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Photo by Chris Paul

Community Power Rate to Increase 38% on Aug. 1

CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

According to a news release posted to the town of Hudson website, there will be a Community Power Rate change effective Aug. 1, 2025 with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire setting its new

electricity rates for the six-month rate period beginning next month.

Community Power's default "Granite Basic" electricity supply rate for Hudson residential customers will be 13.419 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), effective Aug. 1, 2025,

through Jan. 31, 2026. It's a 3.719-cent, or 38.3%, per kWh increase above the current rate.

The release also stated, Eversource rates are also increasing, with the new rate for Eversource default electricity becoming 11.196

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Captain David Cayot Named Hudson's Acting Police Chief

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Board of Selectmen selected its Acting Chief during its most recent meeting. "With my pending retirement August 1, 2025, I would respectfully ask the Board of Selectmen to discuss the appointment of an "Acting Chief of Police" effective no later than the end of the business day, July 31, 2025," retiring Police Chief Tad Dionne wrote in a memo. "This will allow the Board of Selectmen any time necessary to administrate the next Police Chief appointment. It would also cover the time gap to the first Board of Selectmen meeting (August 12, 2025) following my retirement, in

the event the Board of Selectmen may have a decision."

Dionne, who previously said he was recommending Captain David Cayot to replace him, said, "It is imperative the Hudson Police Department has a person in place with the authority to act as the Chief Executive Officer immediately following my departure. This will ensure the administration of normal duties are completed in a timely manner, allow for a successful chain of command for any unusual occurrences or public safety concerns, and have accountability to all agencies necessary," Dionne wrote. "The Hudson Police Department reports to or works in con-

junction with the NH Attorney General's Office, Police Standards and Training Council, The Hillsborough County Attorney, NH State Police, DCYF, Greater Nashua Mental Health, and a number of state and federal departments."

Town Administrator Roy Sorenson said he also agreed with Dionne. "We have heard public input on the validity of Mr. Cayot's candidacy notwithstanding Chief Dionne's attached memo," Sorenson wrote. "As the Town Administrator, I would request that each of you respectively have a formal conversation with Mr. Cayot before the next meeting where we might

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Preparations Made for September Launch of Hudson Trail Challenge

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

At the Hudson Conservation Commission's July meeting, its members announced progress on an ongoing project to track all recreational trails on land owned by the Commission as part of their upcoming Trail Challenge.

"It's a work in progress," reported Commissioner Chris Cameron, who was building a "trail spreadsheet" as part of the effort. "I put the Pelham trail challenge they did for their town and modeled it after that.

Pelham's event, the Trail Hike Challenge, offered local hikers a special patch for walking all 20-plus miles worth of trails

in that town over the summer.

"It might be nice to have the first people that gain a patch come in so we can give them recognition here at the Conservation Commission," suggested Commissioner John Walter.

"I believe our trails are all mapped, except for the one Tiger Road," said Cameron.

It was unclear if this meant their new Tiger Road trail would be excluded from the Challenge, as Commissioners hoped to familiarize hikers. There was also some debate as to whether so-called "spur trails" or unnamed connectors should be included.

"They're mainly just wildlife use trails and

there's two of them in there less than 500-feet each," said Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson. "Because they're just little spurs, they don't need to be listed."

Other trails, like the Gumpas Pond Connector, have yet to be completed while others have yet to be properly measured. Everyone agreed that they needed to properly mark and map all applicable trails.

"One of the things we want to make sure of when we move forward with this is that all the trails are marked appropriately and in reasonably good shape," said Chair Carl Murphy. "We'll use the honor system; there's really no other way to track it."

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River Road Proposal Stalls as Zoning Board Asks for More Detail

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July 24 meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment saw a request for three variances on a parcel located at 33 River Rd. Speaking on behalf of applicant Felipe Figueiredo, attorney Elizabeth Hartigan gave a presentation for the variances, which would make building mixed-use commercial and industrial developments on the land possible. Currently, there is no designated mixed-use zone in Hudson. The land is divided between general and residential zoning districts.

"My client is proposing to construct four buildings, five units to have various contractors in the space. We're asking for a multitude of variances in the units because we don't have specific tenants yet," explained Hartigan. "With

this specific use, we won't be adding more than residential traffic for the most part, based on what could be permitted there."

She noted that while most of the property was technically zoned for residential use, several nearby businesses were zoned for industrial use. River Road is also relatively close to the under-construction Target Logistics Center.

"It's hard to say that we're not keeping in character with the neighborhood, because the neighborhood has various different characters throughout," said Hartigan. "This lot will provide sufficient buffers and spaces to the neighborhood. There'll be natural buffers to the wetlands."

She argued the plan was keeping the uses of the area, and that it would not adversely impact property values, and that forcing the

lot to develop residential housing in a largely non-residential area was infeasible. A few specific proposed uses of the land included a welding shop, a machine shop, a contractor's yard, a florist, a cross-fit gym, and a medical office.

"It's just a real board use that you guys have suggested for variances," said Board member Tim Lanphear. "You've got like the total opposite of what should be near each other."

