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FIRST DAY Students at Hills Garrison Elementary School filed off buses and started the new school year on Monday, Aug. 25. Assistant Principal Mark Dangora greeted each student with fist bumps. See more pictures on pages 4 and 5. Photo by Chris Paul

# Selectmen Consider Policy on Accessing Legal Counsel

HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a discussion took place regarding what the rules and procedures should

Town to be able to contact including elected ones. the town's legal counsel.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont, who raised the concern, explained that they should have expectations for all their be for members of various boards and committees that boards and committees in they have authority over,

He explained that he continued on page 5

thinks the Board of Selectmen should send a message through Town Administrator Roy Sorenson that all inquiries to their Town Attorney or staff should be

ment would expand public

**Appointments Made by BOS** 2. Reviewing existing Administrator, the Town and potential future design concepts.

**Town Hall Advisory Board** 

3. Evaluating cost estimates for both renovation and new construction, using industry-standard squarefoot metrics.

4. Preparing conceptual site and building plans, with an emphasis on site-specific development cost analysis.

"All recommendations must be submitted to the BOS by November 1, 2025, with a focus on fiscally responsible solutions," the charter notes.

The committee was structured to include two Selectmen, a budget committee member, a Planning Board member, the Town

Engineer, and a citizen appointee chosen by the Board of Selectmen.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont noted that all positions had been filled except for the citizen representative. Town Administrator Roy Sorenson reported that one applicant, Daniel Barthelemy, currently a Cemetery Trustee, had applied.

"I think he's fantastic," Sorenson said.

During his interview, Barthelemy explained that he recently became more active in the community and was interested in serving on the committee. He also highlighted his experience

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# **Public Input Policy Gets Reviewed by School Board**

ALEX MALM HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items

at the recent Hudson Board

of Selectmen meeting was the appointment of a mem-

ber to the Hudson Town

Hall Advisory Committee

(THAC). The Board had

previously established the

committee, whose charter states its "purpose is to

review, evaluate, and make

formal recommendations to

the BOS regarding the

The committee's stated

1. Developing a clear,

logical strategy to assess

whether to renovate, re-

build, or repurpose the

existing building.

future of Town Hall."

responsibilities include:

The Hudson School Board conducted the first reading of its updated Public Input policy during its most recent meeting.

The policy update has been discussed multiple times during public comment, with residents advocating for broader opportunities to speak.

"I think you share my concerns with getting that updated," resident Craig Powers said during a recent meeting. He suggested allowing public input on any school district matter, rather than limiting comments to agenda items.

The proposed amendcomment to include all dis- tion processes set forth in

trict-related issues.

"During the public comment period, an individual may offer comments on clarifies how requests to agenda items or any other district matters (e.g., operations, budget, and other issues directly relating to the district's school policies, programs, and operations)," the proposed policy states. "However, consistent with RSA 189:74, and to protect personally identifiable information (PII) and other confidential information, comments regarding individual students, volunteers, or employees (other than the superintendent) should be directed to the superintendent or addressed through

complaint/grievance resolu-

School Board policies KE and KEB."

The amendment also add items to the agenda should be handled.

"Requests to address the Board on specific matters should be presented to the Superintendent and School Board Chair no less than 14 days prior to the next Board meeting and must specify the subject to be addressed," the policy states. "The determination whether to place the matter on the agenda will be made consistent with Board Policy BEDB."

School Board member Ethan Beals suggested adding language similar to that used by the Board of

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# **Invasive Species Control Planned at Musquash & Tiger Road**

**HUDSON TIMES** 

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on August 11 to discuss a plan for invasive and nuisance plant control at the Musquash Conservation Area and the Commission's Tiger Road property, where control work was considered a high priority.

"The treatment at Tiger would be at the end of the

road where you take the path to the stone wall. That entire area, especially the right-hand side, is full of poison ivy," said Chair Carl Murphy. "The maintenance at Musquash is primarily at the foundations of the Merrill Homestead. There's knotweed around the foundations. We had a treatment there and it's not as bad as before, but we need to have some follow-up treatments."

The Commission also wanted to address several instances of poison ivy, aiming to minimize hazards for local hikers, with a focus on the Merrill Homestead and the nearby parking lot.

"Are they going to be getting poison ivy around the beginning of Colburn Trail?" asked Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson. "There's poison ivy there."

follow up on the details. He also proposed creating a more comprehensive plan for invasive species control Conservation-owned land.

"We were encouraged to come up with a long-term plan for invasives," said Murphy. "I think it's a good

The Commission unanimously voted to authorize up to \$4,375 for spraying knotweed and poison ivy through the Evergreen Forest Management Company, agreeing to consider additional control methods at a later date.

Secretary Cameron presented a detailed spreadsheet of the town's conservation land as part of an update on the upcoming Hudson Trail Challenge.

"There's the trails, the distance for the trails, and you have the column where

Murphy promised to you can check off on a date when a trail is completed," said Murphy, reviewing the list. "We eliminated one trail from the list, which was the Gumpas Pond Connector, but the other trails pretty much stayed. I went out to the Tiger Property and measured the loop trail. It's about a mile."

> At least one undeveloped trail was also missing from the list.

> "We were wonder, if we hike do we need to keep our cell phones on with certain apps?" asked resident Bob Macaraeg. "Do you show on your phone that 'I did this trail?"

> According to Cameron, the Trail Challenge will not be overly complex, primarily relying on a system where participants record the trails they complete and submit the results to the

> "I think it would just be filling out the spreadsheet

with the dates, you know. honor system," explained Cameron.

The Commission encouraged Macaraeg, and any other residents, to reach out with questions about the Challenge.

"So far, it's pretty informal," said Commissioner John Walter. "We're interested to hear what you have to say about it. We're new at forming this whole thing. Just keep a notebook, a picture or two of your trails, and whatever you think is appropriate."

