Planning Board Pans Proposed Tweak To Latest Woodmont Plan

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The developers of Woodmont Commons brought a proposed change to the previously approved Phase 1 plan to the Planning Board for a conceptual review to get their feedback before formally submitting a request to the Board.

They are proposing to replace a two-tier parking structure with a traditional parking lot that would provide the same number of spots, but spread over roughly twice as much area. The switch would also necessitate the elimination of a planned five-unit residential building.

Jeff Kevan of TFMoran said that one reason for the proposed change was to reduce costs, noting that construction costs related to the parking structure are 30% higher than expected. He also said that it would be a challenge to clear snow from the upper level of the structure.

Board members expressed two major concerns about the plan. Just about all the members in attendance and town planning staff felt that the configuration of the parking lot would be challenging for the fire department if they have to bring in large trucks. With the landscape islands and the overall design of the lot, they felt that it would create a serpentine route that would be hard to navigate. They urged a review of the plan by the Londonderry Fire Department staff.

Four Board members felt strongly that the large parking lot was out of step with the overall plan for Woodmont. Member Leith Reilly said that it looks like the wide expanse of the Shaw’s parking lot.” Chairman Art Rugg said that the proposed design “looks like it could be in Salem. It looks like it could be Manchester, not Londonderry.” Kevan responded that the view from the surrounding roads would not change because buildings would surround the parking lot.

In the end Kevan said that he would take the feedback to the architects and developers and also

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Sexually Oriented Business Will Look for Relief at Zoning Board

CHRIS PAUL
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On Wednesday night, Dec. 19, the Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments will hear a request from Unity NH, LLC with an appeal of a decision made by Londonderry Code Enforcement.

The case will be an appeal of an administrative decision from the Code Enforcement’s determination that the use at 51 Harvey Road is a sexually oriented business/sexual encounter center at 51 Harvey Road.

Another request that evening will be for a variance from Londonderry Zoning Ordinance 2.2 Table of Uses to allow a Community Center or Sexually Oriented Business. According to the public notice, Unity’s applicant will be Alanna Beaugard, and the owner of the facility is the Bicchieri Family Revocable Trust.

The building currently houses the establishment in the industrial area of Londonderry near the Manchester Airport. According to the business website, Unity is a LGBTQ and Alternative Lifestyle Community Center which is very discreet, fully stocked, and meticulously maintained.

The site also states, Unity’s goal is to create a welcoming community center in the heart of New England, open to those new and experienced in the Alternative Lifestyle to come together and express themselves in an appropriate environment as possible. All events at Unity NH LLC

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Londonderry Middle School Teacher Crosses the Line with Students

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Even the most dedicated teachers have challenges during classroom teaching assignments. And occasionally teachers are the problem, when students feel teachers lack understanding for their moods or situations. And sometimes a student or a teacher snaps in a situation that creates a horrible incident.

It appears Londonderry Middle School teacher, Steven Dwyer got himself in hot water during an English class as a result of an incident with one of his students. The student and witnesses came forward with allegations of an alleged threat by the teacher to their counselor. That alleged threat was then voiced to the school Principal.

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YMCA Holds Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt for Area Children

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry kicked off the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 7 with a Great Candy Cane Hunt at their building on Rockingham Road. Children were divided into groups by age and searched for hidden candy canes. Participants also had the opportunity to find a special candy cane for a prize, decorate their own candy cane bag and sip on hot cocoa by the fire pit. All proceeds from the event will go to support the YMCA Reach Out for Youth and Families campaign. Reach Out for Youth and Families provides opportunities for individuals and families in surrounding Londonderry communities who are in need of financial assistance to participate in all Y program offerings. Photos by Chris Paul
State Lottery Says Now is a Good Time for KENO Gambling

Mack Leatherbury
Londonderry Times

Does the Town of Londonderry and appropriate businesses want to support Keno 603 gambling?

Keno 603 is now authorized with games from the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, so the public and businesses have a chance to weigh in on this activity in their communities. After being launched at the beginning of the year, Keno 603 is now available in over 162 locations around NH at the present time.

At the Dec. 3, Town Council meeting, Kelley-Jaye Cleland, Director of Sales and Product Development for Keno 603, promoted the merits of Keno, saying it was good for local businesses and would raise money for schools.

The Director pointed out that KENO 603 sales of $43.7 million are anticipated in the state, with $8.5 million net revenue earmarked for full-day kindergarten. Current thinking is that Keno 603 will need about 250 businesses with Keno to make this projection true though the Lottery Commission is a little behind their goal. The money would be available to the communities for the schools beginning this fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

John Ferrell, Town Chairman pointed out that last year the NH State Legislature, with a sign off from the Governor, enabled the game of Keno to be rolled out across the state. And that the Lottery Commission would like to invite Londonderry to now participate. The game is for establishments with liquor licenses and it has not been determined yet which businesses might qualify for KENO 603.

Londonderry residents and business can contact the Town if they have comments or questions about considerations of bringing Keno to Londonderry.

KENO 603 Director Cleland presented that Keno is more than a new kind of fun in NH for game players. Partway is the way for towns and businesses to profit. For every dollar sold in a Keno 603 game, a business will earn an eight percent sales commission – the highest in the country. A business can also earn additional bonuses by selling tickets with a $10,000 or greater top prize.

The KENO 603 Director pointed out that as Keno sales rise, more customers will be coming to businesses like bars at inns or taverns to play the game, which will also help increase food and beverage sales. So, not only is Keno fun and a way to bring in additional customers, she noted it’s good for your business in terms of revenues.

She said that businesses now supporting KENO 603 are seeing on average, a 10% increase in their typical day-to-day business sales, as a result of Keno driving more people to their doors. It has been noted by the Lottery, that businesses want to support Keno and would say it was good for local money would be available out across the state. And the Governor, enabled the game of Keno to be rolled out across the state. And that the Lottery Commission wants Londonderry to consider making KENO 603 available in the town, Londonderry would have to take big steps to make that happen.

