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Santa's Arrival

Therese Miano was more than excited to share her Christmas wishes with Santa Claus during the "Santa's Arrival" at the Community Center in Hudson last week. The Hudson Lions Club host the annual event to help kick off the holidays.

Photo by Chris Paul

Selectmen Recommend Latest Robinson Pond Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend a revised warrant article for Robinson Pond during its most recent meeting, reducing the scope and cost of the project after last year's proposal failed at the polls.

Last year, voters rejected a \$1 million warrant article that included improvements to both the boat launch and beach area, despite unanimous support from the Selectmen and a 5-3-1 vote from the Budget Committee.

This year's proposal focuses solely on the boat

launch, cutting the total request to \$500,000.

"We're carving that out this year," said Director of Development Services Elvis Dhima, explaining that feedback from last year indicated strong support for the boat launch but less enthusiasm for beach

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Morin Defends the Selectman's Position on Rec Director Raise

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Nov. 17 meeting of the Hudson Budget Committee opened with sharp comments from Selectman Dave Morin, who criticized remarks made by Budget Committee member Shawn Jasper regarding a proposed spending increase for the town's Recreation Department.

The Board of Selectmen had approved a budget proposal that included raises for several employees, including Recreation Director Chrissy Peterson and Jasper had said he didn't feel it was warranted for what he said was a non-essential department.

Morin, who was wearing a t-shirt that stated

"Supporting Non Essential REC Employees" stated, "What a Rec Department does for the community are health and wellness for this town and also for our seniors," said Morin. "The Rec Director got a raise because the Board of Selectmen thought she deserved it and that she's done an outstanding job."

The dispute stemmed from comments made at the Budget Committee's previous meeting about which town employees were considered "essential" amid concerns over rising costs and property taxes.

"The employees in this town, no matter who they are, are essential," Morin said. "Our job as Selectmen

and your job as a Budget Committee is to make sure the taxpayers get a fair budget. We are not to judge our employees."

Morin argued that pay raises were necessary to prevent staffing shortages, which have affected several departments in recent years. He called for an apology to the Recreation Department for what he described as "unfair" comments.

Budget Committee Chair James Lawrence acknowledged the difficulty of determining funding levels.

"We have to weigh the benefits to the community and the town as well as the taxpayers. Sometimes that crosses a fine line between

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Benson Park Committee Raises Safety Concerns Over E-Bikes

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is taking a closer look at the growing presence of e-bikes in the park, citing safety concerns for pedestrians and families.

"There have been concerns about the e-bikes and e-vehicles," said Committee Chair Jack Madden. "The first thing we have to do is see if there is anything in the town ordinances about that."

A recent discussion with the Hudson Police Department confirmed there are no specific laws banning e-bikes in Benson Park. However, members expressed concern about the potential risks posed by faster-moving e-bikes on trails

designed for walkers, traditional cyclists, and slower speeds.

"I have friends who are very cognizant of the fact that this is an issue," Madden said. "There are parents pushing their kids in strollers, there are grandchildren running around. Somebody is going to get hurt."

The committee agreed to continue reviewing the issue.

In other business, members officially scheduled the return of the park's popular Cardboard Sled Race.

"We did have the Boy Scouts that got in contact with me. They helped us out last year and they're very excited to come back and do that again. They had a great time, even though we only

had a little patch of snow. It still was a lot of fun," said Committee member Sue Clement. "I did have a couple of other organizations that were interested in volunteering, and maybe making this event a little bit more than just a sled race."

Natalie Newell, Chair of the Friends of Benson Park, offered to open the park store for hot cocoa during the event.

"I think it's important for us to, as much as possible, coordinate between all of the wonderful volunteers that we have," added Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby.

The Cardboard Sled Race is scheduled for Jan. 10, 2026, with a rain/snow date of Jan. 17.

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Selectmen Consider Cap on Town's Solar Tax Exemption

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The Board of Selectmen revisited the idea of adding a warrant article to the March ballot that would modify the Town's current solar exemption policy.

Chief Assessor James Michaud explained that Hudson currently offers a 100% Solar Exemption, adopted by the Board in December 2015 after voters rejected a similar petition earlier that year.

"The Town of Hudson currently has a 100% Solar Exemption, adopted by

BOS via ordinance in December 2015, after the Hudson voters had rejected the exemption, offered by petition, at the 2015 town vote," Michaud noted in a memo.

Not all communities offer the exemption.

"In the attached survey, 27 communities - 15% don't offer the exemption. Of those that do, 35% have the exemption dollar amount capped, while 65% have no cap," Michaud wrote.

Michaud said the Board could consider capping the

exemption through a warrant article.

"The BOS have an opportunity via warrant article to entertain capping the solar exemption, especially as some very large multi-national commercial/industrial building owners may be adding them to their buildings in the future," he explained.

Currently, 249 properties in Hudson have approved solar exemptions, totaling \$2,262,500 in exempted value.

"If we use the 2025 tax rate of \$17.11, that exempt

value amount translates to \$38,711.38 in taxes avoided in the aggregate for that subset of properties," Michaud said. "The rest of the taxpayers, as is the same with other property tax exemptions, pick up that amount. There is no net loss in property tax revenue received with this."

He noted that about \$50 million in assessed property value moves the tax rate by a penny, meaning the current exempted value equates to less than a penny. Of the 249 properties, five are non-residential.

Vice Chair Bob Guessferd acknowledged that many residents made the decision to install solar panels based on the exemption.

"It really is a financial decision," he said, while also recognizing concerns about others having to make up the difference.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said the Board should consider a cap, while Chair Dillon Dumont questioned whether government should incentivize certain products through tax exemptions.