Hartigan stated such a combination was not necessarily unusual, and emphasized that the property had no tenants set in stone, simply a broad set of proposed uses.

"More specific uses in more specific buildings would be a lot easier on my side," said Todd Boyer. "You're asking us to

change the rules, change the law, we kind of need specifics on where these things are going to be placed."

Figueiredo was under contract to purchase the land.

Members of the public also had a few concerns about the waivers.

"The problem I have with what they're going to be doing there is that it's a bad corner. I'm in a private drive there, so there are five other houses there, duplexes. We have a row of 10 mailboxes, which have been taken out several times, and cars have gone off the road right there where they want to build," said a neighbor, James Byron. "Another problem is the wildlife. They're building that Target warehouse, and now that they want to build there, the wildlife is all on our properties."

He worried that more construction would disrupt traffic and wildlife in the area even further.

"I'm also concerned about the road, about the wildlife, and about the traffic. I have trouble getting out of my driveway as it is," added a neighbor, Angela Schilling. "I don't want to see this. I've been here 38 years."

She has several other concerns, including the possibility that new construction might impact the well water and septic systems of nearby residents.

Hartigan reassured residents and the ZBA that traffic would not meaningfully increase, and that the applicant was open to making changes when bringing the plan before the Planning Board.

"We're also open to planting trees, just to help with the buffer," said

Figueiredo, responding to concerns the new development would be unsightly. "Evergreens, so you don't see the site in the winter."

The lack of details continued to be a concern for the ZBA following public comments.

"I think it needs to be tightened up a little bit more," said Boyer, who indicated he would not be willing to support a variance as-is.

Due to the concerns from Board members and the negative public comments, the applicant requested a continuance, agreeing to come back with more information at a later date.

"We'll come back and provide more information. I think it would serve the Zoning Board well to have a tighter explanation," said Hartigan.

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Friends of Benson Park Oversee Install of Picnic Tables, Ask for Volunteers

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The July meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee saw the installation of long-awaited picnic tables at the park.

"We will get the picnic tables and place them down by the A-frame," said Natalie Newell, from the Friends of Benson Park, who emphasized the need for replacements.

"Sue Clement and I did an inventory of all the park tables last week. There are 26, and 20 of them have to be replaced, they're in rough shape. They have holes in them, either in the seats or the tops. The picnic grove where there are five tables

near Swan Lake, there was a woman at the middle table where the seat was half broken off."

Advisory Committee Chair Jack Madden agreed that the new tables were long overdue.

"All these metal frames, they're all original to the park. In my time dealing with this Committee, we've periodically gone out and replaced some of the boards, but the frames are starting to go now too," said Madden.

Benson Park's new picnic tables were made from recycled plastic. Residents looking to donate a table with a memorial plaque can still do so for \$1,895 by

contacting the Friends of Benson Park.

"The tables we now have going in are so awesome; they're beautiful," said Committee member Sue Clement.

Newell proposed a fundraising project to replace all remaining damaged tables deemed "non-repairable" and to clean many of the park benches.

"They need to be power washed," she said. "As a project for the Friends of Benson Park this summer, we want to hire a power washing organization to come in."

She and the Friends were already in contact with at least one company,

with the initial aim of cleaning the benches around Swan Lake before possibly moving on to other areas of the park.

"One other thing I wanted to mention is that Family Fun Day is September 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and we're looking for volunteers," said Newell. "These could be people just helping others to get from the right area of the park where things are happening, or perhaps helping out with some of the games."

The Friends also needed photographers and other volunteers near the Old Lady in the Shoe, which was slated to be open after the success of last year's

event. Those interested in volunteering can sign up at friendsofbensonpark.org by clicking on the "volunteer" button.

The Benson Park Advisory Committee was also looking for volunteers for its next Volunteer Clean-up Day on Saturday, Aug. 16.

"Our Clean-up Day starts a week earlier," said Committee Chair Jack Madden. "It just has to do with how the beginning of the month starts, it's just a little off."

The August Clean-up Day will run through the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Looking to help the Committee get the word out, Selectman Liaison

Jakoby recommended participating in Old Home Day.

"The Board of Selectmen actually have a booth that they have available," said Jakoby. "If the Benson Park Advisory Committee would like to put information out, or at any point, have some people there to talk about volunteer opportunities or things, we might be creating a schedule to post some of that. We are looking forward to inviting some of our advisory committees the opportunity to have space at our booth."

The Benson Park Advisory Committee is set for Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Hudson Cable Access Center.

School Board Approves District's Cybersecurity Contract

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

An agenda item during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a proposal to upgrade the school district's cybersecurity.

The proposal was explained by Superintendent Dan Moulis that they were looking for a cybersecurity solution for a while and had a proposal for the School Board to consider. "This evening you have a recommendation for one of the companies," Moulis explained during the meeting. It was explained by IT Director Kevin Peterson that the process for it started about a year ago through the budget process, and that they got an initial quote from multiple vendors during the fall of 2024.

Peterson explained that at that point they found out

the proposals ranged from \$200,000 to \$600,000.

After the budget was approved by voters this spring, which included the upgrades, Peterson explained that they were able to then start the RFP process.