Several local residents weigh in on the Town Council public hearing at the meeting - to offer comments about Keno gambling. One resident offered concerns about gambling and said those who have gambling problems might not do well if Keno is brought to Londonderry. The KENO 603 Director offered that the state Lottery Commission is allocating $400,000 across the State – targeted to counter gambling problems.

While the NH State Lottery Commission wants Londonderry to consider making KENO 603 available in the town, Londonderry would have to take big steps to make that happen. Chairman Farrell pointed out that about 10 years or so ago, the Town took action to assert that legalized gambling in Londonderry was not to be permitted. He also recognized that this action was orchestrated by a different Town Council and not likely to be binding – though clarification should be researched and offered.

Keno is a numbers game for dreamers who are hoping to get lucky. The chance of winning $1 million by selecting all 12 numbers correctly in a 12-spot game is 1 in 478,261,833. Lottery systems in the United States today report that it’s never been done. Good Luck.

Patrick Cawley

Patrick Cawley, 55, of Londonderry, NH, peacefully died at home on Sunday Dec. 9, 2018 after a five-year battle with cancer. He was born in Boston, MA on Nov. 19, 1963, son of Mary (Harrington) Cawley and the late John “Jack” Cawley. Patrick attended Catholic Memorial, U Mass Lowell and the Peterson School. Patrick loved the 30 years he worked in the Plumbing shop of the Building and Grounds Department in Massachusetts General Hospital. He was engaged in the inspection and maintenance of hospital equipment specializing in autoclaves and sterilizers and was also part of the Emergency Response Team with HAZMAT. His strong computer skills allowed him to build an Operations Manual with valve charting which will serve as a valuable resource. He was loved by many and was known as the “go to” person who was always willing to help anyone with any problem they might have. His family and friends will remember him for his “easy going nature” and his great “sense of humor”. He will be missed by many.

In addition to his mother, Patrick is survived by Karen, his beloved wife of 20 years; two sisters, Ann Gavin and Mary Theresa Cawley, along with several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, in-laws, and a host of longtime friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Dec. 15, at 1 p.m. in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A private burial will be held at a later date in Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial
Shop Locally and Be Proud

The holidays have snuck up on us yet again. While some of our readers had their holiday shopping done before the turkey thawed last month, there are still many left wondering where to do theirs, as space is running out on the advent calendar.

In keeping with the movement of supporting our community, we’d like to suggest you consider doing all your holiday shopping close to home - and, no, we don’t mean online.

Some of your local shops may not have the flashy, “low, low” prices of big box stores, but it’s likely to have the answer you need if a question arises, with a genuine smile and enthusiasm. And you won’t have to do a lot of driving to get there.

Supporting your local retailers is a gift that keeps on giving. By doing so, you’re helping a local business stay open, as well as helping to boost the town’s tax base.

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Letters
Puppet Politicians

To the Editor,

President Trump declared “almost a complete victory” after learning of the results of the midterm elections. However, this is another fabrication used to bolster his ego and security. This is no victory because the Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives and won the governorships of the key states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, the Democrats are ready to institute wasteful investigations of the Trump administration instead of working on bipartisan national security issues for our country. This could backfire on them in future elections.

Our politicians are puppets who follow the Republican or Democratic lines established by their parties.

Your, 
Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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By spending your money locally, you may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes, as opposed to the more commercialized alternative where you are more apt to merely be bombarded with incessant sales pitch-es, and half-hearted, corporate-mandated, “Happy Holidays.” A genuine verbal exchange is an added treat to consider, especially at this time of year.

This holiday season, Nutfield Publishing urges you to consider your local artists, bakers, and shop owners to help take care of your loved ones. The support you will be providing your community will be the greatest gift you could give yourself.

Postgraduate School.

According to the Police, Principal Zacchilli met with Dwyer and his union representative and during the meeting Dwyer expressed frustration that students don’t take matters seriously and “everything is a joke to them.”

During this meeting with Dwyer, the principal asked Dwyer if he said, “If I had a gun, I would shoot you?” and Dwyer responded, “Yes.” This resulted in the Principal suspended Mr. Dwyer.

Police reported that the teacher, Steven Dwyer, 51, of Manchester, reported on his own to Londonderry Police, who made out an arrest warrant on Nov. 27, based on allegations that had come forward by a student and witness about the incident.

Londonderry Police Detective, Timothy Moran stated in the warrant that Dwyer had been previously investigated for making veiled threats about gun violence to students on Feb. 14.

A police document of that older incident report-ed a student said that Dwyer became upset during a video games discussion that students don’t take anything seriously and then asked them what they would do in the event of a school shooting.

One student witness told police Dwyer had said, “I’ll take something tragic, you guys don’t take anything serious. I’m wishing for a school shooting in New Hampshire.”

“I felt like he was going to shoot up the school,” that student told police.

Police reported Dwyer denying saying he wished for a school shooting, but did say he thought students would only take violence seriously if a school shooting did happen.

Dwyer admitted to police that the comments were probably “a little over the top” but that “some of the kids in the class needed to hear it to stop the snickering.”

Superintendent Scott Laliberte said that the teacher had been placed on administrative leave in early November pending police and school district investigations. “These allegations are currently being investigated. Meanwhile, it is important to remember that all persons must be presumed innocent until they are proven guilty. As always, the safety, security and well-being of our students is our top priority,” Laliberte said.

Dwyer is scheduled for a Derry District Court hearing on Thursday, Dec. 13.
Good Guy Deputy Police Chief Gerard Dussault Retires From Force

Deputy Police Chief Gerard Dussault was not only valued for his police work in Londonderry community during his 33 years working at the Londonderry Police Department, he was respected in the community as an upright, decent man with a big heart who had a lot to give to others.

Mr. Dussault earned the honorable “Uncle Gerry” nickname from colleagues and certain Londonderry citizens, because of his openness and life experiences. Those who know him, speak of him as an honest, all around good guy.

The police department held a retirement ceremony for Dussault at the end of November and he was honored at the police station by department members, family, friends and town officials. Many other current and former police chiefs, former town managers, town councilors were also present at the ceremony.