"I just don't know if that's government's place,"

Dumont said, adding that he would prefer to wait and see what happens at the State level.

Jakoby expressed concern about large businesses taking advantage of the exemption if no changes occur at the State level.

The Board agreed to move forward with a public hearing on a proposed \$20,000 cap, which will take place at a future meeting.

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

Historic Buildings at Benson Park to Receive New Marker Signs

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The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on Nov. 20 to plan late fall and winter activities, including the installation of three new signs to identify buildings recently added to the State Register of Historic Places.

"I've been trying to get these ordered - three of these historical marker signs - and finally, the company called me back to say, 'yeah, we're having problems with the website,' so they took my information over the phone. We have actually ordered the three signs," reported Committee Chair Jack Mad-

den, displaying a photo of the design. "It's a 10-inch diameter aluminum sign with two holes in it."

Madden suggested mounting the signs on wooden posts to save money.

"Is there a company in town that deals in granite who might be willing to donate granite stones?" asked Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby, encouraging the committee to seek donations. "If there are companies interested in Benson Park, that's an opportunity. A brand-new sign is a great way to do it."

One of the three buildings now on the State Register is Benson's Kitchen and

Office building, which the committee recently cleaned out for winter.

"A thank you to Natalie and to the Friends of Benson Park for helping clean out the kitchen," said Committee member Sue Clement, extending gratitude to all volunteers. "That was a great help for me, to get in and go through everything to actually make a list of all the things we have."

The building stores equipment for park upkeep, especially during warmer months with volunteer days. Clement hopes to repeat the clean-up and inventory annually.

"Well, doing inventory lists, clean everything out, and make sure that things that are broken get thrown away," she said.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) also agreed to repair several broken items, including older picnic tables.

"That's not the new picnic tables that we just had donated, but old picnic tables that need to be fixed - they have boards broken off and need repairs," said

Clement, who worked with DPW's Jeremy Faulkner on a plan. "We tagged all of the tables, and they're going to come and pick them up, then fix them before bringing them back. It's a big process, but for the safety of people using the park and the picnic tables, it needed to be done."

Clement also reminded visitors to avoid climbing on a newly planted memorial tree near the playground.

"We did plant one memo-

rial tree right in the playground area, and one thing we just want to make mindful for parents and kids playing within the playground area - not to climb on those trees," she said. "They're young and just starting out. We want to keep them for shade at the playground area."

The committee plans to offer additional memorial tree plantings in 2026. Interested residents should visit the Benson Park website for details.

E-Bikes

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With 2025 coming to an end, at least one full-time committee position is expected to open, prompting a call for new members.

"We're looking for somebody who is interested in coming on and working with us at the Benson Park Advisory Committee. We do have a position open for that," said Clement. "You

just need to fill out a form on the website - it's the Town of Hudson Benson Management Unit application. It's very easy to fill out and you send that to the town, to Roy Sorenson, and then he'll send it out to us."

The new member would need approval from the Board of Selectmen. Two alternate committee positions also remain vacant.

"Even if you wanted to just come in as an alternate,

it'd mean attending the meetings, helping us come up with ideas for how to improve the park, and moving forward in the future," Clement said. "Please let us know, but we will be sending out some information shortly, doing posters and so forth."

The Benson Park Advisory Committee will meet again on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.



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Rodgers Memorial Library Trustees Gear Up for March Election

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The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is preparing for next March's election, where up to two seats could become vacant.

"There are five trustees, and they serve for three years. What happens is that we have a cycle of elections where two people get elected in year one, two people get elected in year two, and one person gets elected in year three, and then that brings us around to the beginning of the cycle," explained Library Director Linda Pilla. "There may be one or two open seats on the Board. If you are out there

and you would like to run to be a member of the Board of Library Trustees, there is a period in January where you can apply."

Those interested should apply between Jan. 21 and Jan. 30, 2026.

"That gives people enough time to mount a campaign if they have to," said Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd. "You have to register in Town Hall, at the Clerk's office. You go into the Clerk's office and tell them which position you want to run for, and we encourage that for all boards."

No one at the meeting confirmed whether the two trustees with expiring terms

would seek reelection. Guessferd strongly encouraged anyone "with an interest in libraries" to apply for a spot on the ballot.

The March election will also determine whether the 2026-2027 Rodgers Memorial Library budget is approved.

"We presented to the Budget Committee last week, and I have to say that it went very well," said Pilla. "It used to be one of the most stressful nights of the year."

Treasurer Margaret St. Onge agreed, noting that town officials did their "due diligence" and seemed receptive to most spending

requests.

"No one tried to bury us," she said.

With initial approval from the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, no further action on the library budget is expected until the Hudson Deliberative Session in January.

Not all library funding comes from the town budget. Pilla announced a withdrawal of interest dividends from the Zylonis Fund.

"Zylonis is up by \$7,317.35 since the beginning of this financial year, so since July 1. The Board would put in a request to withdraw \$7,300 from that. It is purely from interest

and dividend and will not touch the principal at all," the Director explained.

The Zylonis Fund was established to support activities related to Lithuanian heritage in Southern New Hampshire. After years of legal uncertainty, the library was permitted to expand its use of the money.

"We got a letter from the New Hampshire charitable trust saying we could use these funds for the purchase of books," said Pilla. "That is what this entire sum of money will be used

to purchase. If we can find books specifically related to Lithuania, written by Lithuanian authors, or fiction that's based in Lithuania, we will use it as such, and we continuously search for materials that would be appropriate for Rodgers Memorial Library for use of those funds. In the absence, we're allowed to use the funds for the purchase of books."

The next Trustees meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Select Board Approve Bulletproof Vests Grant, Drainage Repairs, and Donations

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a proposal for the Police Department to apply for funding through the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program Grant, which provides partial reimbursement for protective gear.