Peterson added that they had a total of eight bids that they received for the project. "For the fiscal year 2026, we reviewed quotes and pricing from eight vendors for cybersecurity software and support," he also explained in a memo to the School Board. "I am requesting that the Board approve the following motion so that the district may move forward with the following vendor for Cybersecurity software and support for the present school year. This action is in compliance with policy DJE Bidding and Purchasing."

Peterson explained during the meeting that they were recommending to approve the bid to the company Rapid 7. He said that ultimately they had the best proposal for what they were looking for. For example they will have people 24/7 watching the networks to make sure nothing goes wrong, and that they will have monthly meetings with the School District IT team to show them things that they could do to prevent issues in the future.

Included in this contract would be, but not limited to:

- 24x7x365 SOC Monitoring, Triage & Investigations
- Extended Detection and Response (XDR), Vendor Risk Management (VRM) & Security
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- Managed Digital risk protection
- Vulnerability scan configurations & scheduled operations
- Phishing and Credential leakage protection
- Proactive remediation coaching
- Ransomware prevention

When asked, Peterson

explained during the meeting that the change would have minimal impact for students or staff.

The Hudson School Board ultimately unanimously approved awarding the contract to Rapid7 for a total amount of \$199,251 to provide cybersecurity software, support and managed service for FY 25-26.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on Aug. 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Editorial

Keeping an Open Mind

Cultivating open minds within town government is essential for effective and responsive governance, requiring intentional strategies and a commitment to change. Local authorities should prioritize transparency and open communication to succeed.

Proactively sharing information with residents about town initiatives, meetings, budget information, and policy changes through various channels is a step in a positive direction.

At some point in our lives, most of us have experienced the fear of change. We can become so set in our ways that it's challenging to entertain different perspectives. Sticking to what we know can feel comfortable.

What if instead of fearing change, we choose to embrace it? Consider replacing fear with a sense of curiosity, viewing it as an adventure.

Explaining the rationale behind decisions and policies is important to foster understanding and trust, especially when introducing changes.

It's important not to hide mistakes, admit when things aren't going as planned, and outline how the government plans to address challenges.

An open mind is vital because it allows individuals to embrace new challenges, become more accepting and willing to learn regardless of the circumstances. Being open-minded means being receptive to new ideas and opinions. When encountering something unfamiliar, instead of recoiling in fear, it's beneficial to seek understanding.

An unwillingness to accept new experiences can lead to prejudices and closed-mindedness. Viewing the unknown as threatening can cause more harm. Shutting our minds to new ideas simply because they come from someone we dislike or because

the person holds a different political viewpoint limits our growth.

When faced with new and unfamiliar opinions, we shouldn't reject them outright. Instead, we should recognize that there might be valuable insights we don't yet understand and strive to learn from them.

Consider researching the presented new idea or opinion to grasp its context better. By doing so, your understanding of the world expands, making you more accepting and modest.

When more individuals open their minds to new ideas, experiences, and diverse opinions, we become more empathetic and accepting. This shift enhances our capacity for new experiences and makes us more vibrant individuals. Although changing our mindset may be challenging, it is certainly achievable.

While desiring a more open-minded attitude in local government is commendable, we must also explore all avenues to find effective solutions to local issues. When we become more open-minded, regardless of our perspectives, we uncover a broader range of solutions. Though it may seem idealistic to expect open-mindedness from officials, a commitment to exploring all options can lead to better outcomes.

By embracing these strategies, local governments can create a more open and receptive environment, leading to more informed decisions, stronger community connections, and a higher quality of life for all residents.

Diverse strategic approaches to local government challenges yield more informed decisions, foster stronger communities, and enhance the quality of life for everyone, ultimately promoting a more open and receptive society.

BOS Approves Dumont as Town Hall Advisory Committee Chair

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting, a discussion took place regarding the Hudson Town Hall Advisory Committee. The Board of Selectmen established the Advisory Committee at a previous meeting.

As part of the charter it states that the "purpose of THAC is to review, evaluate, and make formal recommendations to the BOS regarding the future of the Town Hall."

As part of it, the purpose states that the committee will:

1. Develop a clear, logical strategy to assess whether to renovate, rebuild, or repurpose the existing building.
2. Review existing and potential future design concepts.
3. Evaluate cost estimates for both renovation and new construction options, using industry-standard square foot cost metrics.
4. Prepare conceptual-level site and building plans, with an emphasis on site-specific development cost analysis.

"All recommendations

must be submitted to the BOS by November 1, 2025, with a focus on fiscally responsible solutions," the purpose states.

As part of establishing the committee, they agreed to have two Selectmen, a budget committee member, member of the Planning Board, the Town Administrator, Town Engineer and an appointee of the Board of Selectmen with the criteria that is someone from the community.

Board of Selectmen Chair Dillon Dumont noted that they appeared to have everyone appointed to the Committee, aside for a citizen representative. Town Administrator Roy Sorenson during the meeting explained that they had one applicant so far, Daniel Barthelemy, who currently is a Cemetery Trustee. "I think he's fantastic," Sorenson said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby argued that it was like any other citizen applicant for a board or committee, and there should be a process. "We'll go through the process, we'll put it together," Sorenson said.