Former Londonderry Police Chief Joe Ryan pointed out the Deputy Chief appreciated his responsibilities to the community and would always put other people’s concerns before his own though now going into retirement, he could now put his family time first.

Current Police Chief, William Hart noted Dussault will be missed and was a “solid and reliable fixture” trusted for his judgment and looked upon as a role model by the rank and file officers. “It’s really distilled into one thing: decency.” Chief Hart said he considers Dussault, a dear friend who worked with a mindset to make Londonderry “one of the best police departments in the state.”

At the retirement ceremony, Hart and administrative staff presented flowers to Dussault’s wife, Jodi, and gave a custom license plate to Dussault, which has the Londonderry Police code number. Before the speeches began in the community function room, Dussault performed in a “walk of honor” ceremony through a hallway lined with officers, family and friends.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell awarded Dussault a commemorative jacket and a framed proclamation on behalf of the council. Chairman Farrell said, “It’s the hardest job on the planet, being a policeman, ... and Dussault always did a good job because “deep down in his heart, he really cares.”

OBITUARY
Alfred Mendonca

Alfred Mendonca, 95, of Londonderry, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 at the Community Hospice House, Merrimack. He was born in Fall River, Mass on Aug. 2, 1923, the son of the late Pedro and Catarina (Texeira) Mendonca. After living in the Azores for many years, he returned to the U.S. in 1960. Mr. Mendonca had resided in Auburn for over thirty years, formerly living in Londonderry, and Somerville, Mass. Over the years he was employed by NE Casket in Cambridge, MA and later the Youville Hospital, Cambridge, MA. He was a communicant of St. Jude Parish, Londonderry.

Alfred is survived by his two daughters, Victoria Travassos and her husband Antonio of Windham, Celia Medeiros and her husband husband Clement of Auburn, his son, Joseph Mendonca and his wife Fatima of Merrimack, eight grandchildren, Jason Travassos and his wife Renee, Mark Travassos and his wife Kristin, Brandon Travassos, Melissa Suozzo and her husband Joe, Kristin Mendonca and her husband Chris, Kimberly Mendonca Guzman and her husband Carlos, Eric Medeiros and Cassie, and Michelle Medeiros and Shawn, and 13 great grandchildren, Isabella, Landon, Emma, Elena, Ashlyn, Joey, Sophia, Declan, Jaxon, Carter, Logan, Julian, and Addy. He also leaves many nieces and nephews. Alfred was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Maria N. (Almas) Mendonca in 2010 and by his siblings, Antonio Mendonca, Maria Barbosa, and Maria Silva.

Calling hours will be held Sunday Dec. 9, from 2 - 6 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Londonderry. Donations in his memory may be made to the Community Hospice House, 210 Naticook Rd., Merrimack, NH 03054.
Planning Board Grants Approval For Housing Developments

Mike Everly
Londonderry Times

Representatives for developer Leonard Vigeant asked the Planning Board to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a specific project. The Board voted unanimously to approve the CUP.

Vigeant hopes to provide eight two-bedroom condominiums across two buildings, one housing six units and the other with four units. Each unit would have a garage and there would be one shared driveway for each two units. There would also be four parking spots per unit, two in front of the units and two in a shared lot at the end of the complex.

During public comment, several residents expressed concern about the project. John McLaughlin Jr. of 15 Apollo Drive talked about the challenges of safely exiting the driveway onto Route 102 due to a curve in the road in the area. He also wondered how school buses would be able to turn around in the complex. He and others also worry about the quantity of drinking water in the area with this potential development added to the large Cross Farm project nearby. Residents of 5 and 11 Apollo Drive also expressed similar concerns.

Member Mary Wing Soares reiterated that the decision being made at the meeting was whether to allow a residential project on a commercially zoned parcel. She stressed that it was not about approval of a specific project. The Board then voted unanimously to approve the CUP.

Next on the agenda was a revised plan for seven duplexes to be built at the intersection of Button and Horizon Drives by developer DHB Homes. Each unit would have three bedrooms. A plan for the site was originally approved in June, but the developer decided to change the plan, so another approval was required.

The previous incarnation of the project had a shared driveway for each duplex. The new plan has a separate driveway for each half of each duplex. The complex would be served by Pennichuck Water Works and on-site septic. As a result of the redesign, there would be less pavement and fewer trees would be removed.

As part of their site plan application, the developer sought two waivers from the town’s site plan regulations. On one edge of the development, they sought relief from the requirement to have a 75-foot landscape buffer between their commercially zoned lot and a neighboring residential lot. The developer submitted a letter from the neighbor saying that they supported granting the waiver.

The second waiver related to the building setback requirement specified by the Route 102 Performance Overlay District. The regulation requires that buildings be back a distance from the road equal to four times the height of the building.

For Button Woods, this would mean a 104-foot setback. With that setback, the buildings would have to be moved closer to a wetland and more trees would have to be removed, so they requested relief from this rule.

Town planning staff supported granting both waivers. The Planning Board agreed unanimously and also voted to approve the overall site plan.

Rotary Continues Tradition of Support for Local Charities

The Londonderry Rotary Club continued its mission of “Service Above Self” through its annual Fall Fling fundraising event. As a result of its effort in raising funds for local charities, the Rotary Club will have announced three awards to deserving organizations.

The groups will be awarded on Tuesday evening Dec. 18, between 5 and 5:30 p.m. at the Coach Stop Restaurant in Londonderry. The “End 68 Hours of Hunger” organization will be receiving a donation of $4,300. End 68 Hours is focused on school-age children at risk, who may not have enough to eat once they leave school for the weekend, and until they return to school on Monday.

The group is a new organization in Londonderry and has clearly identified the need. In 2017 Londonderry Rotary chose End 68 to be one of the organizations to directly benefit from its Fall Fling. End 68 Hours completed all necessary effort to begin work and the award was made in the Fall of 2018.

