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Finishing Touches

A road crew was putting some of the finishing touches to the bridge on Melendy Road, Tuesday morning as one lane was open to traffic this week. The road has been closed since mid-April while bridge was reconstructed.

Photo by Chris Paul

Planning Board Members to Join Town Hall Committee

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw slowed progress on the ongoing project to renovate Town Hall. According to Town Engineer Elvis Dhima, the Board of Selectmen encountered several roadblocks in attempting to

maintain key services during the renovation process without incurring additional costs.

“We started the process, but unfortunately, we’ve received some concerning red flags regarding how this whole thing is going to play out here,” reported Dhima. “They took a step back and

established the Town Hall Advisory Committee, also known as THAC.”

He asked the Planning Board to appoint a representative to THAC. The new committee was also set to have Selectmen and Budget Committee representatives, along with one resi-

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Police Chief Tad Dionne Set To Retire on Aug. 1

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the public comment portion of the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne announced that he would soon be retiring from the Police Department.

Dionne said, “I wanted to address this Board so I could address the community publicly and tell them that I have began my retirement paperwork.”

Dionne also announced that he would be retiring effective Aug. 1.

During the meeting Dionne said that the community had given him a “tremendous amount of

support,” during his 30 years with the Hudson Police Department, adding that he and his family love the community of Hudson.

“My family loves this place, I love this place, I love the people I work with. I’m privileged to serve the officers and the civilian staff, and I mean that,” he said.

Dionne also said that the community will also always be a major part of his heart and soul.

He added that the department has been working on a succession plan over the past six years.

Before the announcement by the chief, also during public comments, Mas-

ter Patrol Officer Ronald Cloutier, who represents the Hudson Police Employee Association, explained that he wanted to talk about the importance of succession planning. “I think it’s important to have leadership in place to take that next step,” he said. “When someone leaves the police department,” Cloutier said, “it’s important to have someone who can step up, noting that it’s important for morale to have someone who knows the ‘ins and outs of that department.’”

Cloutier said he would encourage the Board of Selectmen to have some type of formal succession

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Garage Plan on Fairway Drive Denied Equitable Waiver Request

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on June 26 to address a deferred equitable waiver request to complete a partially finished metal garage on Fairway Drive.

In the past, the garage received considerable opposition from neighbors due to its size and appearance. During the initial build-out, the unit was found to encroach upon side and front yard setbacks, leading to past opposition from the Zoning Board.

“The property is on a curve, so only a front triangle, if you will, a seven-by-nine triangle and two feet on the side are the encroachments we’re talking

about,” explained Gottesman and Hollis attorney Elizabeth Hartigan. She added that the applicant received a permit for the initial concrete foundation. “In 2024, the foundation and the rebar was put down for the base of the garage and at that time the town came out, inspected it.”

The inspection claim was partially disputed by Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan, who alleged that the foundation was “never inspected” beyond the rebar and a few elements of the base.

“The factors for an equitable waiver is: was it discovered too late? Was it an innocent mistake? The encroachment must not cause a nuisance, and there’s a

high cost of correction,” said Hartigan, who claimed the situation met all necessary criteria. “This was a miscalculation by a contractor, not ignorance of the law or a failure to comply in bad faith.”

According to applicant Bradford Baker, the contractor doing the concrete work failed to follow the design. He also claimed to be unaware of the two-tiered permitting process.

“I’m just begging for mercy to see if we can’t do something about this,” said Baker, who wanted to avoid the high costs associated with repouring the foundation.

“In my opinion it sounds like he did basically

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Waiver

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everything right, with two little mistakes," argued Board member Tim Lyko. "He didn't fully read the permit, and he trusted a contractor. But he got the initial permit, and he got the survey to tell him where to

put it right."

This analysis was far from universal, and several abutters attended the meeting to express their continued disagreement.

"It's basically a big Quonset hut," said resident Rita Banatwala. "But my issue is the setback. The setback needs to be honored.

The structure is 25 feet tall, so therefore eight feet, seven feet, it makes a difference when you're walking on the street."

She argued the encroachment should have been discovered earlier and that it was Baker's responsibility to understand the permitting process before

building anything. She also argued the building was "a huge nuisance."

"What was said about the height of the building is important, because you're really moving something that is 40-by-25-feet seven feet closer to the road, and that is significant," said abutter Richard Speer. "I

don't think the cost is significant in this situation, it's easily accommodated."

Another abutter, Lynn Ashworth, worried the unfinished garage was already impacting property values.

"I can find a realtor who will tell you it very much does affect property value as to what you are located next door to," she said. "I don't believe it's going to be all that beautiful once it gets done."

"The Board represents the town, and it is well within its right to enforce the zoning laws of the town," added resident Ed Thompson.

Board members extensively debated whether or not the waiver request would meet all legal requirements.

"What is the earliest that the applicant would have been able to discover this error?" asked Board member Tristan Dion.

As he had some preexisting knowledge on the topic, Selectman Dillion

Dumont answered by saying it could not have been discovered before having a certified plot plan.

"There's no way of doing a certified plot plan until it's physically in the ground. There's just not," said Dumont.

Members agreed that if the problem had been caught earlier, it would have been less expensive to fix.

"I don't think this was an innocent mistake," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "I think what I've heard in testimony from the attorney as well as the owner is that at some point there was some information with this long delay before there was a foundation poured."

Despite general agreement that it was "a hard case," the ZBA eventually agreed that Baker should have researched the permitting requirements and caught the mistake ahead of time, as they voted to deny the equitable waiver four-to-one.

Planning

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dent and a non-voting advisor from NorthPoint Construction.

"The idea is to get everyone's feedback, get some representation from everyone in the community, trying to understand what makes the most sense," said Dhima. "I think the idea from the Board of Selectmen is they want to make sure they get this right the first time. We don't want to do things two, three, or four times, and you as a Planning Board always talk about doing things right the first time. I think that's the

intent."

The goal of THAC would be to determine the size and scope of the Town Hall renovation project, getting back to town officials with a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen by November 1.

Selectmen Liaison Bob Guessferd conceded that the renovation was "difficult" and that the goal was to move forward with the renovation quickly without incurring excessive costs. Warrant Article 11, with an allocation of \$54,800 toward the Town Hall renovation, passed by a relatively narrow margin last March.

"We're looking for this board to select somebody

relatively soon," he said. "It's going to involve a significant amount of money no matter what we do. It's balancing providing services to the people in town that we can. We don't want to affect services while we grow. We don't want to do what we did in the past where we build something, and it's already too small. We want to do this right and at the same time, we already know how frugal this town is. If it's too much money, the citizens may not vote for it. We're trying to balance all of those aspects of this to try and come up with a solution that everybody can buy into."

The Planning Board

debated who to choose for the new committee with two volunteers.

