outer layer. Before going out, be sure to check the weather report for inclement weather so as not to be caught off guard by an unexpected storm.

It is never advised to head out on a hunting trip without letting a friend, relative, or neighbor about where you will be and when you expect to return. Should the unexpected happen, this person can alert authorities of your absence and help can be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Outdoor safety is not limited to hunters. Those who prefer to simply enjoy the beauty of the woods are advised to take their own safety precautions.

Sight-seers are urged to avoid colors and patterns that blend into the surroundings, such as white, black, brown, earth tones, animal pat-

terns, and camouflage. Bright orange, red, or bright green clothing is best for visibility, especially for vests and hats. These bright colors will help you stand out to hunters so that they will be better able to avoid accidentally hitting you.

Making your presence known is a great way to ensure your safety. Talking loudly to a companion, whistling or singing, or even taking a portable music-playing device will help nearby hunters acknowledge your location. However, for common courtesy, noise should be reduced once safety is established so as not to scare away any potential game from the hunters.

Hikers with four-legged walking companions should not let their dogs walk off-leash in an area that allows hunting, especially in areas with game the dog may want to chase.

To avoid encountering hunters altogether, there are plenty of locations where hunting is prohibited. Most state

and national parks do not allow hunting, and Sundays are often hunting-free days.

Regarding any hunting lures, the NH Fish and Game department urges hunters not to use natural urine-based deer lures as fall hunting seasons begin. These products can potentially spread Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal neurological disorder in white-tailed deer and moose. Synthetic lures are permitted for New Hampshire hunting.

Hunting and hiking can both be enjoyable activities, but both involve rules and regulations and common sense in the interest of safety and ethics. If everyone works together, hunters and hikers can share the woods peacefully and safely.

For a complete explanation of all types of hunting, fishing and trapping and their rules and regulations in New Hampshire, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, visit wildlife.state.nh.us

Lambert

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As for what's next for the Born to Run Foundation, Lambert said that she hopes to get the cause out to everyone in

the world, and for more young amputees to be able to learn from her example.

"Just because something happens to you and you go through a difficult time, never let it defeat you," Lambert said in a message to other young amputee athletes, ensuring them they are never alone.

"Figure out your

'Why,'" continued Lambert. "Why are you doing this? Why are you passionate about this? Use it to motivate you to do what you had already set out to do."

For more information on the Born to Run Foundation, and to help young athletes like Lambert continue their sports journeys, visit theborn-torunfoundation.org.

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Legion Meeting

The American legion Post 27 will be having their Monthly General Meeting on Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when enter-

ing and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

Letters to Santa

Londonderry Town Hall in partnership with the Londonderry Rotary Club, are look forward to assisting Santa's Elves again this year! We will be working directly with the North Pole and the US Post Office to deliver your wish lists to Santa, and each child will receive a person-

alized letter back from Santa. To participate, children may write their own letters to Santa, or parents may fill out the attached Santa Letter Form. Letters and/or Forms should either be dropped off at the North Pole Express Mailbox at Town Hall (in the Town Hall entryway) OR mailed to the Rotary Club. If you choose to use the mailbox at Town Hall (268 B Mammoth Road), it will be available from Monday, Nov. 30 to Friday, Dec. 18 during normal Town Hall hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.). If you prefer to mail your letter, please

send it to the Rotary Club (P.O. Box 451, Londonderry, NH 03053) by Dec. 12. We invite you to write Santa a letter, send him good cheer, and let him know how good you have been this past year! Once you hand-deliver or mail your letter, the letters are picked up by Santa's Elves and taken directly to the North Pole. The Elves have asked that you please print your name and your address clearly on your letter and/or the Form so that Santa can reply from the North Pole!

Gallons Fuel Oil Raffle

The Londonderry Lions Club hosts their 4th annual 100 gallons fuel oil raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. Drawing will be Jan. 11, 2021. Please come support the Londonderry Lions so they can continue to support our community.

COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise),

and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at katemacdonald@catsnh.org or 603-505-7216.

"Rotary Saves Christmas" Raffle

Londonderry Rotary Club is running its "Rotary Saves Christmas" raffle through Dec. 23. All funds raised through the raffle will be directed back into our community to support charities, those in need, scholarships and more. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing will be held on Dec. 23, at our evening meeting at the CoachStop restaurant, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Drawing will be for three prizes. Top prize will be \$2,000. There will be two second

prizes drawn of \$500 each. To get tickets, text Mike Dolan at 774-245-2279; call Faye Sell at Martinelli Travel at 603-434-4989; or visit Londonderry Rotary Facebook Page. Please support Londonderry Rotary, which in turn supports our community.

The "Tour of Destiny"

An instructional video series continues on the Leach Library Facebook page and YouTube channel. Each video covers a different topic to help you use and navigate Destiny, the Leach Library's catalog. Starting on Monday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m., learn how to search by call number and ISBN in Destiny, the Leach Library's catalog. A video on creating resource lists will also be available starting on Monday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. Please check the Leach Library's Facebook page on the day of the activity for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at www.londonderry.nh.org/leach-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

Craft Time

Starting on Monday,

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Young Adult Craft

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Story Time

Beginning on Monday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m., watch as

Miss Jennifer shares the story of "Lucy the Talented Toy Terrier"! This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina. Please check the Leach Library's Facebook page on the day of

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 30

5 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:37 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hovey Road at Pinkerton & Pillsbury Cemetery.

9:21 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Grove Street.

12:17 p.m. Report of an Assault leads to an arrest made on Pine Street. Three officers assist with charging Ryan Smith, 29, of Lon-

donderry with Domestic Assault (Simple Assault; Physical Contact); Criminal Mischief and arrested on a Warrant.

2:14 p.m. Sudden Death on South Road investigated by four officers.

3:06 p.m. Missing Person reported on Pendleton Lane referred to other Agency.

3:32 p.m. Warrant Served and Arrest Made on River Street in Boston, Mass. Anthony Bullock, 29, of Boston, Mass. charged with Credit Card Fraud, over \$1,501

or two priors; Identity Fraud (Obtain Personal info); and Theft of Services over \$1,500.

4:19 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Misty Lane.

6:42 p.m. Services rendered for Fire on Old Derry Road.

7:18 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Beato Auto Sales on Nashua Road

7:22 p.m. Larceny /for-gery/ Fraud Investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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the activity for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at www.londonderrynh.org/ each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

Toys for Tots

It's safe to say 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. Kids and parents more than ever could use a little extra "Merry" in their Christmas this year and we're hoping to help bring bright smiles to their faces this Holiday Season! Derry PD will be participating in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Campaign for the 2020 season. Please drop off new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys to the main lobby of the station.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Greater Derry Humane Society is holding a Poinsettia Plant Fundraiser from Nov. 9 - 28. A portion of every plant purchased will help with the cost of animal supplies, food, vet care, behavior training, dental care, surgical procedures, and much more. Plants have been grown by Orchard Hill Greenhouses in Londonderry, and come

in a variety of sizes: 6.5" pot - \$15 each; 7.5" pot - \$23 each; 8.5" pot - \$30 each. Order Forms are located at the Greater Derry Humane Society Website at <https://forms.gle/RXuWcMe9u8e3nRCi7>. Plant(s) can be picked up at Orchard Hill Greenhouses, 92 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, from Dec. 5-20. Call or text Orchard Hill Greenhouses at 603-235-2804 to schedule a pick-up day and time. Please bring a copy of your emailed receipt when you pick up your plant(s).

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children.

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.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no

password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

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 another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to

talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

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

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Raising a Teenager?

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and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org

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.

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Teen Talk

Need to be Heard? Upper Room's Teen Talk, an online forum to talk, support and be heard is open Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Teens 13-18. No preregistration necessary; Meeting ID: 111 147 286, Password: 694887. Contact: Nicole Smith Martin at nmartin@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 x29.