Dumont also explained

that they have the authority to make someone the chair of the committee, explaining that currently they don't have an agenda or anything going on for it. He said that someone could be appointed to get it going. Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd nominated Dumont to be Chair.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby, who serves on the committee, said she thinks Dumont has many responsibilities as Chair of the Board of Selectmen and didn't support him being Chair of the committee. "I will not be in support of that," Jakoby said. Selectman David Morin said that due to what the committee is working on it would make sense for the Chair to have more experience with construction, and noted that it would only last until January. Dumont was ultimately selected as Chair of the Committee, with Jakoby voting in opposition.

The next Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Aug. 12 beginning at 7 p.m.

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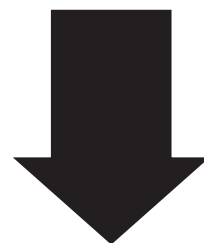
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Trails

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Town Engineer Elvis Dhima recommended reaching out to the town staff and possibly running segments on Hudson Community TV to advertise the town's Trail Challenge.

"If you send me the Excel sheet, we can upload it on the Conservation Commission webpage,"

Dhima offered. "That'd be good, because I think we have a lot of maps for trails that go up there. Whenever this is ready, I think that'd be good so we can point people to it."

Commissioners agreed that outreach would be essential for high public participation in the program.

"If somebody goes out and does the whole set, then

they have a better understanding of what the woods in Hudson are like and what kind of natural features we have around town," said Dickinson. "I think it gives a pretty good cross section to what we have, and these are the public trails as opposed to the private ones."

"Do we want to roll this out in September?" asked Murphy.

After a brief debate, Labor Day weekend was chosen as the starting date for the Trail Challenge in time for the end of summer and the start of the new school year.

The next meeting of the Hudson Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

BOS Approve Acceptance of Donation

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting was in regards to a resignation from one of the Public Works Department employees. It was explained by Hudson Public Works Director Jay Twardosky that they didn't receive a two weeks notice from the employee that resigned.

"I received the attached email on 7/13 stating that Nick Fazio has resigned from his position as a truck driver laborer for the Public Works Department effective immediately, foregoing the professional courtesy of a two week notice," Twardosky wrote in a memo to

the Board of Selectmen. "We now have two open truck driver laborer positions. One in the street division and one in the sewer/drain division. It is my recommendation that the board accept Mr. Fazio's resignation."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the resignation and also approved allowing for the job vacancy to be posted immediately. According to the job posting, the truck driver/laborer position pays a starting salary of \$25.85 per hour.

Another agenda item during the consent portion of the agenda was in regards to a donation for the public safety departments in Town.

"We have been contacted by Kevin Meeks, a resident of Pelham, NH, regarding his intention to donate 11 five-gallon jugs of water along with a dispenser," Hudson Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "These items are brand new and unused." It was explained by Tice that they had a conversation regarding the donation. "During his conversation with Deputy Paquette they discussed our donation policy, and Mr. Meeks clarified that the water holds no retail value as it cannot be sold and must be distributed freely," Tice wrote in a memo. "He expressed a preference for public safety

services to have the first chance to utilize these resources. If approved, we will arrange to collect the donation and plan on placing it at the Robinson Road Station, as that is the only station reliant on well water."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved accepting the donation during the meeting, and publicly thanked Meeks. Also during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved making Jan Horvath a member of the Benson Park Advisory Committee, with the position set to expire in April 2027.

The next Selectmen meeting is slated to take place on Aug. 12.

Police Chief

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announce him as the next Chief. I have no reservations on his abilities and/or character and believe that the search for the next Chief begins and ends with him. The period in between meetings should be used to

certify my opinion through your own observations, moreover finalize salary and benefits associated with this personnel action."

Selectman David Morin argued that they should make the appointment as permanent police chief right away, saying he is fully confident in Cayot leading

the department. "I've worked with Captain Cayot on the street. I know how he does," Morin said, noting he is always professional. "I think he's going to do a good job with the department," Morin said.

Selectman Heidi Jakoby explained that if they were to make him the permanent

chief during the meeting that she would have many more questions for him to answer publicly.

Selectmen Vice Chair Bob Guessferd said he was OK with making him chief, but thought it made sense to wait if there are still questions by some members of the Board of Selectmen.



Sign marking the hiking trail head at the Robinson Pond Recreation Area. Photo by Chris Paul

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Board of Selectmen Approve New Fire Dispatch System

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 a new Computer Aided Dispatch System. "The Hudson Fire Department has been working through the formal bidding process for a new Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) for the Fire Department," Fire Chief Scott Tice wrote in a memo to the Board of Selectmen. "A request for proposal (RFP) was developed and advertised."

It was explained that after going through the formal bidding process that they have in place, they received multiple proposals. "The bids that were received were reviewed by members of the administration, communications and

operations," Tice wrote in the memo. "Each proposal was compared to the RFP and to the value that the proposal included." It was explained that the bids were from all reputable companies.