The Trail Challenge will begin after Labor Day weekend. Hudson trail maps are available at www.hudsonnh.gov/bccc/page/hudson-conservation-trail-maps.

The Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room at Town Hall.

### Town Hall

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in property management and other skills that he believes would benefit THAC.

ferd noted Barthelemy's recent involvement in the Cemetery Trustees and other town activities.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Barthelemy to the Engineer

Hudson Town Hall Advisory Committee.

With this appointment, the complete advisory committee is as follows:

Voting Members:

Dillon Dumont - Board Vice Chair Bob Guess- of Selectmen Representa-

> Heidi Jakoby - Board of Selectmen Representative

Roy E. Sorenson -Town Administrator

Elvis Dhima - Town

Bill Cole - Budget Committee Representative (Alternate TBD)

Victor Oates – Planning Board Representative (Jordan Ulery – Alternate)

Daniel Barthelemy -Hudson Resident

> Non-voting Member: Gary Thomas - North-

Point Representative The next Hudson Board

of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m.

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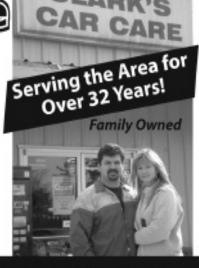
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### Second Hand Prose Closes as Trustees Step Back from Hills Memorial Library

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

Library Board of Trustees met on August 20 to hear public input from the Friends of the Library, represented by President Susan Gould and Vice President Jan Walsh, who addressed the future of the group following the end of its monthly book sale, Second Hand Prose.

"We're here to thank the Trustees for allowing us to hold book sales in June, July, and August. Obviously, August was the grand finale," said Gould. "I also want to thank everyone in town and beyond who stopped by, said hello, and bought books. We sold a

Second Hand Prose was The Rodgers Memorial traditionally held on the lower level of the historic Hills Memorial Library.

"The Friends are going to be looking at new sources of revenue, because holding the book sale here is no longer an option," Gould explained. "We're still trickling out the remaining books, finding ways to send off a box or two here and

She also raised the possibility of partnering with the Hudson Fire Department for a special "bag sale" to clear out the remaining inventory.

"Thanks to all of the Friends of the Library for their support of the library

other efforts," said Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer.

The end of Second Hand Prose came after the Trustees formally decided to discontinue their oversight of the Hills building.

"This body here assembled is the Board of Trustees for the Hudson library, and that library's physical location has been, for nearly 16 years, the Rodgers Memorial Library," Bohrer explained. "The Board of Trustees and staff, however, have continued to oversee the Hills Memorial Library since Rodgers opened in 2009. This Board doesn't own the Hills building, and funds for its maintenance have

through book sales and mostly - though not exclusively - come from town appropriations."

Ultimately, the Trustees concluded that continuing to oversee a building with few remaining library functions was an inefficient use of staff and resources.

"This Board has discussed in the past what to do with the Hills Library when Rodgers Memorial became the library on Derry Road," Bohrer said. "The staff no longer has the capacity to maintain both Hills and Rodgers as programs expand and more people use the library."

The Trustees unanimously passed a resolution to discontinue all remaining library functions at the Hills

Memorial Library on Monday, Sept. 1. They also voted to transfer oversight of the building to another town body, though it was unclear who would take responsibility. Bohrer said the issue would be taken up with the Board of Select-

"In saying we want to wash our hands of this, are we also saving to the Selectmen, 'It's now your responsibility'? Or are we asking them for advice?" asked Trustee Lisa Weber.

Bohrer indicated the Trustees would do both notify the Selectmen that Hills was no longer a library matter, while seeking guidance on next steps.

"We look forward to

working with you," said Selectmen Liaison Bob Guessferd. "This has come up several times before - the question of who maintains this building - and it hasn't always been an easy discussion."

He urged the Trustees to collaborate with the Selectmen going forward.

First opened to the public in 1909, the Hills Memorial Library building is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

As a historic property, responsibility for its maintenance will remain with the town.

# **Project Costs Exceed Initial Estimate**

**HUDSON TIMES** 

The August meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee revealed complications in plans to install artificial shade over the park's playgrounds. The Friends of Benson Park had originally pledged \$3,000 for the project. However, after consulting with the Hudson Department of Public Works, it became clear that the cost would be higher.

"It's going to be about \$8,000 or more," said Natalie Newell of the Friends of of on hold for now, until a

decision is made about how it will be funded."

Committee member Sue Clement noted that the project had initially been seen as a "fast and easy" way to provide shade.

"The overhead blinds themselves aren't that expensive," Clement explained. "It's the poles and their placement that require an engineer."

Committee Chair Jack Madden suggested using funds from the park's reserve construction fund.

"We have several tens of Benson Park. "That's kind thousands of dollars in the construction fund," Madden

said. "We could combine that with the donation from the Friends. Is that something we want to consider?"

Other members were open to the idea, though it seemed unlikely the project would move forward before 2026.

Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby reminded the committee of its advisory role.

"If this is a project you want to see, you can send a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending it as a priority," Jakoby said. "We're entering budget season. Important park projects could be viable

options for the budget or a warrant article."

The Friends are also seeking support for upcoming events, including Family Fun Day on September

"Family Fun Day is coming up, and we're looking for volunteers. You could even get an awesome t-shirt for helping," Newell said. "You can register to volunteer on our website at friendsofbensonpark.org under 'Events.' Scroll down to Family Fun Day and fol-

low the registration link."

They are also looking for local sponsors.

"We offer bronze, silver, and gold sponsorship levels, and sponsors can set up a table at the event to offer games or giveaways for kids," Newell added.

Family Fun Day runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to attend.

Benson Park's Volunteer Clean-up Day also needs more participants.

"We've had many young families joining,

teaching their kids about volunteerism and showing how small actions can make a difference," Clement said. "I'm really excited about the turnout, and we hope more people will come."