"The Police Department is requesting to apply for the Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program Grant," a memo to the Board stated. "This grant is the partial reimbursement cost for bulletproof vests."

The program reimburses 50% of the purchase cost

for vests.

"The deadline to apply is Dec. 19, and vests can be reimbursed within the next two years," Police Chief David Cayot explained in his memo.

The Board unanimously approved moving forward with the grant application.

Donations Accepted for Fire and Police Departments

The Board accepted a \$1,000 donation from Digital Federal Credit Union for the Hudson Fire Department.

"Digital Federal Credit Union has graciously donated a check for \$1,000.00 to support the fire depart-

ment," Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo.

The funds will be deposited into the Fire Department's General Donation Fund. The Police Department also received a matching \$1,000 donation, which the Board unanimously approved.

Drainage Repair Project Approved

The Board also approved a bid for drainage work after a sinkhole revealed structural issues in a main pipe installed in the 1970s.

"The Public Works Department identified this drainage pipe as needing repair after a sinkhole was observed in the area. A

visual inspection using the Town's camera system confirmed structural issues within the main," a memo stated.

The most cost-effective solution is installing a liner. Vortex Services LLC, the only responding contractor and the low bidder on a similar recent project, will complete the work.

The Board approved up to \$42,300 for repairing 180 feet of 30-inch drainage main, funded from the Drainage Reserve Account, which currently holds \$102,204.29.

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

OBITUARY

Lorna F. McNeil



Lorna F. McNeil, 92, of Hudson, passed away peacefully at her home on Nov. 29. Born on March 5, 1933, in Stephenville Crossing, Newfoundland, Canada, she was one of twelve children born to Adolph and Millie O'Quinn and was predeceased by all eleven of her siblings.

Lorna was predeceased by her husband, John McNeil in 2004 and her daughter, Denise Currier (McNeil), in 1996.

In 1959, Lorna met the love of her life, John McNeil, while he was stationed at the U.S. Air Force base in Newfoundland. She moved to the United States in 1960 after their marriage. The couple first made their home in Salem, MA, later moving to Nashua, NH. In 1972, they settled in Hudson, NH, where they raised their family and lived together until John's passing in 2004.

Lorna devoted many years to being a homemaker, lovingly caring for her family. After her youngest child reached high school, she began working at RDF Corporation in Hudson, where she remained for several years until her retirement. She enjoyed long car rides with her family, knitting, puzzles, and was also a member of a bowling league for a time.

Lorna was the proud mother of four, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of four. She is survived by three of her children: Cheryl McNeil of Hudson, NH, John A. McNeil and his wife Laurie of Hudson, NH, Scott McNeil and his wife Victoria of Hudson, NH. Her beloved grandchildren: Jessie Currier of Hudson, NH, Nicole Currier and her partner Nate Lamoureux of Henniker, NH, Patrick McNeil and his girlfriend Jordin Olson of Nashua, NH, Liam McNeil of Hudson, NH. Her cherished great-grandchildren: Khloe Lamoureux of Henniker, NH, Jackson Lamoureux of Henniker, NH, Sawyer Briggs of Hudson, NH, and Finn Briggs of Hudson, NH. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews residing in Newfoundland and throughout Canada.

Lorna will be remembered for her warmth, her quiet strength, and her deep love for her family. Her legacy lives on in all who knew and loved her.

A private graveside service will be held in St. Patrick Cemetery in Hudson. To share an online message of condolence, please visit www.dumontsullivan.com. The Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Homes in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Editorial

Remembering a Day That Brought Us Together

Before Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was just an American naval base in Hawaii - a distant place in the eyes of many Americans. Yet, that quiet Sunday morning changed everything for our nation. In a matter of hours, the attack on Pearl Harbor would be forever engraved in our hearts, turning uncertainty into unity and hesitation into determined action.

The Japanese assault was swift and devastating, leaving a deep impact on countless lives. As the news spread, Japan declared war on the United States, marking a pivotal shift in our history. President Roosevelt's poignant words to Congress the following day, describing it as "a date which will live in infamy," captured the weight of this moment. But beyond the destruction, what truly defined that day was how Americans came together in response.

Before Pearl Harbor, our nation was grappling with division. Many were unsure whether we should involve ourselves in the war overseas. However, in the wake of the attack, doubt gave way to resolve. Ordinary citizens became extraordinary in their actions. Civilian workers devoted themselves to loading weapons and clearing debris. Doctors traveled far and wide to treat the wounded, and countless blood donors stood in line for hours, demonstrating compassion and solidarity. Women stepped into factories and joined the armed forces, while men left behind loved ones to answer the call of duty. In those trying moments, America stood together as one.

The unity that emerged after Pearl

Harbor changed the course of World War II. More than 16 million Americans stepped forward to serve in uniform, answering the call without hesitation. Factories that once built cars transformed into hubs for producing tanks, planes, and vital equipment for the front lines. Across the country, communities embraced rationing and invested in war bonds to support the fight. Every effort - whether large or small - became part of a shared mission to protect freedom. It's humbling to consider how different history might have been if our nation had not rallied with such strength and determination.

Dec. 7 was a day of unimaginable loss, yet it also revealed the incredible strength of our nation coming together in solidarity. This day serves as a poignant reminder that freedom is not something to be taken for granted; it is earned through courage, sacrifice, and a shared commitment to one another. As we reflect on this significant day, let us do more than remember in silence. Let us honor those who fought valiantly and those who made the ultimate sacrifice by living with gratitude and teaching future generations the profound meaning of unity.