"I'd say we vote on it, make it official. If we have two representatives, we're happy campers. Let's send them," said Board member James Crowley.

Dhima stated that the Planning Board could only appoint one full-time member to THAC, with the possibility of an alternate. After some discussion, the Board voted to designate Victor Oates as a voting member of the new committee and Jordan Ulery as alternate.

The first THAC meeting is set for Thursday, July 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen meeting room.

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Planning Board Scrutinizes Revised Derry Road Site Plan

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HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Planning Board met on July 9 to hear a revised conceptual design review presentation from Attorney Roy Tilsley of the Bernstein Shur Law Firm and Engineer Mike Malinowski of Allen and Major.

"The last time this was before the board, it voted to deny the plan without prejudice, allowing the applicants to come back," explained Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah. "Here they are."

According to Tilsley, the new plan was an "update" to the original proposal, which would have allowed multiple uses to the lot at 326 Derry Rd. The initial application was rejected after the Planning Board raised

objections to certain proposed uses on the site.

"What this application seeks is three different uses. One is the removal of loam, sand, and rock gravel, that's an allowed use. One is a contractor's yard and landscaping business, that is an allowed use. The other one is the sale of transport trailers and storage containers, that is an allowed use," explained Tilsley. "There has historically been a firewood processing use, but we're not seeking for approval of that right now, so whether that is or is not an allowed use, we don't need to debate. What we tried to do is to clean this up and come back to you only with allowed uses to get over that hurdle."

According to an earlier

staff report, the site was most recently sold in 2022, when it "rapidly filled with construction equipment, 53-foot trailers, vehicles, and shipping containers." It was previously home to a gravel pit and log storage.

The property is zoned for industrial use, with several ongoing questions about what is and is not allowed.

According to Board member Victor Oates, the site already had multiple uses and had been "in violation for quite some time," as the conditional use permit would "rearrange what's already there" while expanding operations with new uses. Although it was unclear how many "historical" uses were grandfathered into the property,

this debate raised several questions as to whether that counted as a "conceptual plan." Other problems arose after looking at the commercial aspects of the plan.

"How do you get away from the zoning requirement requiring all parking locations to be paved?" asked Board Chair Tom Malley. "If you're going to put a bunch of trailers on here, those are parking locations."

Malinowski stated that the plan called for the use of compacted gravel which qualified as "compacted surface that can support vehicles," and paved, designated parking should not be needed.

Malley responded by saying a stormwater management system would be

needed to account for runoff and leakage.

"What's always troubled me about this project from day one is that it's in an industrial zone," said Board member James Crowley, who noted that talking about the "sale and rental" of trailers indicated something more commercial, something that typically included marked parking spaces to determine exactly how many vehicles or trailers a site was intended to hold. "We don't know what we're going to approve, because you don't show us."

"It may make sense to come back with the contract to show what is reserved for future site plan review," said Tilsley. "We need to talk about it with our client."

They agreed to come

back with a more comprehensible plan. Looking past land-use, board members noted the applicant would likely need to return to the Planning Board at a later meeting.

"Looking through how the site's set up right now, you would require at least half-dozen landscaping waivers," said Oates. "I'm a big fan of bringing this site up and making it legal, but I also want it presentable."

He cited other concerns such as provisions, protecting nearby wetlands, road access to the site, signage, and lighting.

"Right now, when you drive by it, it does look like a junkyard," he said. "If it's going to be a business, let's make it look like a business."

Sustainability Advisory Committee Prepares to Write Charter

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee met on June 30 to hear a presentation from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, who was working with the Board of Selectmen to oversee the creation of a defined charter.

"I think the actual form of this, and setup of this, is important," said Sorenson. "This is a chance to rebrand and reinvent the committee itself: your mission."

These updates were not limited to the Sustainability Committee.

"We're doing this with all our committees. It's just to create a formal charter," said Sorenson. "That's the intent of this exercise, but this is your committee, and when you draft this, think

you're complete, and are in a good place, I ask that you come back before the Board of Selectmen where we'll review it and accept it."

He recommended that the current Sustainability Committee members keep the Board of Selectmen updated on any changes or new projects even after drafting and approving their charter.

"In regards to historical information, I have going way back to 2015 on my computer. I was involved since 2014, 2015, I can dig," said Chair Deb Putnam, who offered to use that information to help complete the new charter, which will include a background section. "I'll go into the archives."

The mission statement of the committee would

likely expand with the charter. However, the scope of the Sustainability Committee would probably remain the same due to its advisory role in Hudson.

"Do we talk about Hudson power somewhere in here?" asked committee member Karl Huber, who was involved in the aggregation program. "I am going to look at this and propose that the Sustainability Advisory Committee will act just like that. I am going to propose the Board of Selectmen take on the charge of following the rate changes that go on through Hudson Community Power and Eversource, and you use the tools to communicate that out to residents. We tried."

In the past, several residents claimed to have been

caught off guard by rate changes related to the Community Power Program, stating that town officials and the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) did not do enough to keep them informed about changing electricity rates.

"A whole bunch of things transpired that I think we didn't think ahead on," said Selectmen liaison Heidi Jakoby. "The Board of Selectmen are very aware

that it is up to the Board of Selectmen and the town to figure out ways of communicating things about CPCNH moving forward."

It was unclear when the first draft of their charter would be ready. The Town Administrator hoped to see a draft sometime in "the near future."

"I think it's too early to tell when it'll be right now to be honest," said Huber. "I think we need to come back

around again and look at how we would like the format to make sure nothing is missing, to make sure we expand on things we think are very important, plus, next steps."

He wanted direct input from the rest of the Board of Selectmen, seeing more input as a good thing, adding that the Selectmen could have new ideas.

"It's all moving in the right direction," said Huber.

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Editorial

Taste the Local Flavors

There has been considerable discussion recently about preserving the “rural lifestyles” of our communities as population density increases. One of the defining features of a rural community, particularly in the New Hampshire countryside, is the flourishing presence of local farm stands and farmers’ markets.

In recent years, farmers’ markets have emerged in the downtown areas of larger cities. Locations such as Portsmouth and Manchester provide a wonderful opportunity for residents seeking fresh, local fruits and vegetables, especially for those who may not have enough land to grow their own or who cannot easily travel to the countryside to purchase them directly.

Fortunately, our community is in close proximity to local sources of fresh produce; in many cases, we are the source. Just look for a nearby farmers’ market. Their agricultural offerings are available for both residents and tourists daily, often right at the farm where the food is grown, frequently with a U-pick option as well.

There’s something particularly satisfying about residents getting together for a couple of hours a week to shop outdoors. It’s not certain what you will find. Whether it be flowers, fresh breads, fruits, vegetables, homemade soaps, organic dog biscuits, maple syrup, live music and entertainment, or crafts for the kids, it has something new every week.