The next Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 18, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Meeting Room.

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Selectmen at the start of their meetings: "Does anybody in the audience wish to address the Board on any

issue which they have control of." Beals said he observed the phrasing while serving as liaison to the Selectmen and thought it would be a valuable addi-

include this language in the proposed amendment and unanimously approved moving forward with a second reading.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for The board agreed to Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.





# **Editorial**

# The Excitement of a New School Year

How can this be? Wasn?t it just a few short weeks ago that summer vacation started? Yet here we are?still in the great weather of August, but already sensing fall in the air. The first day of school was this week, which creates excitement throughout the town.

With every new school year comes a feeling of renewal. Fresh notebooks, sharp pencils, new pens, and?for the youngest learners?boxes of crayons waiting to be used all signal the possibilities ahead. For those of us beyond the days of locker combinations and classroom seating charts, this season sparks memories instead.

For parents, the start of school often brings nostalgia mixed with responsibility. School isn?t just about kids getting back to class?it?s about parents stepping into their own role as partners in education. A parent?s attitude toward school shapes a child?s experience in powerful ways. Attending open houses, joining PTA or PTO events when possible, meeting teachers, getting familiar with the school building, and supporting homework routines all help create a strong foundation. Children learn best when they see learning valued at home.

Just as students are responsible

for showing up and doing the work, parents carry the responsibility of staying engaged. Teachers can only do so much on their own. When families place importance on learning, they give children the encouragement they need to succeed.

We often hear about team-building at school, but the most important team is the one made up of parents, children, and teachers. Starting the year with open communication and mutual respect makes an enormous difference. Together, this team can create an environment where children not only learn but thrive.

And let?s not forget safety. With buses back on the road and children walking or biking to and from school, we must all do our part. Pay close attention in school zones, watch crosswalks, obey speed limits, and be mindful of flashing lights and school buses. Slow down and pay attention that text can wait.

The beginning of a school year is more than just a date on the calendar?it?s a fresh chapter. It reminds us that learning never stops and that each year holds new discoveries and adventures. So sharpen those pencils, open your notebooks, and embrace the excitement of all that lies ahead.

Enjoy the journey!



Hills Garrison Elementary School Assistant Principal Mark Dangora greets students on the first day of school with fist bumps.

Photo by Chris Paul

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# **Hudson Elementary Students Head In For First Day**









## **Legal Policy**

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It was explained by Dumont that he thinks the chairs of the committees and boards should then take those inquiries for staff or legal counsel from individual members and give the information to the rest of the board or committee, so they are aware.

go to their legal counsel or Town Administrator.

Dumont explained that they have had conversations about it in the past, but doesn't think they have ever taken an actual stance on it.

here tonight and see what everybody's thoughts are," Dumont said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby explained that she isn't against the measure but said she would want to see a written policy regarding it before approving the idea.

"I'm not opposed to it," she explained.

Dumont explained that If needed, it could then he thought setting a policy made sense because then the expectations are set.

> Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said that it will be good to have something in place.

"This has come up a lot "So I want to raise it over the years," he explained.

Guessferd also noted during the meeting that their legal counsel expenses are a budgeted line item, which makes it more important to have a policy in place.

It was ultimately decided to send the proposal to the policy committee for review and to come up with a proposed policy, which would then need to be voted on by the Board of Select-

Also, during the meeting, during Selectmen's 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

remarks, Selectman Dave Morin suggested that they look at changing the time for non-public sessions.

He explained that they have many department heads who have to stay until 11:30 p.m. or even later.

Morin proposed that they consider moving the non-public sessions to before the meetings start.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Aug.

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## Girl Scout Restores Benson Park Wall as Part of Gold Award Project

HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advi-August 21, featuring a Gold Award presentation from Girl Scout Amy Campbell.

"I will be repairing a stone wall in Benson Park," Campbell explained. "The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn, usually in high school. A girl must address an issue she has noticed in her community. You have to identify the root cause of the problem and develop a plan to fix it. It requires a minimum of 80 hours and involves engaging a large group of repairs involved reusing old people."

While researching her sory Committee met on project, Campbell identified a small, damaged stone wall near a road in need of repair.

> "The root cause of the damage is erosion. When it rains, water runs down the road and through the wall. This can weaken the mortar, and when the water freezes, it causes cracks," she said. "I've already completed a little over 55 hours of work for this project."

> Campbell shared photos showing the removal of fallen pieces and the damaged section of the wall. Planned

stones to maintain the "historic look" of the structure. She also planned to add gravel behind the wall to reduce future erosion, install "weep holes" to allow water to escape, and slope loam to direct runoff into a nearby drain. Pooling water had long been a problem in the area.

"Nothing ever grew there over the years," noted Committee member Sue Clement. "We planted multiple flowers in that circular area, and they'd all die because of the rain."

Education was a key

"I'm teaching others about erosion, especially younger children," Campbell said. "I went to Old Home Days and prepared two experiments."

Her display included an interactive bottle experiwhere children poured water into three different soil types to observe which resisted erosion best, and a beach experiment, where kids used tools to protect Lego "houses" from small waves.

"I was amazed at how engaged the kids were," component of the Gold Clement said. "They kept coming back and bringing friends. Amy did a great job."

A final component of her project involved painting "kindness rocks" to accompany the wall.

"That's something I added so that on Benson Park Clean-Up days, people who don't want to do hands-on stone masonry can still participate," Campbell said. "They draw messages or pictures on the rocks, and we spread them around Benson Park."

Campbell funded the project through donations from Home Depot, the Lions Club, and an anonymous donor. She also set up a private Facebook page to track progress.

"Are there posts you'd be willing to share publicly?" asked Selectmen Liaison Heidi Jakoby. "I think it's important for the public to see the work you've done."