Pearl Harbor stands as more than a moment in history - it is a profound reminder of resilience. It shows us that even in times of deep uncertainty, hope can rise from hardship. It calls on us to overcome fear and division when challenges arise. Ultimately, the greatest way to honor that legacy is by living with courage, conviction, and a steadfast belief in America's promise - a promise we can achieve together.

Letters

The Tax Bill Cometh

To the editor,

Many of us got our town tax bill recently. If you're renting, your landlord got one. In the past I have been willing to make the changes to improve our town and schools. But I heard about an increase, and I have to tell you about it.

Take a look at the "State Education" line. Memorize the number, or write it down. Next year the Republicans in Concord and planning to quadruple it. (Search online for "NH SWEPT") Why? Well, the R's will say it's because the D's have correctly pointed out that the State must meet it's Court-ordered obligation to fund public schools. But I'm sure you know that the R's are busy taking

those funds and giving them to private schools. And they want to give more. So, they are looking for another source. Hence, they need to pass that cost on to you!

Rep. Walter Spilsbury (R) of Charlestown says he wants to take, wait for it, a BILLION dollars from you and me. The rate on the tax bill in my hand says \$1.25 per \$1,000 of Assessment. The R's wanted to raise that to \$5.00 per thousand. (See online: newhampshirebulletin.com/2025/10/06/ for more info) That's his brilliant plan to fund the private schools, and the leftover money will go to the public schools.

The property tax is "regressive." That means that there is no accounting for the ability of the person to pay. You have a fixed

income? Too bad, pay it. You have high medical costs, maybe because the Affordable Care Act costs are skyrocketing? Tough luck! Pay it. That's why this is a BAD TAX to start with, not to mention making you pay 4 times more next year.

This issue needs to be discussed. How about a Town Hall? Where are our representatives? Why aren't they providing leadership? Where are they? What is going on?

The Republicans are complaining about the court decision. But that's too little too late. We have plenty of money in this State. What we don't have is a tax on the rich to help pay for our schools.

Sincerley
Ben Dibble
Hudson

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Robinson Pond

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Dhima noted that runoff from the road currently prevents boats from launching safely. The plan includes raising the parking area, creating an official boat launch, and implementing runoff mitigation measures.

"The intention is to get a \$250,000 grant from the State, and then we would only need \$250,000 from taxpayers," Dhima said.

Completing the project

would also earn the Town credit for a watershed improvement initiative.

"We think this is a great project to put in for," Dhima said, adding that Robinson Pond enjoys strong community support.

Dhima emphasized that the project is "shovel-ready," with designs and permits already in place, allowing the Town to move quickly if the warrant article and grant are approved.

"If we aren't able to get the grant or if the warrant

article doesn't pass, then the project wouldn't move forward," he said.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont praised the proposal for its environmental benefits and compliance with MS4 permit requirements.

"I think it protects the water quality over there," Dumont said. "I think it's very much needed."

The Board voted 4-0 to advance and recommend the warrant article, with Selectman Dave Morin absent.

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Santa's Tree Lighting Signals Start to the Holiday Season



Santa Claus made his yearly arrival to Liberty Park on Friday afternoon, Nov. 29, and was greeted by hoards of eager children. The annual event had Mr. Claus delivered to the Town Common in a Fire Engine where he flipped the switch that lit up the park that was decorated by Hudson Department of Public Works staff. After the event Santa whisked off to the Hudson Community Center where families were able to get photos taken with him. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Transfer Station Launches Yard Waste Composting Program

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Hudson is taking a major step toward sustainability. Working with the town's Sustainability Advisory Committee, officials have announced the formal introduction of composting at the Hudson Transfer Station - a project years in the making.

"We are working on composting up here, and this will be available to the residents next year," said Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, speaking from the Transfer Station alongside several department

heads. "It's been a great thing for the residents."

The initiative fulfills a long-term goal of the Sustainability Committee.

"The Sustainability Committee actually has been looking at the concept of composting in the town of Hudson for many years," explained Committee member Deb Putnam. "We just haven't found the right set of pieces of the puzzle to come together."

Putnam expressed hope that more comprehensive composting options for residents would follow in the coming months and years.

She also thanked several Hudson departments, including the Department of Public Works (DPW), for helping make the project a reality.

"This is done without putting any burden on the taxpayer," noted Town Engineer Elvis Dhima. "The way it works is that we're getting this work done, and then we pay the contractor through the material."

Not all composted material will be sold through a contractor - some will be available to residents.

"The product is fully recycled. The folks bring it

here as leaves, we turn it around, bring it as compost, and come springtime, you can come up here and grab some of the compost for your gardens, for your lawn, for your yard, however you might want to use it," said Sorenson. "This is going to be exciting."

While the Sustainability Committee has long promoted composting as a way to reduce landfill volume, fully composted material offers additional benefits as a fertilizer and soil conditioner.

"The quality of this product, and we're getting it tested right now, but it looks to be phenomenal," said Public Works Director Jay Twardosky. "It's a pretty involved operation. The

product itself is just years and years of leaves and compost that have been piled up here. From now on, we will be composting it differently so we get some better product every year out of it."

Hudson's composting expansion includes a new machine called a star screener at the Transfer Station, designed to screen composted materials. Twardosky estimated "eight to nine thousand yards" of material in the initial compost pile.

"We originally estimated it at around six thousand and that was just off. I've been here 28 years, and we've never hauled it out," he said. "Once this pile is gone, we'll be able to level

off this area. We'll build a swale that goes into the retention pond, and then we'll just be able to row up leaves the way we need to so residents can dump leaves on one side. More composted material will be further back."

He added that the Transfer Station would need to regularly "roll" the compost pile to encourage efficient decomposition.