These local markets bring together local products and community members, transforming shopping into an occasion to connect with friends, share recipes, learn about unique fruits and vegetables, and promote healthier eating habits.

If you value supporting your neighbors and keeping your dollars within the community, then farms, farm stands, and farmers’ markets are an excellent way to support small businesses and strengthen the local economy, effectively cutting out the middleman.

Farm stands and farmers’ markets go back to the market days of past centuries, when area residents would come to town to do their weekly shopping and visit with their neighbors.

Living where we do, we don’t have to reinvent the wheel to find community and good eating close to home.

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Benson Park Committee to Build New Enclosure to Protect Historic Statues

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Benson Park Advisory Committee met on June 19 to hear public suggestions on how to protect the park’s newly acquired lion statues.

“The statues are made of concrete. They were originally here at Benson’s Wild Animal Farm, and when that closed, they ended up in the possession of a local family who put them in their front yard for years,” said Committee Chair Jack Madden. “It’s time to return the statues to Benson Park from which they came. The family is donating the statues back. Because of their condition, they do need to be protected from the elements. There’s a lot of cracking.”

The statues are currently undergoing restoration. Currently, the old gorilla cage is serving as a temporary enclosure for the statues. After some debate, the cage was deemed unfeasible for long-term storage, creating the need for a long-term display cage. A resident named Michael was at the meeting to offer the committee some suggestions.

“I have a lot of thoughts in my head that I wanted to bring forth to all of you,” said Michael. “I noticed you

want the statues to be raised and protected from the elements. I figured a, perhaps, wood cage with roofing on the top would prevent any sort of rain or other things from falling down. I understand viewing is a part of it, so I had a few ideas, glass panes or wood bars.”

He expressed flexibility on how a container would look, asking the Advisory Committee what they wanted out of the project. Committee member Sue Clement indicated that Hudson’s Department of Public Works (DPW) also had a few suggestions.

“I think DPW made a recommendation similar to yours, Michael, that we would need a cage with a cover over it to keep it so the kids wouldn’t come in,” she said, adding that protecting the lions from unnecessary handling was a top concern. “We may want a concrete slab with a cage around it.”

Financial concerns related to the ongoing restoration effort and the procurement of materials for a new enclosure made it difficult to finalize some of the details, although committee members indicated that they wanted the containment structure to be placed on a concrete slab.

“We’ll come to some ‘melding of the minds,’ but we’ll probably start with a concrete slab and go from there. We are going to have some signs there telling everyone the history of the statues and the family that held onto them,” said Madden, who thanked Michael for his involvement with the park. “At any time, feel free to reach out to Sue or myself, and we can discuss what we want to do.”

He and Clement informed Michael and anyone else interested in helping with the statue enclosure to contact Public Works Director Jay Twardosky.

“Once you talk to the DPW, and you get all the information, I think visually seeing the statues would help you get everything right. I think it would be helpful for the committee to see drawings, any sort of visual renderings. If you give us a couple of options, I think that would be very helpful,” suggested committee member Sarah Petkiewicz.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the HCTV Conference Room.

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Juice Brings Unique Style of Art to Rodgers Library



Bryant Morgan, stands before two of his creations on display at the Rodgers Memorial Library this month. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Bryant Morgan, of Nashua, is the Artist of the Month at the Rodgers Memorial Library for the month of July.

His unique textile rug art is on display in the conference room at the library, bringing vibrant colors on the pale walls.

Morgan, known as Juice to most, was born and raised in Nashua, where he currently resides. With over 15-years in the creative space as a clothing brand owner and a creative director for music artists and brands, he

is now passionately pursuing his dream as an aspiring textile rug artist by night.

His journey began with pure curiosity when he discovered a YouTube video that captivated him.

Intrigued by the intricate process of rug-making, he learned that many pieces require 20 to 50 hours of dedication. For a year, he immersed himself in the rug hobby, consuming knowledge through videos and articles. In January 2024, he took a bold step by purchasing the necessary tools to embark on

this new adventure.

Starting with local craft fairs, he is set to showcase his art in his first expo in 2025, presenting approximately 12 pieces. He is also thrilled about collaborating with Ali Sabet, an inspiring Indian-American painter and artist.

With a steadfast commitment to honing his craft, Bryant looks forward to creating more pieces that inspire and elevate the art community. He invites others to explore his work on Facebook and TikTok.



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BOS Approve More Donations For Industrial Drive Project

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HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, an agenda item was in regards to a public hearing in order to accept a donation for the 9 Industrial Drive recreation area project. During a previous meeting the Board of Selectmen discussed potential projects for the site “such as pickle ball court, basketball court, tennis courts and community garden.” It was explained previously how Town staff identified the need for six pickle ball

courts, two tennis courts, and a basketball court, along with a potential community garden.

“The Board of Selectmen recently authorized staff to coordinate and solicit donations in support of the recreational project at 9 Industrial Drive,” a memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. “We are pleased to report that another local business has generously stepped forward to support this community effort. Shellback Harbor and Imperial Gymnastics have committed a monetary don-

ation in the amount of \$10,000 toward the first phase of the project.”

It was explained as part of the memo that they were required to have a public hearing due to the amount of the donation.

“In accordance with RSA 31:95-b and Article 36 of the March 12, 1994 Town Meeting, the Hudson Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting to consider the acceptance of these contributions,” the memo to the Board of Selectmen stated. “Public

notice regarding the proposed acceptance of donations was duly posted in the Telegraph and Cabinets Press at least 10 days prior to this meeting. Upon formal acceptance, staff will proceed with collecting the donations.”

Hudson Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, explained during the meeting that they have “received numerous donations to date,” noting that they had received approximately \$165,000 up to that point. In terms of the work, Sorenson said that they hope to begin

soon.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont thanked Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan during the meeting for helping to secure the donation. “I know the Town Engineer has been working on this, but I believe Mr. Sullivan is the one that got this donation for us, so I just wanted to thank him,” Dumont said. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the donations during the meeting.

During the non-public session, the Board of Sel-

ectmen voted on two separate personnel items, according to the draft minutes from the meeting. One of those personnel items was to approve appointing Sandra Kirkland to the position of Water Utility Clerk with effective date and terms of salary to be negotiated by the Town Administrator.

Another personnel item was to approve the hiring of Matthew Guerrero as a Production Coordinator, with a starting salary of \$26 per hour, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen Approve Accepting Highway Grant Funds

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a proposal for the police department’s HVAC system.

“The Police Department would like to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectman meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 regarding an issue concerning our building,” Hudson Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

He explained during the meeting that they found out they had an issue with it during a recent routine maintenance check on the system.

“During a routine maintenance inspection of our HVAC system, it was discovered that one of the components of our chiller is failing and needs immediate repair as to not strain other components of the system,” Dionne wrote in a memo.