Jakoby suggested sending individual posts to the Board of Selectmen for sharing on the Town of Hudson's Facebook page, and Campbell agreed.

"Let's pass the information around," said Committee Chair Jack Madden. "Thank you very much for the presentation!"

# Library Hit with Costly Air Conditioning Repairs in July

PAUL CONYERS HUDSON TIMES

The August meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees focused on reviewing finances for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

"Our fiscal year just started, so money has been accepted from the town and deposited, and checks have been written to cover the

things we need, especially for the summer programs," reported Trustee Treasurer Margaret St. Onge. "That was the busiest of all."

Trustee Chair Karen Bohrer noted that the Trustees did not meet in July, which delayed their ability to address lastminute financial issues.

"Were there any yearend inconsistencies or special things to mention?" that the work was expen- key vacancy. Bohrer asked. "Did the year sive. close pretty well?"

the library closed out the last fiscal year without surprises or outstanding costs, though July brought one unusually large expense.

"There was a large expenditure for major equipment repairs. Was that the children's room AC?" asked Bohrer. "Because that's 80% of what's budgeted for that already."

Library Director Linda Pilla confirmed the high cost was for air conditioning repairs, acknowledging

According to St. Onge, the year. Using the air conditioning in that west-facing room was vital," said Pilla, adding that the summer reading program had been particularly successful. "It's the craziest time of the year, the best time of the year. It's all been compressed into such a short period."

> Despite recent staff turnover and health-related shortages. Pilla credited her team with keeping the summer season running smoothly. She also updated the Trustees on efforts to fill a

"We've been interview-"Hopefully that's it for ing for a new position in IT and technical services, which manages the processing of books when they come in from suppliers and prepares them for the shelves," explained Pilla. "We put out the job listing in May, did our first round of searches, and did not find anyone who fit. A second round in June turned up Angie Hurshman, and she is the person I'd like to recommend to the Board."

The Trustees asked a few questions about the hire.

"Are there any terms of Angie's employment that we need to be aware of?" Bohrer inquired.

Pilla noted that the candidate planned to attend library school, requiring a half-day off each week.

"That's pretty typical," she said. "This will happen during her probationary period, so it will be closely monitored, but we want to continue supporting staff pursuing their Master's degree."

Pilla added that the interview panel had been impressed with Hurshman's resume, cover letter, and references. Without further debate, the Trustees unanimously approved her appointment as Director of IT and Technical Services.

Hurshman is expected to begin at Rodgers Memorial Library by early September.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. at the HCTV building.



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# **Hudson Selectmen Approve Multiple Personnel Moves**

The Hudson Board of Selectmen addressed several personnel items during the non-public session of their most recent meeting.

According to the draft minutes, one approved item was the hiring of Jeffery Lloyd as an HCTV videographer at \$16 per hour for up to 20 hours per week.

Another approval authorized the DPW Director to hire Matthew Flynn for the

The Board also approved the hiring of David Rousseau at a starting rate of \$25.85 per hour.

During the meeting, the Board accepted Animal Control Supervisor Jana Mc-Millan's resignation from the Hudson Police Department, effective October 3. Following her resignation, the Board unanimously authorized the Police Chief to post the position with a starting salary range of Step

Public Works Department. 1 (\$73,131) to Step 4 (\$78,942), based on experience, in accordance with the current Hudson Police, Fire, and Town Supervisors Association contract.

> Another non-public agenda item authorized the Police Chief to hire Kaleb Cloutier as a part-time maintenance assistant at \$15 per hour for up to 15 hours per week.

For the Fire Department, the Board unanimously approved authoriz-

Memorandum of Understanding regarding the responsibilities related to the deployment of Firefighter/AEMT Richard Daughen as part of the Massachusetts Urban and Rescue Task Force 1 (MA-TF1).

Additionally, the Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Fire Department Probationary Dispatcher Marissa McDaniel, effective August 31.

During the regular por-

Board was presented with a donation for the Police Department.

"The police department would like to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on August 12, 2025. A resident who wishes to remain anonymous would like to donate \$5,000 for deposit in our Police Donation Account (4556)," a memo to the Board stated.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby

ing the Fire Chief to sign a tion of the meeting, the praised the donation during the meeting.

> "There was a donation of \$5,000 to the Police Department, and I just want to thank the anonymous donor for that," she said. "I'm sure it will help our Police Department do many more things for and with our community."

The Board unanimously approved the donation.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m

# Hudson School Board Approves Tentative Budget Calendar

HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed and approved the tentative budget calendar during its most recent meeting.

The proposed schedule includes additional budget meetings in October to allow for thorough discussion.

additional budget meeting dates in October specifically for the board," School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained.

School Board member Ethan Beals had suggested moving one of the meetings from Oct. 15 to Oct. 13. However, it was noted that Oct. 13 falls on the Monday "As you know, we add after a long weekend, and the board would not receive the budgets until Oct. 9.

Dionne emphasized the need for multiple meetings in a short period.

"We do have to add about five additional meetings in a two-and-a-halfweek period," she said.

The tentative budget meetings are scheduled for Oct. 15, 20, 22, 27, and, if

Superintendent Moulis noted that the state Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) has not yet finalized its timeline, which could affect the schedule.

"So that's why it's dis-Moulis cussion-based," said. "We anticipate receiving the official dates later this month or in early Sep-

During the Aug. 18 meeting, Business Administrator Jenny Graves asked the board for input on the October meetings, when initial budget presentations will be made.

The School Board gave unanimous approval for the tentative meeting dates.

Moulis also noted that set for March 10.

this year the School District will go first for the Deliberative Session.

"Every other year the school district and the town switch who goes first," he explained. The School District Deliberative Session is scheduled for Feb. 7.

Voting Day for both the school district and town is

# **Hudson Selectmen Review Possible Changes to Earned Time Policy**

ALEX MALM **HUDSON TIMES** 

During its most recent meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen heard an update from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson on several policies currently under review by the Policy Sub-Committee.