"We found that the four companies who responded to our request were all very reputable with three of the four vendors with local customers that we reached out to for feedback," Tice said. "Upon the conclusion of that process, we recommend awarding the bid for a five-year contract to purchase and maintain a Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) to CSI Technology Group, with a maximum value of \$74,871.68 for FY26, followed by an annual fee of \$39,871.68 for each of the subsequent four years, covering FY27 through FY30."

It was explained by Tice that "in recommending the bid from CSI, the reviewers found that CSI started with the New Hampshire State Police CAD product and since then, they have picked up Grafton County, Hanover Communications Center which handles 25 towns and 65 agencies, the City of Dover and the Towns of Bedford, Merrimack, Litchfield Police, as well as the Rhode Island State

Police who just went live with them."

"CSI continues to have a growing presence in NH as they just signed a contract with Southwest Fire Mutual Aid which serves three states and over 75 communities," Tice wrote. "We are currently using iPads in the trucks, the plan moving forward is to integrate those as mobile data terminals which CSI is very familiar with as the City of Dover operates with iPads.

It was also explained by Tice that they got comments from staff. Tice wrote, "Our most senior dispatcher knows all of the products that were proposed and, in his opinion, 'I've touched it, I've pushed the buttons, I've talked to the end users and the administrators. I've talked to the people at the top all the way down to the support team. This is a tailored system that has a police side and has a fire side. The fire side was built

specifically for fire departments, and CSI has built modules to work with many outside resources. They are local, well established and well-liked in New Hampshire. They are being used by similarly sized and structured departments, and now they are going to be providing CAD services for SWNHMF, another strictly fire based operation."

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the proposal during the meeting.

Woman Seriously Injured In Boat Crash on Robinson Pond

A Vermont woman suffered a serious leg injury in a boat crash in Hudson last week.

At 3:04 p.m. on Monday, July 21, State Police dispatch received a report of a boating accident with personal injury on Robinson Pond in Hudson.

The preliminary investi-

gation determined that a Bass Tracker boat operated by Terry Tetreault, 69, of Hudson, and carrying four passengers, collided, for reasons which remain under investigation, with a floating swim platform. The impact of the crash resulted in one passenger, Kelley Brooks, 54, of Glover, Ver-

mont, being thrown from the vessel.

Brooks sustained a serious leg injury and was transported via a medical helicopter to a hospital for treatment.

New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) - Marine Patrol was assisted in this case by Troopers assigned

to the Troop B barracks, members of the Hudson Police Department, and the Hudson Fire and Rescue.

All aspects of the crash remain under investigation. Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact Sgt. Joshua Dirth at (603) 227-2115 or Joshua.E.Dirth@dos.nh.gov.

OBITUARY Gilbert P. Chouinard



Gilbert P. Chouinard, 95, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, after a long illness. On his 90th birthday, he famously declared that he'd live to 100 - and if not for his illness, there's no doubt he would have kept that promise.

Born on June 14, 1930, in Salem, MA, Gilbert was the fifth of seven children of John and Eva (Bosse) Chouinard. He came of age during the Great Depression, an experience that shaped his resilience, resourcefulness, and lifelong appreciation for hard work. He earned a degree in engineering from Northeastern University and went on to found Industrial Distributors in 1977, a business he proudly built from the ground up.

Gilbert married the love of his life, Mona (Jalbert) Chouinard, with whom he shared 65 joyful years. Together they raised three sons, and created a home filled with laughter, mischief, and unconditional love. Mona affectionately called him Mon Chou - "My Little Cabbage" - and he carried that tenderness into every role he played: husband, father, Pepere, Grand Pepere, friend.

His family and friends remember him for his contagious laughter, twinkling eyes, and a sense of humor that could light up any room. As one granddaughter said, "He never met a moment he couldn't brighten." For Gilbert, everything was always "good" - and he meant it.

A man young at heart, Gilbert embraced life's pleasures and adventures. He loved oysters, cruises to Bermuda, casinos, and country music line dancing. At the age of 86, he took to the stage with his granddaughter with Nashua's Actorsingers in Spamalat, playing "Sir Not Appearing" - and later in a production of Sister Act, as none other than "the Pope."

Gilbert is survived by his sister, Lorraine (Chouinard) Slatery; his sons Philip and Rene; daughters-in-law Sue, Karen, and Pattie; eight grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Mona; his son Daniel; and his siblings Adrien, Conrad, Albert, Lucien, and Maurice.

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. Kathryn's Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH, on July 31, 2025, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Gilbert by sharing a story, a laugh, or a toast in his memory. He would have liked that.

Power

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cents per kWh.

Based on usage of 650 kWh per month, the estimated cost for the Granite Basic plan is \$87.22 per month for the electricity portion of the bill.

The estimated cost for the Eversource default rate would be \$72.77 per month for the electricity portion.

Residents wishing to change their Energy Suppliers have choices for their electricity supply option, including: Hudson Community Power; Eversource; or a third-party competitive supplier, including those listed at the NH Department of Energy website: www.energy.nh.gov/engyapps/ceps/shop.aspx

Customers may opt into or out of Hudson Community Power and may return

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- Calling 1-866-603-7697 (open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays excluding holidays)

- Emailing info@communitypowernh.gov

- Visiting www.communitypowernh.gov/granite-basic and using the customer portal.