Dionne explained that they were looking for permission to spend up to \$28,785.00 from the Town Buildings Major Repair Capital Reserve Account if needed.

“This is an unexpected major repair cost to our facility,” he wrote. “Therefore, we are requesting permission from the BOS to expend up to \$28,785.00 from the Town Buildings Major Repair Capital Re-

serve Account for these unanticipated repairs.”

Dionne explained during the meeting that it helps them keep their building cool and heat the building.

“It’s a vital piece of the HVAC,” he said.

Dionne also noted during the meeting that if the component failed, then it would be working at 50% capacity.

It was pointed out by Dionne that they were looking to go with a sole source vendor due to the nature of the work.

The Board of Selectmen approved the proposal during the meeting and also waived the competitive bidding process.

Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen had a proposal regarding the Office of Highway

Safety FY26 Motor Vehicle Enforcement Grant.

“The limitation for this agreement is \$8,500.00 and is scheduled for Oct. 1, through Sept. 30, 2026 to cover the cost of overtime,” Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Dionne explained dur-

ing the meeting that they were looking for permission to accept the grant funds.

It was explained by Dionne that it is a matching grant and that they usually can match it through “soft costs” from the administration of it which means the Town wouldn’t have to

spend any funds on it.

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to authorize the Hudson Police Department approval to accept the Office Highway Safety FY26 Motor Vehicle Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$8,500.

Police Chief

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planning in the future, and said it’s something they are trying to foster within the police department. Cloutier also noted that he had a document from all the members of the Association except one person who was on vacation supporting the importance of succession planning. “It just makes it a better environment to move forward,” he said.

Dionne during the meeting said he wanted to state publicly that they are in “great shape with succession, and I think the person is in the room.”

Dionne announced publicly that he thinks Hudson Police Capt. Dave Cayot should take over.

“I wholeheartedly recommended Dave Cayot, and I wanted to mention to the community that I believe we’re in a very good place,” Dionne said.

Dionne said that they have spent the better part of six years preparing for his retirement and that he thinks that Cayot is the right person to succeed him. “He comes with a great resume,” Dionne said.

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd thanked Dionne for his time with the Hudson Police Department. “Thank you for your service,” he said.

The next Selectmen meeting is set for July 22.

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Hudson Once Again Accepting Applications for Town Planner

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The search for a new Hudson Town Planner is underway again following the decision of the latest candidate, John Stoll, informed town officials that he wouldn't be able to come to Hudson after all.

After a long search previous to this, Stoll was set to start his job in Hudson on June 30.

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson said in a recent memo, "It is unfortunate that our selected candidate withdrew due to reasons

that prevented him from relocating from Colorado."

Following that notification, Selectmen voted to start the search process again.

Below is the notice that was recently posted on the town website.

Hudson is seeking a service orientated professional with a thorough knowledge of the operations and functions of a municipal planning department. Working under the general direction of the Town Administrator, the Town Planner will be responsible

for planning, organizing, and directing the Town's planning function in support of the Town's business requirements.

Duties include managing the Planning and Economic Development functions for the Town and supervising the Assistant Planner and Planning Administrative Aide II, moreover reviewing subdivision and site plan proposals and preparing reports and recommendations for the Planning Board.

The Town Planner will work horizontally with the

Town Engineer and Zoning Administrator for all Land Use matters including managing the Town's Master Plan and providing support for the Capital Improvements Program.

Strong candidates will be considered based on their experience.

The referred candidate will:

- Possess Bachelor's Degree in Planning or related field. A Masters Degree is preferred.

- Five years or more of a progressively responsible Planning background as

well as two or more years supervisory experience.

- In-depth understanding of municipal and State laws, rules, and regulations related to Town Planning.

- American Planning Association member and American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification preferred.

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Come join our team. You will have an opportunity to shape the growth and future of Hudson in a collaborative and supportive municipal work environment. This is a dynamic role with both policy development and hands-on project management. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter, in confidence, as a PDF attachment to hudson-careers@hudsonnh.gov.

Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Hudson is an equal opportunity employer.

Longtime Volunteer Moves, Steps Down From Zoning

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a resignation of a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. "I am writing to inform the Board of Selectmen that I am resigning my (current) position on the ZBA," Normand Martin wrote in his letter of resignation. "I have moved out of town to Milford, NH. I will miss all of you greatly."

Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd explained that they've all interacted with him in various different capacities, and that he served in various roles on the board and com-

mittees, and even at one point served as a Selectman in Hudson.

"It's very difficult trying to find people to serve," Guessferd noted, saying that they constantly are looking for people to step up on different boards and committees in town. Guessferd noted that Martin constantly served the community of Hudson. He also noted that no matter the interactions they've had with him, he wanted to publicly thank him for his service to the Town for many years.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby said that she was sad to see that he was leaving Town. "He helped out in so many ways," Jakoby said during

the meeting.

In other news the Board of Selectmen spoke to Jan Horvath, who was looking to become a member of the Benson Park Advisory Committee.

Benson Park Advisory Committee Chair John Madden said that he was in support of the appointment to the committee, saying he helped with their clean up day and attended a meeting. "I'm definitely in support," he said.

As typically is the case with those who are looking to become members of a particular committee for the first time, the Board of Selectmen will vote on the appointment during its next meeting.

During the regular portion of the Selectmen meeting, an agenda item was in regards to a grant for the Emergency Management Performance Grant.

"The Police Department would like to meet at the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 to request approval to apply for the Emergency Management Performance Grant," Hudson Police Chief Tad

Dionne wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen." This program provides reimbursement for purchasing backup power solutions (for primary EOC's). The focus of this grant is to purchase a generator as ours is coming to the end of its life cycle. There is a 50% match (hard match or soft match) for this grant."

It was explained during the meeting that it would be a maximum grant of up to

\$150,000 meaning that the Town's portion would be \$75,000 if they received the full amount.

It was noted that they would look to use the capital reserve funds for generators to pay for their portion of the grant if it's approved.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved moving forward with the grant.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is set for July 22 at 7 p.m.

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Friends of Benson Park Receives Huge Donation from Nash Casino

**BILL ZINK
SUBMISSION**

The Friends of Benson Park (FOBP) is pleased to announce receipt of \$161,765.52 from the Nash Casino in Nashua and extend their sincere THANKS to the Nash Casino team for giving them this opportunity.

The Friends of Benson Park was one of the non-profit organizations selected by the Nash Casino to receive a portion of its proceeds for the period April 29 – May 5. Natalie Newell, the FOBP fundraising coordinator says, “We are very appreciative and excited about this contribu-

tion. It will help us further our efforts to preserve the park and get closer to our goal of opening the Benson Museum and Discovery Center!”