St. Gianna’s Place will receive a donation of $1,975 from the Londonderry Rotary. St. Gianna’s Place will focus its efforts on at-risk, young, pregnant women who are in need of a safe place to live, counseling, guidance, and support.

St. Gianna’s place was another non-profit group in Londonderry, and they also worry about the potential development related to the building setback the buildings would have to be moved closer to a wetland and more trees would have to be removed, so they requested relief from this rule. The developer submitted a letter from the neighbor saying that they supported granting the waiver.

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School Board Learns From Students About How Dogs Can Coach Reading

MACK LEATHERBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Is your student struggling with their reading? Do they lack motivation to read fluently? ...or does your student need focus to develop their reading skills?

There is a solution you may not be aware of - one that has been catching on across school districts internationally, including in NH, such as at Hanover High School. And there is a tail to tell about it. In fact, the tail is found with trained therapy dogs.

Last week, Maddie Sanborn and Natalie Brooks, Londonderry High School Seniors, made a noteworthy presentation - Paws for a Cause, their Senior project to the Londonderry School Board. The young ladies presented their mission to change Londonderry School District by-laws and school policy to allow reading therapy animals on campus.

Specifically, they are advocating for the High School to begin a therapy dog reading program, eventually extending across the school district and contingent upon the success of their recommended program.

The ladies pointed out to School Board members, that dogs are now trained to be student reading tutors and with a great track record. Their project is based upon supervised therapy dogs to help kids overcome obstacles, leading to improved reading proficiency. Not only does student reading get better with this type of project, a person’s fear of dogs can be diminished, as they meet gentle, obedient, and therapy trained animals.

The well-researched presentation conducted by the two girls shows that dog therapy work is growing globally, and trained dogs are now helping people every day in courts, at hospitals, in libraries, and schools, at doctor/dentist offices, youth centers and more. Colleges/universities using therapy dogs abound now including Harvard, Yale, MIT and hundreds more.

There has been professional testing for such a program over many years and results are quite encouraging for therapy dogs. Benefits of reading therapy dogs include, positive feedback from students, confident attitudes for reading, automatic relaxation responses, lowered blood pressure and heart rates, reduced stress levels and increased reading test scores.

The pilot program proposed to the school district is for trained animal handlers to visit the school with dogs every week or two. Appropriately selected students would have the opportunity to read with the dogs and their handlers in reading rooms or even outside in good weather.

The pilot program would be aligned to the Therapy Dogs International program as an extension of their “Tail Wagon” program. The dogs with their handlers, all have to meet strict guidelines for medical, and behavior training programs. This program can make hypo-allergenic dogs available in cases where student might have animal allergies. Parents would be in the loop with strict permissions, and there would be proven safety strategies with animal control guidelines enforced.

The way it works, is for kids to go to libraries or special reading rooms, where dog trainers support dogs to help kids read to them. Kids who may need a gentle hand to open up reading opportunities are selected by their school teachers for this program; all facets of the program are aligned to the High School program to middle and elementary schools. They also foresee that therapy dogs could be made available for finals test weeks to students, to lower stress and anxiety.

Who would have thought that teaching reading skills would go to the dogs?

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SPEAK to the fire department before coming back to the Board.

Kevan also provided the required annual update to the Board. He said that Garden Way would be reconstructed and re-paved once Comcast and Consolidated Communications moved some of their lines. He noted that the power company had already completed their moves.

He noted that the 603 Brewery construction was well underway. He shared that the brewery hoped to start production in April and open their restaurant and pub in May. Nearby, a combination residential and commercial building is planned for an August/September 2019 opening. The first floor would be retail and the top three floors will be apartments.

Kevan said that work on a subdivision of 28 single family homes along Gilcreast Road would begin in the spring. He also discussed a proposed plan for an elderly housing facility that hopes to break ground next summer. The complex would include independent and assisted living options. It would start with 200 beds with the option to expand to 300 beds in the future.

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Public Hearing Plans for I-93 Exit 4A Project to Move Forward

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The clock is ticking for public feedback about the Exit 4A Exit Project road plans that will impact nearly 200 local residents.

During last week's public hearing at the West Running Brook Middle School in Derry, the principal plan for a future I-93 Exit 4A was presented with a time sensitive last call for public feedback. Alternative plan options were also viewed with the project team on maps posted on the school's gymnasium walls. Nonetheless, the primary plan was the focus of the hearing and looks to be the plan tracking for construction in late 2019 or in 2020.

The hearing started informally, where project team members were available to discuss the alternatives and impacts with the public attendees. Next a formal presentation was made that overviewed how approximately 200 residents of Derry and Londonderry will be affected by the project. Some local residents will have their properties acquired by the State of New Hampshire under Department of Transportation guidelines for the project.

It is important to know that, with the Dec. 5 public hearing now completed, there will be 30 days left for inclusion of comments or questions within the official project record. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) is available online for public review, and the review period to submit comments on that statement is open until Jan. 4, 2019. After the public comment period on the SDEIS closes, a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD) is anticipated in the March 2019 time frame, with a final Design and Permitting process to occur during the 2019, so the project can be launched by the end of 2019.

So, it is vital for anyone interested or who might be impacted by the project to provide comments or requests through the project's internet site at: http://i93exit4a.com

At the hearing, the project's special committee, as designated by the NH Governor and Executive Council, introduced themselves and overviewed their individual responsibilities. This committee consists of Russell E. Prescott, Executive Councilor and Chair, Andru Volinsky, Executive Councilor and David K. Wheeler, Executive Councilor.

Key project leaders including Christopher Bean, Consultant Project Manager and Keith Cota, NH DOT Project Manager highlighted maps that illustrated the updated plan.

The public hearing moved from a detailed presentation to open-mic, public comments, with a chorus of local residents questioning how the project will affect them and the various property areas of the two primarily impacted communities, Derry and Londonderry.

One Londonderry resident stated, “the project ...is affecting many people ...and maybe not in a positive manner... they have not decided on the route yet, or have they? Have they decided on the route? Special Committee Chair, Russell Prescott answered “I think the answer will be coming to you after this evening.”