One of the policies under consideration concerns earned time.

Sorenson explained that employees covered by collective bargaining agreements already have earned time language in their contracts, and that the proposed policy would apply specifically to exempt employees.

He noted that the policy is particularly focused on first-year employees.

"When we hire employees, you have to earn your time," Sorenson said.

Sorenson also explained that new hires sometimes request pre-planned vacations that occur before they have accrued sufficient earned time.

The proposed amendment would allow employees to use up to 40 hours of earned time, provided they have accumulated at least one month's worth of earned time - equivalent to 16.67 hours.

Under the proposal, an employee could use up to a week of earned time, with the remaining hours taken from the balance they earn going forward.

Sorenson emphasized that the amended policy would include provisions to recoup any advanced earned time if an employee leaves the Town before the time is fully accrued.

"If there's an issue with, say, a person leaving, we still have that last week's pay," Sorenson said.

He added that the Town consulted legal counsel regarding the amendment.

"In speaking to legal on this, as long as there is an agreement in place - if someone leaves, they owe us whatever time is used in advance. We have the right to deduct that from their last paycheck," Sorenson ex-

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont said he had discussed the proposed changes with Sorenson about a month ago.

"I think it's a good addition to the policy and a fair way to handle it," Dumont said. "We've had numerous new hires tell us they have upcoming vaca-

tions when we hire them. As long as they understand they must repay any advanced earned time if they leave, this amendment makes sense."

No formal action was taken during the meeting.

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.



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# AHS Seniors Mark Their Spots as Final Year Begins











Some of the 2026 Senior Class were busy just before school started customizing the parking spaces they will be renting this year. The longstanding tradition is a way for the senior class to kick off their fundraiser efforts each year. The previous year's class spaces were covered with new designs.

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# **New Hampshire Experiencing Abnormally Dry Conditions**

the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, as of Aug. 21, shows the Southern portion of the state to be under "Abnormally Dry Conditions."

The Reports reads: Despite a wet May, the state has had below-normal precipitation and above-average temperatures since June, especially over the past 30 days.

This has contributed to the development and rapid intensification of drought conditions throughout the

- released on August 21, 2025, 14 percent of the state is classified as "abnormally dry," and 86 percent of the state is classified as "moderate drought."
- Stream levels are low across the state with very low stream flows in the northern and seacoast parts of the state.
- Lake and surface water levels are decreasing in elevation due to low levels of inflow and high evaporation rates. Currently, Lake Winnipesaukee is 14 inches below the June 1st target elevation and six-inches below the average elevation for August 21st.
- Groundwater levels very low to normal with very low groundwater levels observed in the northern part of the state.

· Public water systems Hampshire, a permit is Drought Report Update by are starting to implement outdoor water use restrictions, largely in response to increased demand attributed to lawn watering.

- August has been a busy month for brush fires, and fire danger remains high for the entire state.
- · Short-term and longterm precipitation outlooks do not provide a strong indicator that the precipitation needed to relieve drought conditions will be received. Long-term temperature outlooks lean toward above normal temperatures.

Drought conditions • According to the U.S. and impacts are expected to Drought Monitor map continue or worsen in the short-term.

> The public and water systems should monitor and decrease their water usage. Water conservation actions should be taken both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor water use, especially lawn watering, should be stopped. Fire restrictions and permits should be followed.

Water systems and towns should monitor their supply, demand, and local waterbody levels and are highly encouraged to implement water use restrictions. Pursuant to RSA 41:11-d, municipalities have the authority to restrict lawn watering within jurisdicacross the state range from tional boundaries, including users with private wells or those on public water systems.

required for all outdoor burning except when snow is on the ground. When fire permits are being issued, they can be obtained at most local fire departments or by using the Online Fire Permitting System.

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Drought Conditions: according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 14.46 percent of the state, including Hudson, is classified as "abnormally dry" and 85.54 percent of the state is classified as "moderate

The recent map shows a one-week 74 percent increase in the area of the state in "moderate drought" conditions.

As far as precipitation, over the last 30-days, the majority of the state has received less than 50 percent of normal precipitation. Source: Northeast Drought Early Warning System Dashboard

Every county in the state has received less precipitation than normal at almost all of the time scales listed.

For Hillsborough County this month shows 1.03" of precipitation, which is a -1.49 departure from nor-

Over the last 90-days In the state of New the area had 8.53" of pre-

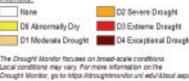
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Author:







Map sourced from U.S. Drought Monitor

cipitation a -3.51 departure of the United States Geofrom normal.

Source: National Weather Service

Condi-Hydrological tions

Groundwater: There are several wells in the northern nearing record low levels.

Source: New Hampshire Groundwater Level Monitoring Dashboard

Streams: The majority

logical Survey (USGS) monitoring stations have below normal and much below normal stream flows.

Source: USGS Water-

Forecasts and Outlooks: area of the state that are The 6-10 day precipitation outlook is predicted to be normal conditions for this time of year, and the 6-10 day temperature outlook is predicted to be below nor-

mal for this time of year.

Source: Northeast Drought Early Warning System Dashboard

Monthly Outlooks: The monthly precipitation outlook for August 2025 is predicted to be an equal chance of below normal and above normal conditions, and the monthly temperature outlook for August 2025 is predicted to be slightly above normal for this time period.