Residents should have the utility account number

handy, printed on your electric bill, so your request can easily be processed.

There are no fees for switching between Hudson Community Power and Eversource supply service.

Switches should be processed as of the next available regular meter reading date.

See related story on the electricity rate increase on page 8.



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Zoning Board Grants Basement Apartment on Pine Road Multi-Family Home

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment met on July 24 to hear a presentation from resident John Joseph Granfield V, who wanted permission to convert an unfinished basement at his wife's Pine Road home into a one-bedroom dwelling unit. Currently, the property is a three-family unit with a nonconforming basement.

"Our goal is to take the unfinished basement and take it as an apartment for my wife and myself to live there," explained Granfield. "The proposed basement

renovation poses no threat to public health, safety, or the character of the neighborhood. The project involves interior changes only."

He argued that a variance allowing them to complete the basement was the only way for him and his wife to live on-site without disrupting the tenants already living on the property, and that his plan was in keeping with the spirit of Hudson zoning law.

"The underlying intent of the regulations acknowledges that a structure may be permitted on a nonconforming lot of record, even

if it does not meet current frontage or area requirements, provided that the property is either connected to town sewer or the property owner obtains state and/or municipal septic permits and all minimum front, side, and rear yard setbacks are met," said Granfield, who promised to meet all necessary standards. "Us, as the owners, will ensure that the new dwelling does not impact the privacy or safety of the neighborhood."

Board member Todd Boyer noted the proposal was similar to an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), a

popular, secondary housing unit that is typically allowed on single-family properties across New Hampshire.

"The ADU law was made for single-family homes, but this is already a three-family home, nonconforming," said Boyer. "I'm trying to wrap my head around how, with a law set up for single-family use, we can do it for multi-family."

Selectman Liaison Dillon Dumont stated that the request had nothing to do with state and town ADU law and that the applicant only wanted to expand the use of an existing home.

"How is parking?" asked Board member Dean Sakati. "How many vehicles are there today?"

According to Granfield, there were two parking spots for each tenant. He was willing to extend the driveway to add more parking if the expansion required it.

"This will benefit the property owner, giving him and his wife a place to live," said Board member Tim Lanphear in support of the request. "The hardship the owner has is that all the tenants, when they bought the building, is that all of the tenants wanted to

stay in the building, and they had to choose to kick one out or build an apartment down in the basement, so they chose to build an apartment in the basement, which is the smart thing to do."

He called the proposed use "reasonable," something other Zoning Board members agreed with as they unanimously approved the expansion request.

The next meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room at Town Hall.

Conservation Commission Looks Volunteers to Help with Bridge

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on July 19 to discuss the logistics related to a series of proposed trail bridges, including one deemed crucial for their Gumpas Pond connector trail.

"It's a big project," stated Chair Carl Murphy, who was looking for skilled help on the connector.

The Commission quickly rejected suggestions like asking for volunteers from Alvirne High School or the Boy Scouts.

"You'll need to sub this out," said the Town Engineer, who noted that building a bridge, even a small one, was far more compli-

cated than a new kiosk or trail. "This will have to come from someone who does this for a living. It's too long a span."

The relatively long bridge would run through the Musquash Conservation Area to Gumpas Pond, connecting recreation trails in Hudson to trails in Pelham.

With a limited budget, Commissioner John Walter hoped an expert or a non-profit organization with the necessary skills would be willing to donate their time. The bridge has been on the docket for the past two to three years, with ongoing issues related both to cost and connecting to land owned by the town of Pelham.

"There are a number of companies that are in the area, within 100 miles I guess, that do this kind of stuff and they also get volunteers to do some of the work," said Walter. "There's the Nature Groupie volunteer organization that gets together to build such things with the help of local companies. That's probably one the cheapest ways to go about doing this. It would be good to do a fall project when most of the vegetation has died off."

Several unanswered questions remained over how long the bridge section would be. According to Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson, much of the area the connector trail would pass

through was over streams and relatively marshy land.

"I'm wondering what would give us a better idea of how we needed to construct this," said Dickinson, who raised the idea of connecting the preexisting Cottomail trail to an "elevated boardwalk" over the marshy land that could hold the weight of not only hikers, but small vehicles like ATVs. Another goal was to minimize environmental impact without making the bridge too expensive.

Members noted that it would probably be easier to cross private property in the area.

"Even if it was on private property and we could figure it out, that would be

better, because it would cost less to do, and it'd be easier," said Dickinson. "If we do something, I want to make sure, especially if it's any meaningful span or length, that it's done well, and that it's not an issue two years down the road."

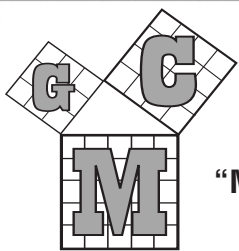
He conceded that building anything through private property or even on Pelham town property would not be easy. Any bridge would need ongoing maintenance, but I saw the connector as "significant" due to the mileage of trails in both Musquash Pond and Gumpas Pond.

Due to several major unknown factors, especially cost, Alternate Linda Krisciunas questioned whether

the new bridge should be considered an urgent priority for an already-busy Conservation Commission.