Local residents and business people expressed both encouragement and concerns about the project, including comments about traffic problems that will occur during the construction, property impact timelines, as well as concerns about project impact on a large area of wetlands.

Several local business representatives expressed encouragement that the plan would enhance economic opportunities, as the project would further develop areas for business especially around Tsienetto Road in Derry.

Londonderry Town Manager, Keven Smith and Derry Town Administrator, David Caron have pointed out that the I-93 Exit 4A project would provide a lot of traffic routing benefits, within the two highly populated areas that have mounting traffic issues.

Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith has previously discussed how the project can open up acres of land on the Londonderry side for new economic development that could benefit the entire region and NH. Additionally, Derry Town Administrator, David Caron has pronounced that the project will help to better handle traffic through Derry including the downtown area and could bring additional economic and business benefits to the town.

The primary plan focused on at the hearing, calls for the exit to come off from I93 about a mile north of the current exit 4 and head east through Londonderry to connect near Folsom Rd. in Derry around the intersection of Madden Road and North High Street. The road area reconstruction will continue through Derry via Tsienetto Road and then be extended to the Beaver Lake area. The length of the project corridor is expected to be a little over three miles.

The Exit 4A interchange will not include a west bound exit to the heart of Londonderry, as primary road reconstructions will be aimed more towards the north and west Derry areas.

The NH Department of Transportation (DOT) has stated that the project’s purpose is to enhance routing to relieve traffic delays that occur primarily on Route 102 through Derry. These delays can also create a back-up across the I93 Exit 4 area into Londonderry. Derry and Londonderry have both signed on to the NH DOT project with a view of enabling further regional economic development.

This DOT plan originally started in 1985 and is tracking for construction launch about a year from now, with a project completion to occur sometime in 2022.

Zoning

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a. Residentially zoned land (AR-I and R-III)

b. Commercial III (office) zoned land;

c. Church, place of worship, parish house, convent, public or parochial or private school; and

d. Town boundary line.

According to the public notice, there are five cases being heard that evening with Unity NH, LLC being heard in two of them. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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New Pathway  On Dec. 8, just before sunset Londonderry Trailways beat winter’s permanent arrival by completing a community trail improvement project. The much-needed improvements were made to the exiting quarter mile trail which runs from the tennis courts near the Nelson Fields behind Central Fire Station to the Kings’ neighborhood. Trailwork had begun two weeks prior, which included professional grading, drainage work, brush removal, and laying packed stone dust. Previously the trail had been washed out, rocks and tree roots rutted the path. Now there is a smooth, flat surface that can be easily navigated on a bicycle or by someone with a stroller. Trailways Project Manager Bob Rimol said, “I am pleased that the improvements preserved the existing trail.” Pictured Andy Mack Sr., an advocate for neighborhood community trails takes one of the first walks on the newly improved Kings’ Neighbor trail. His response, “This is great!” – Photo courtesy of Trailways

Beaver Deceivers  After decades of trying to address longstanding flooding issues along Route 28, the NHDOT is trying a new “non-lethal” strategy to deal with the beavers causing the high water. The Department’s contractor, Skip Lisle has constructed two new flow control devices called “beaver deceivers,” which will manage beaver behavior. This approach, previously proven elsewhere, combines fencing and pipe systems that deceive beaver into keeping their dams outside of the Department’s undersized and vulnerable stone box culverts that convey stream flows beneath the Manchester and Lawrence railroad embankment. Beavers had previously lodged their dams inside the culverts, which caused chronic flooding of nearby property and highways, including NH 28 near Mammoth Road.  Courtesy photo

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Local Families Celebrate Tree Lighting on Town Common

The Londonderry Rotary hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the Common on Sunday afternoon, after it had been postponed from the prior Sunday. Children were invited to decorate tree, Sing carols on the stage, partake in cookies and hot chocolate as they waited for Santa and Mrs. Claus to arrive.

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Probationary Fire Fighter Justin Hinds and Fire Fighter Matt Barsaleau got a chance to run through some Thin Ice Rescue Techniques recently at Winding Pond. Ponds are quickly freezing, but the threat of falling through thin ice is always a danger for residents and their pets. The newest members of the Fire Department were able to practice before the ice got too thick.

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LONDDERLEY SPORTS

Londonderry Swim Team Sees Success at First Home Meet

idan Vinitsky
Londonderry Times

The swimming pool area at the Londonderry Workout Club was packed with swimmers and fans Friday, Dec. 7, for the Londonderry High School Swim team’s first home meet. Six schools, including the host Lancers, competed in their first meet of the 2018-19 season.

With cold temperatures outside, and a vocal meet inside the warm facility, the girls and boys teams had 22 different race events. When all was said and done, the Lancers won seven of their ten matchups at the meet.

The LHS boys’ team beat the Goffstown Grizzlies Swim Team 93 to 47, the John Stark 87 to 59 and beat Campbell 102 to 31, three match ups. They came out on the top in Lancer boys 92 to 74.

The Jaguars beat the school to win every one of School team, the only loss of the evening was in the match up against the Campbell high School team a one-sided 109-21. The Jaguars also beat the Goffstown Grizzlies Swim Team 93 to 47, the Londonderry Workout Club 94 to 65 and to Windham 126 to 42. In total, Londonderry finished second, with 850 points. Windham had 1,196 points, good for first place and Timberland got the third spot with 797 points.

LHS had two groups swimming in the first event, a 200 yard girls’ Individual Medley Relay. Jazzy Brown, Elizabeth Allen, Joanna Davis and Julia Ethier finished sixth overall with a time of 2:27.07 minutes and Grace Stone, Lilly Law, Isabella McKnight and Avery Crimmins were disqualified during the 200 yard Freestyle Relay, but things got back on track with Brown finishing fourth in the 100 yard Breaststroke (1:13.37). Stone got the eighth place (1:27.10) and Alexa Callihan the 12th (1:52.62).