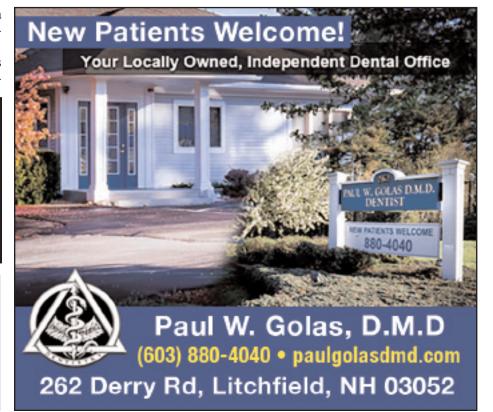
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### Education Reimbursement Benefits NH's First Responders, Dispatchers



The CCSNH First Responder program has expanded to support development, recruitment and retention efforts to bolster public safety statewide.

(Photo courtesy of LRCC)

The Community Col- public safety statewide. lege System of New Hampshire (CCSNH), New Hampshire Department of Safety, Police Standards and Training Council and Sen. David Watters (D-4), proudly announce expanded eligibility for the First Responder program, designed to support development, recruitment and retention efforts to bolster

Effective with the passage of House Bill 2 for Fiscal Year 2026, public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers are now also eligible to participate in the program, which provides reimbursement for the cost of one or more courses per semester, including required tuition and fees, for noncredit or degree courses at

any of the seven institutions in New Hampshire's community college system. Reimbursements are subject to eligibility, available funding and successful completion. Participating employees must be certified as eligible by their employers and complete the documentation required by CCSNH.

Law enforcement offi-

cers and current full-time career, part-time, on-call or volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians already qualified for reimbursements during the initial version of the program, which was first announced in December 2023.

4, representing Barrington, Dover, Rollinsford and Somersworth, was the primary sponsor of the initial bill that was later signed into law.

Firefighters who attend the New Hampshire Fire Academy are also eligible

for full reimbursement for the cost of the academy not covered by other funding sources. Additional information, including specific programs and courses offered, is available on the CCSNH website.

About CCSNH: The Sen. Watters, of District Community College System of NH consists of seven colleges, offering associate degree and certificate programs, professional training, transfer pathways to four-year degrees and dualcredit partnerships with NH high schools. The System's colleges are Great Bay

Community College in Portsmouth; Lakes Region Community College in Laconia; Manchester Community College; Nashua Community College; NHTI - Concord's Community College; River Valley Community College in Claremont, Lebanon and Keene; and White Mountains Community College in Berlin and Littleton.

The seven community colleges in the system are committed to working with businesses throughout the state to train and retain employees to develop a robust workforce.





### FIRE TRAINING Earlier this month Hudson Town

Administrator Roy Sorenson joined Recruits of the Hudson Fire Department during their morning training session. Sorenson geared up in full protective clothing donned a breathing apparatus and participated in several of the training evolutions within the training building while a live fire was burning.



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# **Hudson Fire Department Open House Scheduled for Sept. 27**

House, saying "We are thrilled to announce the return of the Hudson Fire Department Open House!"

Mark your calendars for a day filled with fun, learning, and community spirit on Saturday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **Event Highlights**

Join us for a variety of exciting activities and demonstrations designed for all ages:

- Fire Safety Demonstrations: Learn essential fire safety tips and watch as the department's skilled firefighters showcase their expertise.
- Station Tours: Explore the fire station and see where the community's brave firefighters work.

The Hudson Fire De- Get to know the heroes of partment recently announ- Hudson. The team will be ced the return of its Open available to answer your questions and share their experiences.

- Interactive Activities for Kids: Fun and educational activities for children that emphasize the importance of safety.
- Equipment Display: Check out the department's fire trucks and equipment up close.

#### **Location and Accessibility**

The open house will be held at the Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station located at 15 Library Street. The venue is wheelchair accessible, and the whole community is encouraged to

#### Refreshments and Giveaways

Enjoy complimentary • Meet the Firefighters: refreshments and pick up



some fantastic giveaways as a token of our appreciation for your support. The Professional Firefighters of Hudson Local 3154 will be

serving up hot dogs and popcorn while supplies last.

#### Join the Department!

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the



area, this is a wonderful Hudson safe. opportunity to connect with your local fire department and learn more about the vital role we play in keeping

For more information, please contact Erika LaRiviere at elariviere@hudsonnh.gov

# 38th Fall Artisan Craft Fair: Sept. 6 & 7, at St. Peter's Church

Church in Londonderry NH at 3 Peabody Row Londonare very excited to invite derry NH Saturday, Sepyou to their 38th annual, tember 6 from 9:30 a.m. to fall artisan craft fair.

New England. Along with 3 p.m. the cooler weather and the annual two-day extravagan-

Members of St. Peter's located on Mammoth Road 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sep-It'll soon be autumn in tember 7 from 9:30 a.m. to

Stroll through the over sounds of apple picking, the 65 booths of uniquely creseason also brings this ative artisan crafts, in this rain or shine event.

Mark your calendars to The artisan fair will be attend whether you are an held on the grounds of St. arts and craft enthusiast or Peter's Episcopal Church looking to spend a fun, fall items for yourself and to

day with the family. Visit get a jump on holiday shopthe over 65 skilled craftspeople as they showcase their expertise in various mediums including jewelry, baskets, quilts, wooden goods, multiple types of artworks, hats, hair accessories, soaps, essential oils, candles, pet accessories, windchimes, and a host of many others. Leisurely browse through spacious booths to find the perfect

While there, satisfy your appetite with a grilled burger or hotdog at the 'St. Peter's Bistro' grill or purchase delectable, homemade baked treats featuring mouth-watering homemade apple crisp. Try your luck with the ever popular raffles for unique items donated by crafters. And you can look for bargains at the well-stocked Great-Deals Tag Sale. After your day at the fair, stop at our next door neighbor, MAC's Apples, for autumn apple picking, fresh vegetables and refreshing ice cream.

Plan to go with friends or with family or yourself to spend a fun day viewing

artisan works, chatting with the creative crafters and enjoying the opportunity to meet other like-minded shoppers. Proceeds benefit the local community as this event serves as a key fundraiser for the church. For more information, visit https://stpeterslondonderry.org. We look forward to seeing you!