Composting was seen as an easy first step for the Transfer Station, where residents have long been permitted to dispose of yard trimmings without a pass, allowing organic material to accumulate. Hudson officials are now developing a policy for how compost will be distributed next spring.



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Rec Raise

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certain areas," said Lawrence. "I'd like to remind every member of this committee that we should treat each and every department head that briefs this committee, and every employee that briefs this committee, with the utmost respect and professionalism."

Lawrence added that it was "beyond the purview" of the committee to criticize town employees for "their compensation or the performance of their work."

Jasper denied attacking Peterson or suggesting the Recreation Department should not exist, clarifying that his criticism was directed at the size of the proposed budget increase.

Jasper said, "If you think that a \$38,000 pay increase is not something

that this board should be concerned about, then I guess I should pack it in and go home."

"I did not criticize any individual. My criticism was directed at the Board of Selectmen for inputting that kind of large increase. I will stand by my comments that having a Rec Department is not an essential function of town government, though it is a good thing to have and I have supported it over the years," said Jasper. "Police, fire, and highway are essential. There are a number of other things that are not essential. I did not say that we shouldn't have a Rec Department, but I will say that it's unprecedented in this town to give out that kind of increase, whether it's warranted or not. That's just not something that has happened and it's just not something I believe in."

Jasper also expressed concern about proposing other spending cuts that could "rile feathers."

"I don't like the Budget Committee being intimidated to not do our job," said Committee member Bob Wherry. "If people don't understand that we have a responsibility to look at numbers, and look at them regardless of who is involved, then they don't understand that we have a duty to the taxpayer."

Selectman Xen Vurgapoulos disagreed, insisting that some past comments were "disparaging to employee."

At Lawrence's suggestion, the committee agreed to avoid statements that "undercut or undermine an individual's worth."

"We're not concerned about riling feathers," Lawrence concluded.



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Danville Man Arrested for Hudson Break-In, Assault

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

Members of the Hudson Police Department arrested Joshua Deveau, 38, of Danville, in connection with a home invasion that occurred on Saturday night, Nov. 29, where he was reported to have assaulted the two individuals inside

the home.

The Incident occurred at approximately 9 p.m., officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress at the Hudson residence. Police say Deveau forced entry through a locked back door, causing property damage. Once inside, he allegedly assaulted two individuals before fleeing the scene.



Joshua Deveau

The Arrest took place shortly after midnight on Sunday, Nov. 30, where Hudson Police located Deveau near his home in Danville with assistance from the Danville, Sandown, and Hampstead Police Departments. He was taken into custody without incident.

Authorities noted that

Deveau was already out on bail for a previous charge of witness tampering from Manchester District Court at the time of this offense.

Deveau is being held on preventative detention at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections. He faces multiple charges, including: Two counts of Burglary, a Class A Felony; three

counts of Simple Assault; two counts of Criminal Mischief; Harassment; and Breach of Bail.

He was arraigned in Nashua District Court on Monday Dec. 1, 2025, at 1 p.m., where Deveau appeared by video seeking to be released on bail.

Bail was denied by the judge.

Selectmen Recommend Warrant Article to Add Fire Department Staff

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen reviewed several warrant articles during its most recent meeting, including one that would increase staffing for the Fire Department.

Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice explained that last year the department sought approval for eight new firefighters through a SAFER grant but believes they did not receive it.

"We were supposed to

find out by Sept. 30," Tice said, noting that other departments have received notifications while Hudson has not. He added that the Oct. 1 government shutdown prevented confirmation.

The new proposal aims to add four firefighters/AEMTs, bringing staffing to 14 per shift.

"We have a goal of reaching 14 firefighters per shift," Tice said.

He explained that the request is based on rising

call volumes and the number of overlapping emergencies. In 2024, the average incident lasted 25 minutes, during which there were 1,113 instances of a second call. When factoring in ambulance time - an average of 55 minutes - there were 2,012 times when another call occurred simultaneously.

"So we have a lot of simultaneous calls," Tice said, adding that more personnel would reduce strain and improve response

times.

Even with additional staff, mutual aid would still be required for major incidents such as building fires.

"This would beef up our staffing to deal with more calls at the same time," Tice explained.

If approved, the department would operate two engines and two ambulances per shift, with all personnel cross-trained to handle either role. The warrant article seeks

\$590,629 in funding.

Tice emphasized that the proposal is about public safety but ultimately up to voters.

"The voters have the right to decide what they think is the appropriate level of staffing," he said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby supported the measure, noting its potential benefits during major emergencies.

"That's what I see this as," she said, while stressing that the decision rests with voters.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont said he views the Board's role as making recommendations and suggested waiting to assess the impact of recently added firefighters before expanding further.

The Selectmen voted 3-1 to move the warrant forward and recommend it, with Dumont opposed. Selectman Dave Morin was absent.

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

Selectmen Recommend Warrant Article to Boost HCTV Funding

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen voted to recommend a warrant article that would change how cable franchise fees are allocated, shifting all revenue to the HCTV Revolving Fund instead of splitting it with the Town's General Fund.

Director of Community Media Michael Johnson explained that Hudson, like most communities nationwide, is losing revenue from franchise fees as more residents move away from traditional cable.

"It's not going to stop," Johnson said of the down-

ward trend, noting that last quarter alone, fees were down by \$2,500.

To offset losses, Johnson said the department is exploring new revenue streams, including an underwriting program.

"Underwriting in community media is a form of sponsorship where businesses or organizations provide financial support in exchange for a brief, non-promotional acknowledgment on air," Johnson explained. "They are not meant to persuade but to recognize the support of the sponsor while maintaining adherence to the station's

noncommercial rules and regulations."