The Benson Museum and Discovery Center will be located in the Elephant Barn at Benson Park. It will house memorabilia collected over the 60 years that “Benson’s Wild Animal Farm” was a destination for families from all over New England. The items on display will certainly bring back a lot of fond memories for a lot of people. The “Discovery Center” part of the project will feature a children’s interactive play

area with a tree house, stationary train, and other fun and interesting attractions for the kids.

For more information about the Friends of Benson Park, check out their website friendsofbensonpark.org or facebook.com/friendsofbensonpark.

Recently, Nash Casino General Manager Eric Althaus and Marketing Director Christine Latino presented a check in the amount of \$161,765.52 to the Friends of Benson Park.

“To give out money like this to charities, there’s really no better feeling”, said Althaus. “It really does feel great.”



Pictured, from left, Nash Casino Marketing Director Christine Latino, FOBP Board Trustee Peter Schnabel, FOBP Board Treasurer Karen McLavey, FOBP Board Vice Chair Natalie Newell, and Nash Casino General Manager Eric Althaus. *Courtesy photo*

Cemetery Trustees Update Town’s Rules and Regulations

**SUBMISSION
CHRISTINA MADDEN
CEMETERY TRUSTEES, CHAIR**

The Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees have been busy updating Rules for Town Cemeteries and scheduling a class on how to properly clean head-

stones in Town Cemeteries. The updated, rules approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on June 24, 2025 are as follows: Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Town of Hudson, NH

Prohibited Conduct at any of the following sites:

- Senter Burial Ground
- Old Hudson Burial Yard (Hudson Center Cemetery)
- Hudson Poor Farm Cemetery
- Blodgett Cemetery

- Sunnyside Cemetery
 - Ford Cemetery
1. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any cemetery during the hours of sunset to sunrise.
 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any cemetery with any type of motorized vehicle, with the exception of Sunnyside Cemetery where vehicles are allowed on the paved roads. Maintenance vehicles exempt.
 3. No games, parties, or drinking of alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

4. Pursuant to 2024 NH Revised Statutes, Title XXVI - Cemeteries; Burials; Dead Bodies, Chapter 289 - Cemeteries Section 289:22 - Stone Rubbings, no person shall make gravestone rubbings in any municipal cemetery or burial ground without first obtaining the permission of a Cemetery Trustee at any of the cemeteries. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

5. No person shall clean

any gravestone in any cemetery without first obtaining the permission of the Cemetery Trustees.

6. Any person walking their dog shall clean up after their dog, and all dogs shall be leashed and in the control of the owner at all times.

For further updates on Town Cemetery matters, see our Facebook page: Hudson, NH Cemetery Trustees. You can also send questions through the FB page messages.

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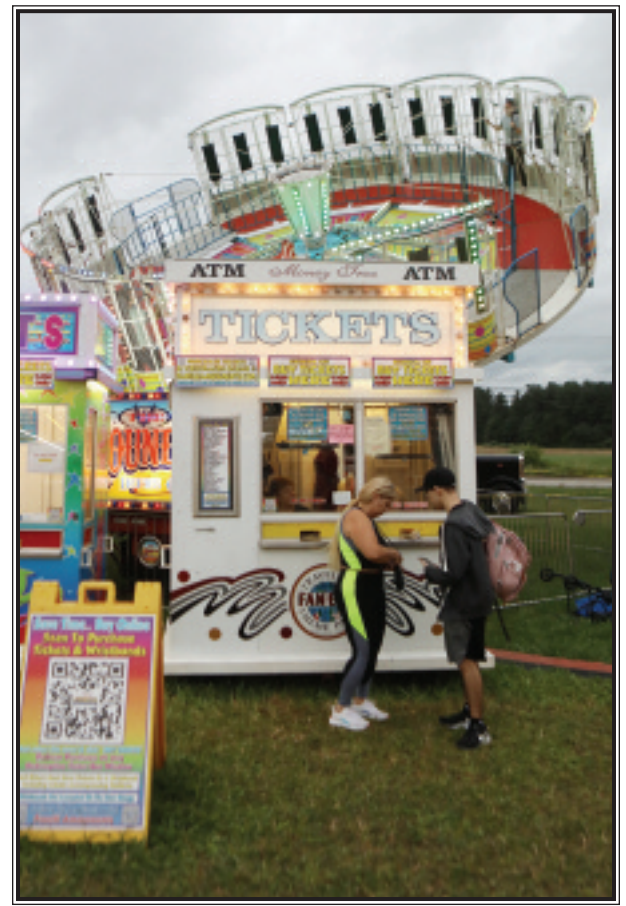
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Hudson Old Home Days Set to Begin on Start Aug. 7



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The annual Hudson Old Home Days tradition is set for another year of bring the community together starting on Thursday, Aug. 7 and continuing through Sunday, Aug. 10. The event is once again being held on the grounds of the historic Hills House, on Route 102, across from Alvirne High School.

The event is organized by the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce and brings "Fun for the Whole Family!"

As always, there will be Carnival Rides, Live Free Entertainment, Free Kid Games, a Free Petting Zoo, Vendors, Food Trucks and a Beer Tent.

Festivities begin Thursday, Aug. 7 starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m.

On Friday the event runs from 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from Noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday features a Craft Fair from Noon to 5 p.m.

The yearly fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday evening, Aug. 9 after 9 p.m., weather permitting.

Local companies, vendors and Hudson civics organizations will have booths set up on the fairgrounds.

Organizers advise when attending the event that Thursday and Sunday are "Wrist Band Days" where attendees can ride all day. Prices for rides are determined by the carnival company.

There will be an ATM

on the grounds however, it is always best to come prepared as most vendors only accept cash.

No pets are allowed. (Service Animals only)

Donations for parking will be greatly appreciated, proceeds to benefit scholarship and community programs.

This is a rain or shine event and some activities may be changed due to weather.

Questions can be emailed to HUDSONOLDHOMEDAYS@gmail.com.

Additional information will be available on the Hudson NH Old Home Days Facebook page or at www.HudsonOldHomeDays.com.

Organizations wishing to be a sponsor, vendor or volunteer can do so by visiting the website or emailing them for more information.

The last day to sign up for a General Vendor Spot is Friday, July 25 at 5 p.m.

Visit: <https://HUDSONOLDHOMEDAYS.com/ols/categories/general-vendor-non-food>

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British Cars of New Hampshire to Hold Show of Dreams



Courtesy photos

The 28th Annual Show of Dreams is scheduled to take place at the Alvirne Hills House Field, on Route 102, 211 Derry Road, Saturday, July 26.

The annual show is a benefit fundraiser by the British Cars of New Hampshire (BCNH) with all proceeds being donated to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

This year's show will include 25 classes of British, American & International antique and classic cars with trophies presented in each class.