# AROUND TOWN

Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. The deadline for a submission is each Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to hudsontimes@nutpub.net.

#### **Veterans Picnic**

Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791 will be hosting its Ninth Annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic FREE for ALL NH veterans and their families at the Hudson VFW, 15 Bockes Rd., Hudson, NH on Saturday Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event is open to anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military.

#### Fall Artisan Craft Fair

Members of St. Peter's Church in Londonderry NH will host their 38th annual, fall artisan craft fair on Satur-

One Community...

day, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. - LOVE this Rogers Library 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. The fair will be held on the grounds of St. Peter's Episcopal Church located on Mammoth Road at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry, NH. Stroll through the over 65 booths of uniquely creative artisan crafts, rain or shine. For more information, visit https://stpeterslondonderry.or

#### **Drop In Stitchers**

If you love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, you will

group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m. (except Sept. 12)

#### Teen Hangout

On Weekdays at 2:30 p.m., middle and high school students ages 13+ are invited to enjoy the Rogers Library's teen space after school. Snacks, charging stations, video games, and crafts pro-

#### **Explorers Storytime**

On Friday Sept. 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m., Rogers Library will have songs, stoactivity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

#### **Dungeons & Donuts**

Come play Dungeons & Dragons and grab a donut at the Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept. 6 and 20 at 9:30 a.m. All skill levels are wel-

#### **Baby Lapsit and Playtime**

On Thursdays (except Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.) come to the Rogers Library for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

#### ZIA Class: Fall Leaves Circling

Come to the Rogers Library for a 2-hour class to create a circle of leaves and color them with vibrant alcohol markers on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 4 at noon.

#### **Rodgers Readers Book Club**

This month's book is "Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books" by Kirsten Miller, and will meet on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### **Mystery Lovers' Book Club**

This month's book pick is "Death of Riley (Molly Murphy Mysteries #2)" by Rhys Bowen, and will meet on Monday, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### The Colors of Birds

Join author Heather Wolf

ries, bubbles and a craft or in this VIRTUAL program hosted by the Rogers Library as she shares her beautiful images of colorful birds. This program will be held on Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

#### **Managing Your Email**

Mark the Reference Librarian will go over good email hygiene and how to keep from getting bogged down at the Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 1:30

#### Intro to Instruments Workshop with Let's Play Music

Let's Play Music presents an opportunity to get handson experience with different instruments (violin, cello, ukulele, guitar, etc.) for ages 6-12 at Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Tissue Paper Flower Bracelets**

Families are invited to create beautiful flower bracelets made of tissue paper, pipe cleaners, and beads at the Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Drop in any time between 6 and 7 p.m. This event will held again on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

#### Read 'Em & Eat @ Soho

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., come to the Soho resturant to discuss Witchcraft For Wayward Girls" by Grady Hendrix.

#### **Postpartum Support Group**

On Thursday, Sept. 4 at

10 a.m., gather at the Rogers Library with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about how you're healing, what thoughts and feelings you're exploring, and learn together that it truly takes a village.

#### "Vacations Can Be Murder" with Author Dawn M. Barclav

Learn all about the haunted happenings in your own backyards and, then, plan a trip to visit them all in this VIRTUAL program hosted by Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

### The Basics of Using Comput-

Join Mark, Rogers Library's Reference Librarian, as he simplifies basic computer terms and explains how everything connects on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### **Elementary 3D Realistic Col**oring

Grades 1-5 are invited to come to the Rogers Library on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m., for a calm evening of coloring photo realistic images.

#### Back to the 80s" Escape Room

Solve the puzzles to crack the code or you'll be stuck in the 80s forever! This escape room is held at the Rogers Library on Thursday, Sept. 18 and 23 at 6 p.m. and 7:30

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#### **Around Town Continued from page 12**

#### **LEGO Racing**

Build a vehicle from LEGO bricks and race it down a track at the Rogers Library on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. This event is for ages 4+.

#### "Feral and Hysterical"

Join the Rogers Library for this VIRTUAL conversation with @mother horror author Sadie Hartmann and our favorite horror book recommender. @redreadreviews on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

#### Tween Paint Chip Art & Chips

On Thursday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m., kids in Grades 4-7 are invited to come to the Rogers Library to use paint chips to create art.

#### **80s Board Game Bonanza**

Drop in anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at the Rogers Library on Saturday, Sept. 27 for a totally tubular morning of classic 1980s board games.

#### Cookbook Club

This month's cookbook is Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple Incredible Food" by Jamie Oliver. The group will meet and share on Monday, Sept. 29 at 11:30 a.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### Who Really Wrote Shakespeare?

On Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., come to the Rogers Library to hear the story of one man's search for the "real" author of the works attributed to William Shakespeare.

#### **Anti-Profanity Leagues in** the early 20th Century

UNH student Join researcher Evan Christensen for a lively exploration of how Americans once tried to clean up "colorful" language at the Rogers Library on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

#### True Crime Podcast Club

This month's podcast is "The Case of Darlie Routier." The discussion will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., at the Rogers Library.

#### Class of 1975 Reunion

Reunion for Alvirne and Pelham alumni class of 1975 will be held soon. If you are an alumni of the year and want more information go to the facebook Alvirne high school and Pelham high school class of 1975 page or email alvirne1975@gmail.com

#### **Benson Park Saturday** Cleanup

Please join the Friends of Benson Park for Park Cleanup Day the third Saturday of every month to help keep Benson Park clean and beautiful. Donate whatever time you can between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tools are available but bring your own shovels, rakes, pruners, loppers, etc. if you have them. This is a great opportunity to serve the town, meet new people and enjoy the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online by going to the Friends of Benson Park website friendsofbensonpark.org and providing your email address in the "Contact Us" section.