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

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

Police Log

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Tuesday - Dec. 1

2:09 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Ridgemont Drive.

6:39 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

Wednesday - Dec. 2

12:11 a.m. Assisted Hudson Police Department with services on Nashua Road at Hudson town line.

2:10 p.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road at Moose Hill Orchards.

4:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Three officers assist

with charging John Keeley, 39, of Manchester possession of a Controlled Drug: Less than one gram of Heroin Crack.

4:47 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Pendleton Lane.

5:08 p.m. Identity Theft investigated at Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.

8:36 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Shaker Road, Concord. Richard Murray, 68, charged with the Violation of a Protective Order; Stalking - Notice of Order; and Witness Tampering (Inducing Another).

Thursday - Dec. 3

1:55 a.m. Three officers assisted Hudson Police Department with services at Hudson Line on

Route 102

9:50 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at Planet Fitness on Orchard View Drive. No action required.

10:12 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

1:14 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Rockingham Road at Lemire's Auto.

3:03 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at RNC Fabrication on Rockingham Road.

3:45 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Old Derry Road.

Friday - Dec. 4

10:03 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at EDC on Liberty Drive.

10:21 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud

investigated by three officers at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

10:44 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

2:13 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Lorraine Drive.

3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Delta Drive. Matthew Keyser, 36, of Manchester charged with Operating After Being Certified as a Habitual Offender; and driving an Uninspected Vehicle.

Saturday - Dec. 5

12 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. Due to the snowstorm on Dec. 5, a multitude of calls were received about wires being down, and a similar amount of

calls were received on Disabled Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicles accidents.

7:58 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Fieldstone Drive.

8:40 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on King John Drive.

2:24 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services at Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

3:31 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Ash Street.

Sunday - Dec. 6

9:57 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Trolley Car Lane.

11:24 a.m. Services rendered by three officers

for Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm apartments. Estevan Lopez, 41, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact).

1:37 p.m. Missing Person investigated by three officers on Symmes Drive.

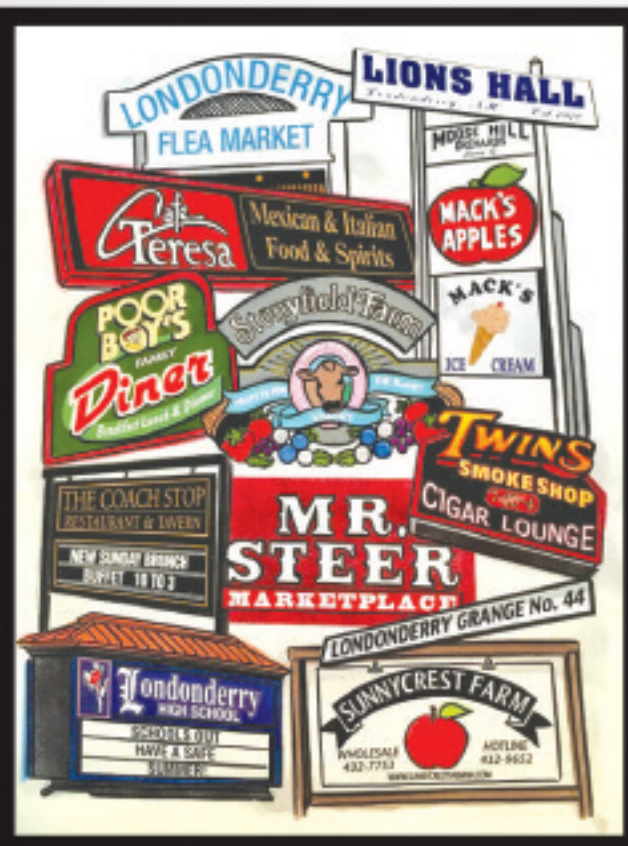
6:23 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Coin Street.

7:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest made on Mammoth Road at Old Coach Road. John Spellman, 34, of Woburn, Mass. charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

9:28 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive.

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