White brought the boys’ 50 yard Freestyle, McKnight had a time of 2:09.94 and finished fourth, with Grace Stone coming in next (3:02.03). Byrne was second among the boys (5:33.77) and Turek sixth (7:14.06). Both LHS girls’ teams and the boys’ teams were disqualified during the 200 yard Freestyle Relay, but things got back on track with Brown finishing fourth in the 100 yard Breaststroke (1:13.37). Stone got the eighth place (1:27.10) and Alexa Callihan the 12th (1:52.62). White brought the boys’ team (Turek, Moscat, Bompastore, Feig) got fifth place with 4:59.42.

At left, Lilly Law competes in the 200 yard Individual Medley and above, Luc Lafond competes in the 200 yard Freestyle.

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Lancer Wrestlers Win Opener, Take Fifth In Mass. Tourny

Johnny McKinnon (152) and John Kelley (160) lost, giving Bedford a chance to make things interesting by trailing just 32-18, but the Lancers recovered and won five more matches by Vincent DeSignore (170, forfeit), Josh Bean (182, Fall 0:39), Justin Miller (195, forfeit), Nicholas Walter (220, Fall 4:37) and Blaine Hopkins (285, Fall 0:51).

Four other Lancers, Damian Sauder, Ricardo Perez, Parker Bahan and Steven Valentin, won their exhibition fights. “We wrestled a nice first match and the focus is that we continue to improve each day”, explained coach Jason Cucolo, “Our guys came out tough against Bedford and worked hard each match. We were very proud of the way each kid competed”.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 8, the Lancers took fifth place in the 2018 Devin Ness Invitational, at the Oliver Ames High School in East Mass. LHS had two wrestlers finishing in second by

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Lambert’s Born to Run Foundation Helps Young Amputees

Noelle Lambert was a tremendous athlete at Londonderry High School, where she played for three varsity teams: soccer, basketball and lacrosse. She was a member of the Lady Lancers lacrosse team for four years, was named team captain and team MVP as a senior and received two selections to the All-State team and the Rookie of the Year award as a freshman.

When Lambert graduated, she took her talents to the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where she enjoyed a great freshman year as part of the River Hawks women lacrosse team. That year, 2016, Lambert was a starter for all 17 games, tied for first on the team with 15 goals and was second on the team with six assists. She got the Rookie of the Week award once and was selected for the America East All-Rookie team. Everything was going perfect, until a terrible incident in July of 2016.

That day, on her first-ever trip to Martha’s Vineyard, Lambert was driving a rental moped to the Aquinnah beaches, with her best friend on the back, when a collision with a dump truck changed her life forever.

Lambert quickly understood that the severed leg in the road was her own and a long process was about to begin.

Lambert began using a prosthetic leg, and never gave up on her career. She made her long awaited return to the field last April, even scoring a goal. Lambert also founded a beautiful foundation, the Born to Run Foundation.

On Dec. 19, Lambert’s foundation will present its first donation ever of a prosthesis to Isaak Depelteau, a three-year-old boy from Amherst, New Hampshire.

Isaak was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis, which led to the amputation of his lower left leg. Lambert’s foundation was established in order to help young amputees obtain specialized prosthetic devices and live a fulfilling life and the will hold a press conference, where the young boy will be fitted with his new running prosthesis by Lambert’s prosthetist, Jason Lalla.

Lalla himself is an above knee amputee, who won three Paralympic medals and a World Championship in ski. Others in present at this touching event will be Isaak’s parents, Derek and Sarah and Matthew Albuquerque, the president and founder of Next Step Bionics & Prosthetics, Inc. in Manchester, where the press conference will be taking place.

UMass Lowell’s new lacrosse season will begin on Feb. 8 with an away game against UC Davis.
Lancer Hockey Squad Ready for New Season on Ice

This coming Saturday, Dec. 15, will be a big one for the Londonderry High School Ice Hockey varsity team, as they will take home ice for the first time this season, hosting the Bedford High Bulldogs at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

Six seniors will play for the Lancers in the 2018-19 season, and all of them are expected to be key contributors. The team leaders will be co-captains defender Anthony Federicco and goaltender Cam Donovan. Two assistant-captains were selected once the team assembled: Junior defender Austin Cardosi and sophomore defender Zac Rheault.

“Our strength lies this year in our defense and goaltending, as they are all returning starters from last season’s team”, says Bedford. “But we should have great promise at forward as well and have a good incoming class of freshmen who will push many of our upper classmen for playing time, while bolstering our depth”. The team will look to play in a fast tempo this season, and style that will probably create some exciting games: “We want to control the neutral zone and win puck possessions and time in the offensive zone. We also intend to play a physical heavy game, always pressuring the opposing tea, in all facets of the game”, added Bedford.

The Lancers took the first few days after tryouts to bond as a team and begin practices for the tough season that is ahead of them. Expectations are already high: “We are focused on making the playoffs and could earn a state title”, says Bedford. “What I have seen so far from this group makes me very optimistic about the upcoming season”. The team will play a total of ten home games, with the state tournament scheduled to begin on Feb. 27.

The varsity team roster for the season: Matt Naso, Anthony Federico, Patrick Cohen, Cole Ferguson, Derek Felix, Jack Thompson, Cam Donovan (seniors), Michael Ziv, Kyle Hamilton, Samuel Seibert, Austin Cardosi, Joey Stowell, Nicolas Pitarys (juniors), Zachary Rheault, Ethan Cohen, Evan Potter, Connor Paiton (sophomores), Jack Beirne, Nicholas Laverriere, Brandon Savage, Kevin Griffin, Drew Nutter, Noah Malcolm and Jake Holdsworth (freshmen).