#### **United Soccer Club's Hulks Program**

Hudson United Soccer Club's Hulks Program for children ages 3-10. A fall soccer development program on Sundays from 8 - 9:30 a.m., at Freedom Field (190 Derry Rd). The cost is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. Visit the groups website or facebook to register. Hudsonnhsoccer.org. Any questions? Contact registrar@hudsonnhsoccer.org

#### Preschool Water Play

On Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Preschoolers ages 2-5 are invited to play with water tables and toys on the Rodgers library lawn.

#### **Digital Navigators**

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Digital Navigators provide personalized, one-on-one support to help you with your tech needs at the Rodgers Memorial Library.

#### **Dino the Therapy Dog**

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to and stories for ages 1-3. make new friends.

#### Story Safari

On Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m., come to Benson Park for songs, stories, and bubbles! All ages wel-

#### Free Health Screening

Medical professionals from AFC Urgent Care Hudson will be holding a Free Health Screening at George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson, to provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. - noon. No registration is necessary. Learn more at www.afcurgentcare.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

#### **Movers & Shakers**

Come Rodgers to Memorial Library Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (execpt the third week of the month) for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles,

#### **Brunch Bunch**

On Fridays at 11 a.m., Eat pancakes and talk about books you love or hate at Rodgers Memorial Library. For students entering 5th-12th grades. Those attending will be divided by age (Tween 10-13 and Teen 13-18) if the group is large enough.

#### **Adventurers Storytime**

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (except the second week of the month), join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages

#### BINGO!

Bingo is back at the Senior Center, 19 Kimball Hill Rd., Hudson, every Tuesday afternoon. Slider cards will start being sold at 1:15 p.m., \$1.25 each. You must be registered at the Senior Center to play.

#### A Good Yarn

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### DHHS Awarded \$4.6 Million Grant to Support Community Re-Entry Program

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is pleased to announce an infusion of federal grant funding for the State's Community Re-Entry and Youth Re-Entry programs. The four-year grant totals nearly \$4.6 million and will support the continuity of health care for incarcerated individuals and committed through Medicaid that are transitioning from incarceration to a community set-

The adult Community Re-Entry program provides eligible inmates with a targeted set of health care services during the 45 days immediately prior to their release from state correctional facilities. Similarly, Youth Re-Entry provides a

The New Hampshire tailored set of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Testing services to Medicaid-eligible youth up to age 21 in the 30 days prior to and 30 days after their release from the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC). Youth Re-Entry services are also available to former foster youth up to age 26.

Both the youth and adult youth eligible for assistance programs offer extensive care management support through the State's Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. The programs, created in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Corrections, have served more than 100 individuals since their launch on January 1.

> "Community Re-Entry provides critical access to behavioral health, case

management, and targeted health services to help adults and youth improve health outcomes when they return to their communities, reducing recidivism and preventing costly hospitalizations and emergency room visits," said DHHS Commissioner Lori Weaver. "This funding means that we can continue to support the health care needs of people across New Hampshire, improve public safety, and help set people up for future success."

The grant funding will be used to support Community Re-Entry and Youth Re-Entry through the following activities:

\* The purchase of telehealth materials for state prisons, transitional facilities, county jails, and SYSC.

secure telehealth booths to safeguard the privacy of health care visits at each facility.

\* The purchase of specialized, telehealth-enabled iPads to complete visits.

\* Creation and dissemination of communications materials for corrections staff, inmates and their families, health care providers, and the public.

\* Provision of 12 onsite trainings for corrections staff around Medicaid eligibility and enrollment.

\* Creation of ongoing help desk support, including insurance navigation services for each facility, to ensure timely completion of Medicaid applications.

\* Electronic health record upgrades for recordkeeping and billing.

\* Funding for two employees in the DHHS Medicaid program to support the project and processes needed for suc-

\* Continued use of contractors dedicated to imple-

\* Construction of 16 menting and monitoring of the programs to facilitate implementation.

> In addition to developing and improving the program in state prison facilities and SYSC, DHHS will also utilize the funding to begin implementing Community Re-Entry in New Hampshire's 10 county corrections facilities.

> Expanding services to county facilities will allow the program to serve a broader population of individuals as they enter the justice system, many of whom have urgent behavioral health needs.

> New Hampshire is federally mandated to implement Youth Re-Entry in county facilities by December, 2026.

> Adult Community Re-Entry is the result of federal approval of a 5-year extension of New Hampshire's Section 1115(a) Demonstration waiver, "Substance Use Disorder, Serious Mental Illness and Serious Emotional Disturbance, Treatment Recovery

Access." In July 2024, New Hampshire received federal approval to provide Medicaid coverage to eligible incarcerated individuals to increase access to treatment and reduce recidivism. The youth community reentry program is a federal mandate under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021) Section 5121.

Community Re-Entry is a core initiative of the DHHS Roadmap 2024-2025, as part of the "Promote Thriving Communities" strategic commitment.

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come to the Rodgers Memorial Library to Share tips, tricks, and stories while you work on your latest project and connect with fellow fiber enthusiasts. Bring your own supplies and stitch the evening away.

#### **Laptop Donation Program**

United Way of Greater Nashua is reintroducing their Tech Connect United Laptop Donation Program. Donate your working laptops, tablets, and smartphones, and they will in turn refurbish them for use by low-income individuals and families. The client recipients are low-income, and living in our Greater Nashua area. Devices can be dropped off at the United Way office located at 20 Broad St., Nashua between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or by appointmentt email info@unitedwaynashua.org if you have any questions.

#### Clean Water Survey

Clean water is more than a resource; it's the lifeline of our community. Your voice holds the power to shape a healthier water future for you and for generations to come. Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/VOWNOV2024. As an added bonus, when you complete the survey, you'll have the chance to enter to win one of 25 fixedmount or handheld watersaving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

#### **Overeaters Anonymous**

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your

weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)







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