The field will also include car related vendors,

local craft vendors, DJ Entertainment, The BCNH Mega Raffle & Silent Auction Tables, BCNH Regalia, Demonstrations, The BCNH Car Parts Table, Great Food & fun for the whole family.

Spectators attending will be admitted free, but a donation at the entrance of the show would be greatly appreciated.

The event will take place starting at 10 a.m. and is expected to end by 3 p.m.

British Cars of New Hampshire was established in 1991 by Mike Sweet of Barnstead, NH. Mike had been a member of the New

Hampshire Chapter of British Motor Cars of New England, which was headquartered in Fall River, Massachusetts. Most of the club's events and activities were held in areas south of Boston, making it difficult for the New Hampshire Chapter to participate. There were no activities held in New Hampshire or the Southern Maine area. In 1990, Mike and six couples met in a restaurant in Concord, New Hampshire and decided to establish a new club that would better suit the needs of New Hampshire's British Car enthusiasts.

Since this humble beginning, BCNH has had a steady growth in membership and now has about 250 members. In June of 1997, BCNH sponsored its first annual British Car Show at the High Hopes Festival in Milford, NH. This show attracted over 100 British Car registrants from the New England area. Proceeds from the BCNH show are donated to two New Hampshire Charities.

BCNH has held their British Car Show, now known as the Show of Dreams, every year since 1996. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Show of Dreams was cancelled.

The group is looking forward to the welcoming everyone to the Show of Dreams scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the Alvirne Hills House Field.

Monthly meetings, as well as rallies, tech ses-

sions, club socials and Car Shows are some of the many activities that are part of the benefits of being a BCNH member.

The Club publishes a monthly newsletter, The Boot, Hood & Bonnet. News of upcoming events, club activities, a monthly calendar, Car Show Results, technical tips and articles written by members are all included in the newsletter.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Pelham, Aug. 9

The Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pelham Highway Department, 33 Newcomb Field Parkway.

Residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham are welcome to attend.

There is a \$20 fee per vehicle that covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Fees may be paid by cash or check and carpooling with neighbors is

encouraged.

Common household products that are corrosive, flammable, or toxic are accepted at this event, including oil-based paints and stains, solvents, thinners, pool chemicals, pesticides fertilizers, drain openers, fuels, household cleaners, adhesives, sealers, aerosols, mercury-containing devices, and auto chemicals.

Businesses that would like to participate should call to register and pay at least two weeks before the event.

The HHW collection does not take latex or

acrylic paint, electronics, or medications. Latex or acrylic paint should be dried out and disposed of at your local landfill or transfer station.

Electronics should be recycled through your municipality, a store, or an electronic waste collection event. Unwanted medications should be returned to a drug take-back program.

For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program or for a complete list of accepted items call 603-417-6570 or visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw.




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School Board Approves Updated School Meal Charging Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the July 14 Hudson School Board meeting, the School Board had a second policy reading for a proposed updated School Meal Charging Policy.

Under the purpose of the policy it states that "The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account management in Hudson School District cafeterias per United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations."

"Charging meals is not encouraged and doing so places a financial strain on the self-funded Food Ser-

vice Department and the District. The goals of this policy are:

- To establish a consistent district policy regarding charges and the collection of charges.

- To encourage parents/guardians to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to

- promote self-responsibility of the students."

Under scope of responsibility it states:

- Parent/Guardian: Responsible for providing breakfast, snack, and lunch, either by sending these meals in with the student or providing funds for the stu-

dent to purchase such meals. Parents/guardians are encouraged to pay in advance. Parents/guardians in financial need are encouraged to apply for free or reduced meal benefits either online at Linqconnect.com or by sending application in with their student.

- Food Service Department: Responsible for providing meals and maintaining computerized records. Parents/guardians will be notified by email of any outstanding debt.

- School District: Responsible for supporting the Food Service Depart-

ment in the collection of funds.

- Finance Office: Will receive a monthly report on excessive debts.

Under reduced lunch and full paying students it states as part of the amended policy that a "student with reduced or full-pay lunch status will be allowed to charge a USDA reimbursable lunch."

"Parents/guardians are responsible for any debt their child accrues. Notification will be emailed home weekly," the policy states. "If the student has cash in hand, he/she may purchase the regular meal. A la carte

items are not part of the USDA National School Lunch Program and must be paid for with cash in hand or with existing funds in a student's account. Charging of a la carte items is not allowed."

One of the key points of debate during the first reading was in regards to what the consequences should be for any students who had outstanding balances at the end of the year.

The updated policy states that "Debts not paid prior to the end of the school year will be referred to the finance department for appropriate action."

Under refunds the updated policy states that "Remaining funds in a student's account at the end of the year will roll over into the new school year or be transferred to a sibling."

"Parents/guardians may also choose to donate the unused funds to accounts in need. Refunds may be requested in writing to:

Hudson School Food Service

20 Library Street, Hudson, NH 03051 within 60 days of withdrawal or graduation."

The School Board unanimously approved the updated policy.

School District Meal Pricing Discussed at Latest Meeting

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board discussed raising meal prices for students and adult meals during its most recent School Board meeting.

Hudson Business Administrator Jenny Graves explained that they did a preliminary review of the lunch program finances for FY 25, which led to the potential proposals.

"There was no increase for breakfast pricing for students but there was lunch pricing increasing of 10 cents," Graves said, explaining it was implemented for the 24-25 school year.

For the same year, breakfast pricing wasn't raised.

Graves explained that any price changes need to be made during the summer. "Price changes must be

made in the summer to comply with the National School Lunch Program (USDA) application deadline, and to allow for adequate notice to families," Graves wrote in her presentation.

Graves explained they looked at how their current pricing compares to other districts.

She noted that breakfast pricing is currently on the higher end compared to other districts.

For lunch at the high school Graves said "we are middle of the pack," and on the lower end for the middle school pricing.

Graves also noted that they have a number of "budget pressures" for their FY26 Food Service Budget.

"The food service program has had a positive fund balance available since it was infused with COVID-19 fed-

eral funding," Graves said. "Those funds will be depleted with the close of FY25."

She explained that the "food service program has been operating in an annual deficit (i.e., more expenses than revenue)."

"The food service fund balance was supplementing the deficit," she wrote.

Graves also explained that the annual Federal Supply Chain Assistance of \$65k-\$95k is discontinuing for FY26.

One of the recommendations made by Graves was to increase the cost of adult meals by \$0.25 for the upcoming school year.

This would mean an adult breakfast would cost \$2.50, and lunch would be \$4.50.

"The anticipated additional revenue that will be generated is approximately \$2,000 annually," Graves

wrote.

Graves said that they could look at increasing the meal pricing for students in a couple of different ways.