The goal is to secure seven underwriters in the first year at \$2,000 each, with those funds earmarked for larger purchases.

The proposed warrant article would modify the existing HCTV Revolving Fund, established in 2015, to increase the share of cable franchise fee revenues from 80% to 100%, effective July 1, 2026.

The article states: "Beginning July 1, 2026 = 100% to the HCTV Revolving Fund, 0% to the Town's General Fund. Such monies, in addition to any

Cable Franchise Equipment grants, will be deposited into the fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. The Town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen. These funds may be expended only for purposes of community television access for public,

education, or government, cable facilities equipment, maintenance, renovations, or associated operating and administrative purposes."

Johnson said the additional revenue would allow HCTV to break even, while underwriting would provide flexibility for major purchases.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont voiced support for

the article, noting that if HCTV faces a shortfall, the Town would need to find funds elsewhere anyway.

"I think this makes sense," Dumont said.

The Board voted 4-0 to recommend the warrant article, with Selectman Dave Morin absent.

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



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Lions Club Host Santa's Arrival at Community Center



Families flocked to the Hudson Community Center on Friday night, Nov. 29, after the annual Tree Lighting on the Town Common. Members of the Hudson Lions Club hosted Santa's Arrival where residents could have pictures taken with Santa, enjoy making crafts and each child was given a gift bag as they entered the hall.

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Selectmen Accept \$5,000 Donation for Police E-Bike Program

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a \$5,000 donation from resident Janie Freedom to support the Police Department's Mountain Bike Program by adding e-bikes.

"The Police Department received a donation in the amount of a \$5,000.00 check (#118) from Janie

Freedom to be used for purchasing an E-Bike for our Mountain Bike Program," Hudson Police Chief David Cayot wrote in a memo to the Board. "This would be for deposit in our Donation Account."

Cayot explained that Freedom approached the department about starting an e-bike program to supplement its existing moun-

tain bike patrols.

"It would allow us to patrol a bigger area and help educate the public," Cayot said. "We do see we want to grow this."

Currently, officers patrol in pairs on mountain bikes. Cayot said the department plans to purchase a second e-bike using federal asset forfeiture funds so e-bikes can also be

deployed in pairs.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby praised the donation.

"I think this is great," Jakoby said, adding that meeting with departments to learn their needs could inspire others to help. "I think it's a model others may look at."

Vice Chair Bob Guess-ferd called the contribution "a very generous donation

for a private individual to make to the Town."

The Board also discussed broader questions about e-bike regulations, a topic raised in previous meetings. Cayot noted that any future rules would likely involve ordinance changes but said the department will use e-bikes to educate riders in the meantime.

"Currently, people are

supposed to follow the same rules and regulations as regular bikes when using e-bikes," Cayot explained.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont added that the issue is being discussed in other communities and could come up during the legislative session.

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

Sustainability Committee Secures Donations for Holiday Lights Recycling Program

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Sustainability Advisory Committee met on Nov. 24 to finalize plans for its third Holiday Light Collection, a program that faced uncertainty after several local stores discontinued recycling boxes previously used in 2023 and 2024. With a limited budget, members turned to donations and sponsorships to cover the cost of shipping broken lights to a specialized recycling facility.

"What this committee has done is an outreach. Each one of our members looked at their network, and we sent letters looking for sponsorships for the program," said Committee Chair Karl Huber. "We've collected some, and each committee member is sending a thank you letter."

Holiday lights on strings are considered e-waste and can damage sorting machinery at standard recycling centers. Despite setbacks, the committee committed to mov-

ing forward and began public outreach.

"We do have a revised 11x17 poster that we need to approve, this way we can use it on the boxes," said Huber. "Right now, with the Boy Scouts, we're not sure what they're doing with the Christmas trees."

The poster includes dates and locations for four main collection boxes, and members agreed to coordinate with HCTV for publicity.

Scout Pack 20, which

participated last year by removing lights from old trees during its tree collection program, expressed interest in returning.

"I reached out," said Committee member Chris Thatcher, who recently contacted two new Scoutmasters for Pack 20. "They did reach out and said they are interested in collaborating again with us this year, very much. They don't have dates yet for their tree pick-up."

The committee also discussed covering costs for materials, shipping, and advertising.

"The hope is that if we get the donations, then we would not have to use

what's in the general fund, which is minimal for this committee," explained Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby.

Thatcher offered additional support.

"There are very limited places that can do this," said Thatcher. "My company is offering to handle the shipping for this event."

He asked how to donate company time and resources.

"Donating to a municipality is an option - we're a non-profit. Whatever works best for your accounting," said Jakoby. "Donations are acceptable in-kind donations. This is an in-kind donation, so we

would still want to recognize your company's donation in whatever manner works best for you."

Thatcher promised to update the committee on his approach.

"That way we can at least move forward with the program this year without any concerns," he said. "If we get any donations, that just helps in general."

The Holiday Lights Recycling Program began Thanksgiving weekend and will run through Friday, Jan. 9.

The Sustainability Advisory Committee will meet again on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Meeting Room.



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Selectmen Weigh Adding Domestic Partner Health Coverage

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen discussed a possible change to the Town's health insurance policy during its most recent meeting, following inquiries from employees about adding domestic partner coverage.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson explained that the option would need to be added to the Town's HealthTrust policies.

"Myself and Kathy Wilson have been contacted by

Lieutenant Corey Girard of the Fire Department, who has inquired about domestic partner coverage as applicable through our current townwide health insurance offerings," Sorenson wrote in a memo to the Board.

Domestic partner health insurance provides coverage to an unmarried partner similar to that of a spouse.