"It's not urgent, but having it shovel ready, scoped-out, and knowing what we would be tackling if we decide to go forward, having that information is very important," said Commissioner Kathy Griswold. "It's not a priority to build it, but it's a priority to know what it would take to build it."

No completion date was set for the Gumpas Pond connector as members agreed to continue studying the project. Dickinson and Murphy agreed to keep the connector project moving forward in the coming months.



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Electric Customers to See Energy Supply Cost Increase on Aug. 1

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The state's Office of the Consumer Advocate and Governor Kelly Ayotte recently made statements on the electricity rate increases coming on Aug. 1.

In a release by the Consumer Advocate, titled "PUC Hands Eversource a Rate Case Win. Consumer Advocate Laments Drastic Rate Increases Coming on Aug. 1."

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) expressed disappointment over the July 25, 2025 decision of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the pending Eversource Energy distribution rate case.

"This was a complicated and fully litigated case," said Consumer Advocate Donald Kreis. "But, to focus on the bottom line, essentially the PUC gave this utility almost everything it asked for by way of a rate increase. That's bad news for residential utility customers of Eversource, who will now see both the distribution charges on their bill and the energy charges on the same bill going up drastically as of Aug. 1."

The PUC's order begins with a statement that the PUC "approves an 8.2 per-

cent increase to current distribution rates, and a total bill increase of 2.5 percent." In the respectful opinion of the OCA, this is misleading.

"In reality, distribution rates for Eversource are going up by roughly 24 percent when you take into account both the temporary rate increase approved last year - which now becomes permanent - and the additional increase approved in this latest order," the Consumer Advocate noted.

"The Commission wholeheartedly bought the idea of a bigger and bigger part of residential bills being taken up by the monthly fixed charge, currently at \$15 dollars," said Consumer Advocate Kreis. "That charge immediately increases by a whopping \$4 per month, as requested by the utility, and the PUC even added a bonus for Eversource by ruling that the fixed monthly charge will go up two dollars a year every August 1, until the Commission orders otherwise.

"That's terrible news for residential utility customers, whose only recourse in the face of ever-increasing electricity costs is to try to control their usage," said the Consumer Advocate.

"I almost fell out of my chair when I read the Commission's determination that the monthly customer charge should really be almost \$43 a month," Kreis added. "They've thrown fairness - a hallowed principle of utility rate design - right out the window."

The Consumer Advocate also accused the PUC of giving away millions of dollars in free money to the utility in the form of a 9.5 percent return on shareholder equity embedded in Eversource's distribution rates. "The Commission essentially ignored our expert's opinion that an 8.1 percent return is generous enough to compensate the shareholders of the company," Kreis noted.

On the date it was issued, the OCA was still reviewing the Commission's 79-page order. "In due course, we will make a decision about whether to begin the process of appealing the order by filing a rehearing motion with the PUC," said the Consumer Advocate.

On Monday, July 28, Governor Kelly Ayotte released the following statement on the Public Utilities Commission decision to allow utility rate hikes for Granite State fam-

ilies:

"I'm extremely disappointed in the recent decision by the Public Utilities Commission. We should be ensuring the regulatory

process is transparent, accountable, and protects Granite Staters from rate hikes. In the meantime, I will continue working with the Legislature to promote

an all-of-the-above energy strategy so we can expand options for consumers and lower energy costs for working families."



Beating the Heat Two lone kayakers took to the waters of Robinson Pond on Tuesday morning hoping for some cooler temperatures as the area experienced a mini heatwave. Temperatures were above 95 degrees Monday through Wednesday.
Photo by Chris Paul

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Hudson Old Home Days Set to Begin Thursday, Aug. 7



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The annual Hudson Old Home Days tradition is set for another year of bringing 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 fair grounds will start to take shape on Sat-

urday, Aug. 2, with volunteers setting up the vendor areas and staking off reserved areas.

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,



ed, 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.HudsonOldHome-Days.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 was on Friday, July 25 at 5 p.m.

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HUDSON SPORTS

Kids Summer Fun Runs Wrap Up Another Hot Season



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The annual Greater Derry Track Club's Kids Summer Fun Runs finished up their season with nearly 400 young runners taking to the Londonderry High School track on Monday night, July 28.

Results were tallied from the three previous

weeks of running and the overall winners were announced this week.

The winners in each division were given backpacks for their efforts and every runner participating was given a t-shirt and a medal at the end of the Monday night races.

The free races were held on a number of Monday



nights over the summer with area youngsters, ages two-years and up competing in seven categories in a variety of distance races.

Each year, participating families are asked to donate a non-perishable food item as part of the registration.

The overall results to the season were as follows.

Nine-Year Old Girls:

First, Madeline Ambrose of Londonderry; second, Nyree Zamrana of Londonderry took second; and Rylee Bell, of Derry and Madison Hoffman, of Londonderry tied for third.

For the Nine-Year Old Boys: Taking first was Joshua Tiney of Sandown; Aiden Capone of Londonderry came in at second; and Thomas Hynes was third.

Ten-Year Old Girls: Sasha Solovyeva of Hudson won every race and took first; Paisleigh DeCarolis of Derry was second; and Harper Gorman of Chester took third.