One of those options would be to increase the breakfast pricing at the middle school by 10 or 15 cents, and for lunches they could look at a 10 cent increase, or a 15 cent increase across the board for all student lunches.

If they were to increase lunch prices for students across the board by 15 cents it would be an increase in revenue by \$32,634, and would be an annual increase of \$27.75 for families if they ate lunch every day per

child.

For a 10 cent increase it would be an increase in revenue of \$21,756 and would be an increase of \$18.50 per child if they ate lunch everyday.

School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell explained that going into the meeting he was likely to vote no on the increases, and said once he found out it was optional, it "solidified" his vote.

His reasoning is that he doesn't think they should add any more pressure on families.

"I don't think we need to add this," Campbell said.

School Board member Ethan Beals said his concern is that by doing nothing they will likely have a larger future jump they will be forced to do in the future.

He proposed an increase of 5 cents across the board which the School Board didn't agree with.

No decision was made during the meeting, with board members noting that if members of the public have an opinion on it one way or the other they could reach out to the School Board.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Hunchback of Notre Dame Musical Set to Start July 24

From the company that brought you Newsies and Legally Blonde, get ready for Ovation Theatre Company's latest summer blockbuster, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, at the Derry Opera House.

Based on the Victor Hugo novel and featuring songs from the Disney animated film, The Hunchback of Notre Dame showcases the film's Academy Award-nominated score.

Director Meg Gore is excited to bring this beautiful show to the stage.

"Fans of the Disney movie may recognize their favorite songs woven throughout this powerful story," Gore said. "But this version of the story has more depth and maturity, which makes it appeal to people of all ages."

Eric Berthiaume transforms on stage into Quasimodo.

"This is a role I've per-



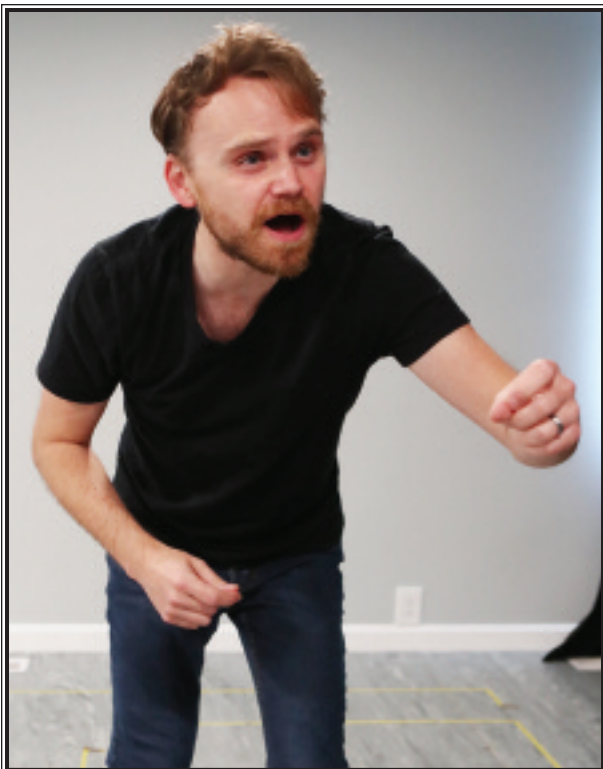
Esmeralda is played by Debrah Hernandez

sonally wanted to play for such a long time," Berthiaume said, "because the score is gorgeous."

Berthiaume appreciates

that the role of Quasimodo can teach us a lot about humanity, acceptance, inner strength and love.

Berthiaume hopes that



Eric Berthiaume plays Quasimodo

audience members of all ages will be inspired.

"You can walk away from this show and find even the smallest thing that you can do differently in your life to make the world a better place."

Will Caswell plays the antagonist, Frollo. Caswell contrasts this portrayal from the Frollo of the Disney movie.

"He is a little more human," Caswell said. "It makes it more intense."

Kevin Lundy, who plays the soldier, Captain Phoebus, agreed with Caswell about the layered nature of this version of the story.

"It's a story about the duality of man," Lundy said. "What makes a monster and what makes a man?"

In a show in which dance is not traditionally a focal point, choreographer Katy Gore developed a vision for incorporating

dance creatively.

"It was exciting to weave dance throughout this show in ways that are unexpected and help to further elevate the storytelling and illuminate themes present within the show," Gore said.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame features spectacular staging and lighting and powerful singing, including a full choir, with a cast of predominantly adult actors drawn from all over New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

This production is led by veteran creative team Director Meg Gore, Music Director Sarah Herron, Dance and Fight Choreographer Katy Gore and Stage Manager Tim Gore, along with Assistant Stage Managers Olivia DeWinkleer, Ava Leahy and Allison Zenga.

The cast includes Fred Brown, Jennifer Brown, Becca Crivello, Dan Gore,

Katy Gore, Joseph Smith and Randy Williams of Londonderry; Adrianna Bridge and Jenna Sullivan of Derry; Ella Burroughs and Jonathan Uber of Hampstead; Debrah Hernandez of Chester; Erin Fehlau, Ryan Kaplan and Finn Roach of Windham; Theron Zajchowski of Pelham; Lucas Ross of Plaistow; Sarah Herron and Samantha Weis of Hudson; Heather Bridges, Joanne Magnifico and Max Yakubovich of Hooksett; Eric Berthiaume, Samson Carter, Robin Howell and Kevin Lundy of Merrimack; Jake Doble, Eneshia Oliver and Nate Sawyer of Manchester; William Caswell and Meg Roscoe of Nashua; Camille Bishop of Bedford; Nick Thissell of Bow; Nick Ford of Penacook; Dana Gastich French of Exeter; Meg Beggs of Wilmet; Brett Branscombe of Newmarket; and Jillian Mastroberte of Rochester. Ethan White; Katie Herron; Tomiko Nicholson; Jonathan Wisco; Kat Plano; and Izzi Shaffer are all from Massachusetts.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame will be presented on Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, July 26 at 1:00 and 7:00 pm, at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry, NH). Tickets for adults are \$25 through July 17 and \$30 beginning July 18; for students/seniors, tickets are \$20 through July 17 and \$25 beginning July 18. Tickets are on sale at ovationtc.com. This musical is rated PG by Music Theatre International for dark themes and some suggestive language & lyrics.

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Teen Pancake Party

At Rodgers Library on Friday, Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m., wrap up summer reading by eating pancakes and discussing your favorite books and library programs.

Coco Interactive Movie

On Friday, Aug. 1 at 2:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library for a Coco Interactive Movie experience. Props will be used, and Singing and dancing is encouraged.

Genealogy Club

On Friday, Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m., This Rodgers Library club will discuss New Frontiers in Genealogy. Lisa Alzo will demonstrate how emerging technologies will shape a new frontier in family history including how we research

our ancestors and share their stories.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5th starting at 4:30pm The Rodgers Memorial Library is once again hosting National Night Out in partnership with the Hudson Police Department.