"To be eligible, couples generally need to satisfy certain requirements, such as cohabiting, sharing financial responsibilities, and

being in a dedicated relationship," Sorenson explained. "The criteria for eligibility, necessary documentation, and specific plan stipulations can differ depending on employer and state laws."

Sorenson noted that HealthTrust does offer Domestic Partner Coverage (DPC), but it is not currently included in the Town's rider.

"Our current provider, HealthTrust, does offer Domestic Partner Cover-

age; however, this coverage is not currently included in our rider," Sorenson said. "The Town does have the option to extend DPC to eligible employees, retirees, and COBRA beneficiaries - pending approval by the Board of Selectmen. Employees who request and are enrolled must sign an affidavit further describing the requirements that shall be met."

Eligibility would require proof of cohabitation for at least 12 months and

ongoing verification.

One question raised was about cost. Sorenson explained that expenses would vary, as an employee could move from a single plan to a couple or family plan, and changes could occur with life events or staff turnover.

When asked, Sorenson said there was no clear answer on how many other towns in New Hampshire offer the benefit.

"Some towns do this, some towns don't," he said.

Board Chair Dillon Du-

mont expressed concern about verifying eligibility and maintaining compliance. Selectman Heidi Jakoby suggested developing clear policies before moving forward.

"I think there needs to be more put into place before we act on it," Jakoby said, recommending the Board review the issue over the next year rather than rushing before the end of the current open enrollment period. Other Selectmen agreed.

Selectmen Approve Donation Honoring Fallen Air Force Captain

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a \$200 donation to the Manchester Veterans Council to honor a fallen hero from Hudson during its most recent meeting.

"The Town of Hudson has received a request for a \$200.00 donation in honor of Air Force Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf, who was killed in action Jan. 27, 2020, in

Ghazni Province, Afghanistan," a memo to the Board stated. "A granite marker commemorating his service will be placed at the Manchester Veterans Park, which is dedicated to our fallen heroes."

The memo also outlined Phaneuf's distinguished service and local roots.

"Air Force Capt. Ryan S. Phaneuf paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving during Operation Freedom's

Sentinel," it read. "Phaneuf was an 11B bomber pilot who flew the B-1B Lancer. He entered active duty in June 2012 after being commissioned through ROTC, and his decorations included the Air Force Commendation Medal. He was the son of Donald and Nancy Phaneuf of Hudson and was a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy in 2003 and Alvirne High School in 2007."

Phaneuf also completed two internships with BAE Systems, gaining insight into defense technology development.

"In 2012, he completed his studies and earned a Bachelor of Science in Applied Meteorology. Ryan commissioned into the United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant in May of 2012," the memo stated.

Funding for the donation will come from the

FY2026 Operating Budget, specifically contingency funds, which had a balance of \$62,600 as of Nov. 20.

Board Chair Dillon Dumont emphasized the importance of honoring Phaneuf.

"I think this is extremely important. I was happy to see this put on the agenda," Dumont said. "He's definitely a hometown hero and should be shown the respect and appreciation he deserves."

Vice Chair Bob Guessferd noted the monument is expected to be dedicated on Memorial Day 2026, and said he would represent Hudson at the event if possible.

The Board unanimously approved the donation for the granite paver commemorating Phaneuf's service at Manchester Veterans Park.

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

Hudson to Honor Veterans During Wreath Day Ceremony on Dec. 13

Hudson will pay tribute to its fallen heroes during the annual Wreath Day Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at the historic Hills House on Derry Road. Volunteers will start setting up at 10 a.m., with the formal ceremony scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

The event will open with a moment of silence, followed by the Color Guard presentation by members of

the Hudson Police Department and local Boy Scouts. Alan St. Louis will perform the National Anthem, and Past Chaplain Jack Madden of VFW Post 5791 will lead the opening prayer.

Speakers will include Charles Chapman, Commander of VFW Post 5791, and the VFW Department of NH Commander, who will offer remarks honoring those who served.

The ceremony will feature a ceremonial wreath laying, accompanied by the Color Guard presenting arms, and conclude with Taps, performed by Alison Cummings. Closing remarks and the retiring of the colors will wrap up the program by approximately 11:30 a.m.

Following the ceremony, the Hudson Historical Society will host pastries

and hot drinks inside the Hills House for participants and guests.

At noon, wreath-laying will begin at cemeteries across town. Location leaders will conduct briefings

between 11:45 a.m. and noon. A special tribute will take place at Hills Farms Cemetery, where a representative from the NH Black History Trail will place a wreath at the grave

of George Hazzard, a Civil War veteran who served in a "colored regiment." Hazzard lived on Derry Lane, just steps from the cemetery where he now rests.

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Alvirne Marching Band Rings in the Holiday Season



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Winter Fest

This capstone fundraiser for the Boston Children's Hospital will be held on Dec. 6, from 1 - 5 p.m., at the American Legion Post (37 Central St., Hudson). There will be Photo Ops for Holiday Cards, Temporary Tattoos, Hot Chocolate Bar, Community Art Project and Music Performances. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, children under 5 are free. For more information contact HUDSONWINTERFEST@GMAIL.COM. Can't make the event but want to donate? Go to secure.childrenshospital.org/goto/HudsonWinterFest.

Wreath Day Ceremony

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its fallen heroes during the annual Wreath Day Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at the historic Hills House on Derry Road. Volunteers will start setting up at 10 a.m., with the formal ceremony scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Following the ceremony, the Hudson Historical Society will host pastries and hot drinks inside the Hills House for participants and guests. At noon, wreath-laying will begin at cemeteries across town. Location leaders will conduct briefings between 11:45 a.m. and noon.

Open House at Hills House

Celebrate the season at the Hudson Historical Society's Holiday Open House at the beautifully decorated Hills House, 211 Derry Road.