Former Lancer Helps Soccer Team Reach DIII Finals

Former Londonderry High School athlete Gretchen McGrath is finding success on the Middlebury College women's soccer team. Courtesy photo

Regarding her soccer season with the Panthers, McGrath said, “This was a dream season. We have a really talented team, and our coaches and captains helped to keep us all cohesive, which is not always easy in a competitive environment. I could sense from the beginning of training camp this summer that we had a very special team. I can’t say that I thought we would win the NESCAC title and end up in the national championship game. Though, it sure was great to be a part of it all and I am extremely excited for next season, but right now I am focused more on the finals week and not on the future”. When asked how her years as a student and an athlete at LHS helped her in college, McGrath said: “The things I have learned there, both on and off the field, and helped me the most at Middlebury are the importance of good preparation, being a good teammate and friend and always doing my best, academically and athletically. Gretchen gets a good example about hard work and dedication from her older sister, Morgan McGrath, a recent graduate of Davidson College and a former Lancer herself, who recently competed in her first marathon, completing the hilly course in three hours and 55 minutes. Morgan was also part of the LHS varsity track and field team under coach Johnson for four years. But the sophomore’s biggest moment with for the team was when she gave the assist to Simone Amer’s goal, the only goal in a 1-0 victory over the number one seed, Washington University - St. Louis, in the NCAA Division III semi-finals match. Washington was undefeated until that loss. The goal made history for the Panthers, the number three seed, who advanced to the NCAA Championship game for the first time ever.

In the finals, held in Greensboro, North Carolina, Middlebury College, with McGrath in the starting lineup, managed to tie the game with less than 13 minutes to go in regulation, before falling in penalty kicks (after a 110 minute game that included a double overtime) to the fifth-ranked Williams, who kept their title from last season.

Even though the season did not end the way McGrath and her teammates had hoped, the Panthers were still able to enjoy their great year, which included winning the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) Tournament, where they beat Williams, 1-0.

Thanks to her success on and off the field, McGrath was named recently to the NESCAC All-Athletic/Academic Team, which required a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Now, once the soccer season concluded, she turns her attention to the upcoming indoor and outdoor track seasons that begin next month.

But the Middlebury College women’s soccer team closed out their best season ever last Saturday, Dec. 1, with one Londonderry High School alumnus making his contributions to that success.

Gretchen McGrath, a sophomore at the Vermont-based college, scored three goals (tied for seventh best on the team) and assisted three more (tied for fourth best on the team) in her team’s 19-5 season. McGrath’s personal best game came on Oct. 14, when the Panthers beat Wesleyan (Connecticut) five goals to none, and she found the net twice, for the fourth and fifth goals.
Hart-Miller Helps to Strengthen Young Lancer Athletes

Michelle Hart-Miller graduated from Londonderry High School and went on to receive her degree in Athletic Training from the University of New Hampshire. Then, she returned to LHS, this time as part of the school’s staff.

After a few years, Hart-Miller became the Lancers’ full time Athletic Trainer. That was in 1993, and she is still there, helping and developing young athletes: “I have been blessed to have this position. I get a large amount of support from my administration. Without that support, it is challenging. I know that from other schools”.

With another successful fall season behind her and with the winter season slowly beginning, Hart-Miller talked about the experiences she had in her position over the years: “Since I started working here, the biggest change is the facilities. They expanded them a lot. They also added ten, maybe even twelve new sports for the kids.”

In 1997 she got certified as strength and condition coach and began working with the school’s football team: “One of the highlights was working with Ryan Griffin, who has been playing for the Houston Texans for the last few years. We still have a good relationship and he donated cleats and gloves for the team this year. Working with the kids, maintaining the relationships with them and seeing them grow and continue their career is the fun part. We have many former athletes who have interned and worked for the Lancer Power program we have every summer. They came back to the school, to help the next generation of Lancer athletes. These are alumni who pursued careers in exercise science, physical education or athletic training”.

Hart-Miller continued, “Today, I am working with random athletes from different sports and we manage all the teams. We work with the soccer team, the cheerleading team and with any athlete that is willing to put the time and commit to the system and the program. Athletes that are committed see more success and especially, are less injury-prone. They have larger availability”.

When asked about her least favorite moments in the job, Hart-Miller says: “Knock on wood we have not had any significant injuries this year. Of course, we had ACL tears and kids missing an entire year because of this. But when a kid comes back from a tough injury and does an awesome job, it feels great. Our varsity football team quarterback Evan Cormier suffered a significant foot injury in his sophomore year and now, as a senior, he is up for player of the year and won offensive player of the year. Stories like that are the more impactful to me, the ones I remember”.

“Regarding the differences she sees between the three sports seasons (fall, winter and spring) and the way her program makes the necessary changes, Hart-Miller says: “The fall season has the most in term of contact and collision sports. Football obviously, where we have three teams, and also soccer and other sports. So we have double sessions with the athletes to get them ready. We have different tools and programs for different seasons and sports, like football compared to baseball. Winter is the longest sports season, from November until mid-March sometimes, so we need the kids to be in good shape. And spring is the shortest, but it is outside again and snow can change the field conditions and make them harder, so we must be ready for that too”.

She adds: “After each season, we look and see what the injury pattern was. The fall has the heat problem and we encourage the kids to stay hydrated and sometimes have to cancel outside practices. We also always tell the kids that if you are not doing a sport currently, in the season that is going on, we will push you to work during your offseason. Mostly, it is getting the kids to understand that they can be involved in injury reduction if they work right. This is our priority”.

Michelle Hart-Miller has been working to keep Londonderry athletes strong through each season since being hired as the schools’ Athletic Trainer. Courtesy photo.
**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of $40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of $20.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m.

We will run the full version of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

**Renew Clothing**
Renew will be open Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for “Renew Derry” on Facebook, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

**Holiday Food Drive**
In keeping with the tradition of helping the community, Dr. Landgren of Londgren Chiropractic, is a sponsor of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry again! Bring canned goods, clothing, and basic necessities for the Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry to the office at 50 Nashua Rd # 101, Londonderry. When you drop off goods your name will be entered into a raffle for a free 30 minute massage or a $25 Amazon Gift Card with your donation. Needed items can be found on the current needs list of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen website! Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. We will be happy to deliver your generous donations by Christmas. Donation will be accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 19, at noon time.

**Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale**
On Thursdays and Fridays from 5 - 8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Mammoth Rd., across from the town common. The Lions Club tree sales helps us with their efforts to support our community with Eye Care, Scholarships for high school seniors, and much more.

**Free Community Breakfast**
On Dec. 16, Elijah’s Table is offering a free holiday breakfast from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Elijah’s Table is a joint project of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration and Etz Hayim Synagogue. Come in from the cold, and enjoy a special breakfast in a warm, comfortable, and friendly environment. For information about other free meals, please go to our blog at http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com.

**Children’s Christmas Party**
On Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. - noon American Legion Post 27 will hold a Children’s Christmas Party at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd). Members may sign up children 8 years and younger. Kids can come meet Santa and get a present. Members can sign up Dec. 11, at Post 27.

**Toys for Tots Drop Off**
Post 27 is a drop off center for Toys for Tots. Please bring in a new unwrapped toy any day of the week after 1 p.m. You can also donate money that we will use to purchase toys taking donations up to Dec. 17. We are located at 6 Sargent Rd. in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd).

**Santa Live!**
Santa Claus is coming to The Londonderry Access Center! The access center is located at 281 Mammoth Rd. He and Mrs. Claus arrive Saturday Dec. 15, from 1 - 3 p.m. This is a free event. Kids can visit with Santa Live on TV! There will be gifts and refreshments. Parents can take pictures for no charge as well. It is always a lot of fun and Santa looks forward to seeing everyone. For more information please contact Erin at 603-432-1147.

**Wreath Sale**
Londonderry sophomore selling fresh, 22 inch undecorated balsam wreaths for her fundraiser. Twenty dollars each, cash or check. If interested contact Cherylann Pierce by email at cherylannpb56@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made for pick-up, deliveries or meet to somewhere.

**Leach Library Hours**
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26. The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

**Movie Night**
Join us on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. for our Young Adult movie Peter Rabbit at the Leach Library. All participants are free to stay as late as 6 - 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

**Winter Vacation Scavenger Hunt**
Beginning Monday, Dec. 24 and ending Monday, Dec. 31, during Winter Vacation, the Leach Library Children’s Room will be offering an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children’s Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.

**Wild Rumpus with a Wild Thing**
Stomp into the Leach Library on Monday, Dec. 17 from 4 - 5 p.m. for a visit with a Wild Thing from Maurice Sendak’s classic Where the Wild Things Are. During this fun-filled program, participants will hear the stories of classic characters, play a character matching game, and have a wild rumpus of a good time. Each participant will leave with a fun inflatable monster beach ball. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with Wild Thing. This energetic program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children’s Room or call 432-1277 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

**Winter Vacation Craft**
Starting Monday, Dec. 24 and ending Monday, Dec. 31, during Winter Vacation, participants will have a chance to create their own stained glass inspired window hanger. Stop by the Leach Library Children’s Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your own work of art in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

**Food Donations**
Haircuts Plus in Crossroads Mall is Collecting donations for the New Hampshire food bank now through Dec. 28. Non-Perishable goods i.e. Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, Canned Soup/Chili/ Stew, Rice, Mac n Cheese, Canned/Dried Beans, and noodles are needed items. Bring in a donation and receive $1 off a Haircut or 83 of a Color.

**Free Meals**
Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held 5 days per week. The menu can be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner on Dec. 15 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at St. Luke’s church, call for more information at 434-4767; Breakfast on Dec. 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at, Etz Hayim Synagogue, call for more information at 432-0004; Dinner on Dec. 28 from 5-6:30 p.m., at First Parish, call for more information at 432-3535; Lunch on Dec. 30 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude’s, call for more information at 432-3333. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com.

**Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support**
Hosted by David Hunter, this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church, 7 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 603-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com.

**Lamplighters**
A womens group with the goal of helping less fortunate women and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

**Journey of Hope**
Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 335 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; to education, encouraging support and compasion.Facilitated by: Jim Ganche, Julia Ganche, & Jerry Goncal, Journey of Hope (nh) info@johnh.com

**Lions Club Meeting**
General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

**Walking Together**
A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

**Derry Fun Night**
National Model Railroad Association of the Seacoast Division is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Each month a clinic or make-and-take project is presented by modelers for modelers of wide ranging topics of model railroading. Always a part of the program is a Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. If you are interested in this group, we would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program coming to Derry Fun Night! For more information or to join, please call 603-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com.

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Groundbreaking Takes Place for Sanborn Crossing Senior Apartments

At left, Governor Chris Sununu speaks with Developer Steven Lewis about the project that is beginning to be constructed. Above, state and town officials “break ground” for the new affordable elderly housing development. Photos by Chris Paul

On Friday, Dec. 7, ground was officially broken for the Sanborn Crossing Apartments at 30 Sanborn Road in Londonderry. Although work to excavate the ground on the site has been going on for nearly a month now, New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, local senators, town staff and HUD officials gathered for a construction kick-off.

A new Londonderry affordable housing apartment complex for seniors will be comprised of two buildings with a total of 102 units (62 one-bedroom and 40 two-bedroom), and will be affordable to senior householders under 60% of the area median income.

The Sanborn Crossing units will utilize green building technology and low-impact development methods, as well as cutting-edge stormwater management. Landscaping will include native plants, walking trail system, rain gardens, and bio-retention basins for groundwater recharging.

The town of Londonderry approached local developer Steven Lewis a number of years ago about building the much-needed senior housing on the property that was classified as a “brown field” site and has since been remediated by the town.

Financing for the project is through New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, using tax-exempt bonds to provide primary loan financing, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, and a development subsidy through the Federal HOME Program. The LIHTC program leverages private investment capital directed at affordable rental housing.

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7:52 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Whittemore Road.

9:09 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Severance Drive.

9:44 p.m. Services Rendered for Motor Vehicle Accident on Shasta Drive.

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Saturday - Dec. 8

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Child Find

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two half years through five years, eleven months of age who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. The Child Find Program will be held at Londonderry early education program (LEEP) Moose Hill School located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Feb. 7, and April 4. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, ext. 7223 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment.

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