Rodgers Readers

This Book Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Library. This month's book is "Tress of the Emerald Sea" by Brandon Sanderson.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This group will meet on Monday, Aug. 11 at 12:30 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book is "Every Time I Go On Vacation,

Someone Dies" by Catherine Mack.

Wildlife Encounters

Come to the Rodgers Library on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m., to learn about seven live animals. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this outdoor event.

Access Wisdom Book Group

The Rodgers Library group will meet on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "How We Live Is How We Die" by Pema Chodron.

Afternoon Book Group

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m. This month book to discuss is

"Leadership in Turbulent Times" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Coffee History and Tasting

On Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m., come to Rodgers Library to learn about coffee's origins, its impact on cultures around the world, and the art of roasting. Indulge in a guided tasting of various coffee blends to discover your perfect cup. This event is hosted by Mill City Roasting Company.

Crime & Cookies

This Rodgers Library group will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. This month's podcast will be "Karen Read and the Death of John O'Keefe."

Coffee Paint Night

On Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library to make a painting using coffee.

Cookbook Club

On Monday, Aug. 25 at 11:30 a.m., prepare a recipe from this month's topic, then engage with others at

Rodgers Library. This month's cookbook is "Good Lookin' Cookin'."

Wings of Fire Fan Club

On Friday, July 18 at 2 p.m., Fans of the chapter books and graphic novels are welcome to this meeting at Rodgers Library. Please read at least one book before attending.

Dungeons & Donuts

Looking for fellow Dungeons & Dragons players? Come play and grab a donut at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Anti-Profanity Leagues

Come to the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m., and join Evan Christensen, a student researcher from the University of NH, for a lively exploration of how Americans once tried to clean up "colorful" language.

Tween Anime Club

On Tuesday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m., Grades 5-8th are invited to come visit the Rodgers library to watch

anime, eat pizza, and color.

Mr. Aaron's Musical Adventure

Come to Rodgers Library on Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m., for a thrilling musical adventure with award winning musician Mr. Aaron.

Teen Eco Prints

On Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m., teens entering grades 8-12, can use flowers to make Eco Prints on white socks or white T-shirts at the Rodgers Library.

Extreme Survival

Come to the Rodgers Library Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m., where New York Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougias will captivate the audience by chronicling harrowing survival stories.

Button Making

On Friday, July 25 at 2 p.m., use the Rodgers Library's button maker to create your own buttons. All ages. Children under 10 must

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The Aviation Museum's annual Classic Car Show takes place on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome, including odd or unusual conveyances. It's a great chance for proud owners to show off their completed projects or works in progress, and for the public to check out some amazing rides from all over New England.

Trophies will be given out for the People's Choice Award and the Museum Award. All registered entrants will be included in a raffle with multiple win-

ners of valuable prize packages. A separate 50/50 raffle will be held as well as a yard sale, with all proceeds to benefit the non-profit Aviation Museum.

Admission/registration is \$10 per vehicle entry plus occupants, cash only. To facilitate orderly set-up, owners are asked to arrive between 9 and 10 a.m. at the grounds of the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, N.H.

Admission to the grounds for spectators is \$5 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only. Only show cars will be allowed on museum grounds; spectators and vis-

itors are asked to park on local streets outside the museum.

The event will have several food trucks. Portable toilets will be available during the show. The Aviation Museum will be open to visitors starting at 10 a.m.; admission to the museum is included with car show entrance until 2 p.m.; after that, regular admission applies until the museum closes at 4 p.m.

Businesses or dealers wishing to attend as vendors at the car show should call Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 to reserve space. A limited number of vending spaces is available.

Around Town

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be accompanied by an adult.

Crafting with Chris

Come to the Rodgers Library on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m., for quilting like you've never done it before. Be prepared to get a little messy and have loads of fun with this painting project.

Cookbook Club

Love to cook and bake? Join the Rodgers Library on Monday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m., to sample and discuss recipes from popular cookbooks and food themes.

Tween Soap Carving

On Tuesday, July 29 at 6 p.m., Grades 5-8 are invited to make soap carving sculptures at the Rodgers Library. Supplies will be provided.

Drumming Circle

On Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m., Students entering grades 5-12 are invited to a deep dive into the sounds and rhythms from across the globe in this interactive drumming experience at the Rodgers Library.

Teen Nintendo Jeopardy

Test your knowledge of Nintendo games during Teen Nintendo Jeopardy at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 31 at 3 p.m. Grades 8-12 only.

Bestselling Author Presentation

On July 22 at 6:30 p.m., a presentation by Michael Tougias will be held at the Hudson Library on his book *Extreme Survival: Lessons From Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds*.

Read 'Em & Eat

This reading group will meet at Soho on Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m. July's book is "All Fours" by Miranda July.

Lions Club Scholarship

The Hudson Lions Club is awarding the 18th annual

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Drop In Stitchers

A group for those who love to craft, whether it be quilting, knitting, crocheting, rug making or plastic canvas, will meet at Rodgers Library on Friday, July 18 and 25 at 9:15 a.m.

Story Safari

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

Break-A-Record

Come to the Rodgers Library during July to try and break a record. On Thursday, July 24 at 11:30 a.m., test your throwing skills and see how many times you can flip a plastic bottle in one minute. On Wednesday, July 30 at 11:30 a.m., test your building skills and see how fast you can arrange Mr. Potato Head while blindfolded.

Artist Study

On Monday, July 21, and 28 at 2 p.m., children entering grades 1-5 can join to learn about artists from around the world, then complete a project that reflects the artists' style at the Rodgers Library.

Cemetery Group?

Would you like to assist the Hudson Cemetery Trustees? Interested in helping those with genealogical needs such as finding a relatives grave, cleaning it and sending photos? Then the board would like to hear from you as they are currently seeking to create a

new volunteer group to help fulfill requests that do not currently fall under their duties. All interested parties should go to the Hudson Cemetery Trustees Facebook page to send a direct message about their interest, www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Hudson%2C%20NH%20Cemetery%20Trustees.

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.

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.afcurgent-care.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

Teen Hangout

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 2 p.m. (except last week of month) at the Rodgers Memorial Library Teens are invited to relax in our teens only space. Snacks, games, crafts, and Nintendo Switch

available. A different theme each week.

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.

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.

Adventurers Storytime

On Tuesdays at 10 a.m., join Ms. Tanya for stories, songs, games, and activities at the Rodgers Memorial Library. For ages 3-5.

Movers & Shakers

Come to Rodgers Memorial Library on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., for a Toddler storytime for kids that don't sit still for long. Movement, songs, bubbles, and stories for ages 1-3.

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

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A Good Yarn

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