Step back in time and enjoy Victorian holiday décor, festive photo opportunities, and community cheer. Event Dates: Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Gingerbread House Contest winners announced); Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Wreaths Across America Ceremony kicks off the day); Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon - 4 p.m. (Open House). All events are free and perfect for holiday photos. Don't miss this chance to experience the charm of Hills House during the holidays!

Friends of the Library

The Hudson Friends of Library will be meeting on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., in Rogers Memorial Library's community room to discuss upcoming

events and continue work on new fund-raising avenues. The work of FOL is vitally important to the community and library programs and events. Please register for the meeting on the RML website Event Calendar.

Pearl Harbor Day

American Legion Post 48 is holding its Pearl Harbor Day Service at the post located at 37 Central St., on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. This event will include a live firing by our Honor Guard. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 603-889-9777.

Karaoke and Dancing

American Legion Post 48 will be hosting DJ Mike on Friday, Dec. 19, from 6 - 10 p.m., in the Foxhole at 1 Fulton St., for Karaoke and Dancing. This event is open to members and bona fide guests 21+. For more information, please call 603-889-9777.

Wreaths Across America

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day

will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, in Hudson, Wreath Day activities begin at 11 a.m., at Hills House on Derry Road with a solemn ceremony. Following the ceremony, starting at noon, registered volunteers will begin placing wreaths on the graves of nearly 400 veterans' graves in Blodgett, Ford, Sunnyside, Old Center, Senter, Westview, and Hills Farms cemeteries and at the site of the Poor Farm burial ground.

Used Toy Donations

St. Thomas Used Toy Sale is looking for donations of new or gently used toys for its upcoming Dec. 6 sale. Toy sale is at St. Thomas Church in Derry, NH, from 9 a.m. - noon. Drop Off locations: 5 Isabella Dr., Londonderry, NH, Drop off on driveway or porch; St. Thomas Church Derry NH, Drop off anytime; St. Matthew Church, Windham, NH, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Hampstead Jewelers, Hampstead, NH, Drop off anytime; Edward Jones, Chester, NH, Drop off anytime. Proceeds go to charity. The toy sale benefits needy

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Victorian Tea

On Sunday Dec. 7, from 1 - 3 p.m., an "Afternoon Tea" will be served complete with cakes, and pastries at Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. Limited seating. Registration required by Nov. 22. Please email the Hudson Historical Society at HudsonHistorical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

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Santa Claus to Arrive by Helicopter at Aviation Museum on Saturday, Dec. 13

Kids, families welcome to meet Saint Nick in person during two-hour mid-day stopover

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's arriving by chopper.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, Saint Nick will land via helicopter at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry.

Touchdown is scheduled for 11 a.m. outside the Aviation Museum. All are welcome to attend and join in welcoming the jolly old elf.

Families wishing to welcome the arrival of Santa's helicopter should be at the museum no later than 10:45 a.m. to park and then make their way to the landing observation area.

After arriving, Santa

will enter the museum, where he'll visit with families and his fans.

Santa will be available until 1 p.m., when he'll depart by fire truck courtesy the Manchester Airport Fire Department, which will whisk him off to his next appearance.

Children who speak to Santa will be rewarded with goodie bags given out by Santa's helpers.

Santa's visit will take place rain or shine on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the weather prevents Santa's chopper from flying, he'll arrive by Manchester Airport fire truck instead.

The Aviation Museum will be open free to visitors on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following Santa's departure, regular

admission prices will be charged from 1 to 4 p.m.

Santa's visit takes place during this year's "Holiday Festival of Toy Planes and Model Aircraft" exhibit at the Aviation Museum.

The exhibit, which runs through Sunday, Jan. 4, includes more than 1,500 aviation-related toys, games, and other items that celebrate the enduring childhood fascination with flight.

Santa's appearance at the Aviation Museum is made possible by generous supporters including Manchester-Boston Regional Airport; CR Helicopters of Nashua; Common Man Roadside, Signature Aviation; and the Manchester Airport Fire Department.

The Aviation Museum of N.H., located at 27 Nav-



Pictured above is Santa Claus helicopter arrival last year.

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Around Town

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Christmas Storytime

Come and listen to "Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the Hudson Historical Society at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., on Friday, Dec. 12 & 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Kids will be gifted with a fun "Christmas box". Limited seating. Registration required by Dec. 6. Please email the Society at Hudson-Historical@live.com with your name and number of attendees. Free admission.

Gingerbread House Contest

Hudson Historical Society will hold a Gingerbread House contest. To participate bring a completed House on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., with a completed registration form at the Hills House, 211 Derry Rd. If you want to participate but not build a house then come on Dec. 6 from 10 4 p.m. to vote on houses with the winners and their prizes being announced at the end. .

Drop In Stitchers

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

group! This group will meet on Fridays at 9:15 a.m.

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 provided.

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.

Baby Lapsit and Playtime

On Thursdays come to the Rogers Library at 10 a.m., for interactive stories and songs for babies and their caregivers followed by playtime.

Explorers Storytime

On Fridays at 1:30 p.m., Rogers Library will have songs, stories, bubbles and a craft or activity for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednes-

days at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., (except the third week of the month) for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

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+.

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 make new friends.

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 3-5.

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.

Story Safari

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

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.

Wreaths Across America and Open House

On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 14 from noon - 4 p.m., Come see the beautiful Hills House, 211 Derry Rd., decorated in Victorian Christmas style! No registration required. Free admission

A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., 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 appointment email info@unitedway-nashua.org if you have any questions.

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., at 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)

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 fixed-mount or handheld water-saving showerheads, making your contribution to clean water even more rewarding.

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