Ten-Year Old Boys: First was Liam Kobisky, of Derry; Will Burke, of Salem was second; and Robert Varsolone and Quinn Man-



ning, of Chester, were third.

The 11-Year Old Girls had two runners winning backpacks: First was Ryla Zatsky of Windham and second was Jenna Fleming of Derry.

For the 11-Year Old Boys: TJ Santosuosso of Derry took first; Joshua Hynes, of Windham was second and Calvin MacLeod, of Derry, came in third.

The 12-Year Old Girls had Annabell Hall of Sandown winning, Corinne Tinkham of Litchfield was second; and Ava Miller, of Litchfield, took third.

The 12-Year Old Boys division had Andrew Solovyev of Hudson taking the top spot after winning every week.

The 13-Year Old Girls



had Emily Miller, of Litchfield, winning and the 13-Year Old Boys Nicholas Tiney, of Sandown, winning.

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2024 Hudson Fish & Game Club Holding a Junior Rifle Clinic

SUBMITTED BY BILL DUTTON,
DIRECTOR HFGJRT

The Hudson Fish and Game Club Junior Rifle Team will be holding a 2 day smallbore rifle clinic. Ages 10 and up are welcome. Spots are limited so sign up early (limit 14 people).

Wednesday September 3 and Thursday September 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. (required to attend both nights)

The clinic will cover firearms safety and marksmanship delivered by NRA certified instructors and coaches.

Day one of the clinic (approx 3 hours)

1. Introduction to firearms.
2. Safety instruction.
3. Video on smallbore rifle marksmanship.
4. Live fire training.

Day two of the clinic (approx 3 hours)

1. Review of firearm safety rules.
2. Live fire training.
3. A live fire fun match.
4. Awards.

Awards: First, Second, and Third place medals for the top three finishers. A

certificate of completion for all juniors in attendance of both days of the clinic.

All equipment including rifles, ammunition and safety glasses and ear protection will be provided by the Hudson Fish and Game Junior Rifle Team.

There will be a \$10 fee per junior to cover the cost of ammunition and awards.

Signup online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845ABA-B2FABFB6-20221>. or contact Bill Dutton (bill@williamdutton.com or 617-594-2194)



Town of Hudson Warns Residents of Property Fraud

The town of Hudson recently posted an advisory warning on "Property Fraud" to its website.

Property Fraud, also known as "home title theft", the schemes involve fraudsters who forge documents to record a phony transfer of property ownership at a county Registry of Deeds.

Why is "Property Fraud" dangerous to property owners?

The fraudster perpetrators, once they record a property deed, can sell the land or home, take a mortgage on it, or rent it out to make a profit - with the actual owners forced to

head to court to reclaim their property.

How common is "Property Fraud"?

FBI data shows that there were 2,301 victims of this fraud from 2019 - 2023, with the victims reporting losing more than \$61.5 million.

In New Hampshire, 239 victims lost more than \$4 million in that time

What can I as a property owner do to help protect myself from this "Property Fraud scam"?

Regularly monitor your property records online. Each county has its own register of deeds website

allowing you to search for property records using the name of the property owner. The websites can be found on links at the end of this page.

Subscribe to Property Fraud Alert and that will notify you every time a document is recorded in the register of deeds under the name(s) you have specified. This service is free.

Property Fraud Alert can be found at: <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/select>

According to the Prop-

erty Fraud Alert website, Property Fraud Alert is a free notification service that alerts subscribers (via email, text message, or a voice phone call) each time a document is recorded with their name on it in the participating County Land Records office. The subscriber must select one method of notification, an email, text message, or voice call.

There is no cost to the service and is provided by your County Land Records office.

Residents can enter as many personal, business, and trust names necessary and property owners also monitor multiple names and use the same contact method (e-mail address or phone number) for each. Finally, you may sign up for the same name multiple times but request a different contact method for each time.

OBITUARY

Trudy Ann Marshall



Trudy Ann Marshall, of Londonderry, NH, died Monday July 21, 2025 in her home. She was born on March 27 in Nashua, NH, a daughter of the late Lewis and Elsie (Goodwin) Marshall. She had been a resident of Londonderry for approximately 45 years. Ms. Marshall completed the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, CA and was most recently employed by the State of NH Disability Determination Services as the Agency's Disability Hearing Officer. She retired Dec. 31, 2009 after nearly 17 years of state service. She was presented with a citation by Governor John H. Lynch for her exemplary service. Prior to that, she was the first female manager of the Social Security Office in Keene, NH. She retired from that agency with more than 25 years of federal employment. She was awarded the Deputy Commissioner's Citation for her outstanding service to the public. She was also retired from the Naval Reserves after completing 30 years of continuous service as an enlisted petty officer earning gold for her meritorious service. She was also selected as Sailor of the Year, while serving at Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, MA.

She held a degree in Applied Science earned at UNH, and was a graduate of Alvirne High School in Hudson, NH. She was a member and Past Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star, and an active member of Rockingham Chapter #3, and served as a Grand Officer on the state level in Eastern Star. Ms. Marshall is a past State Mother Advisor for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and served many years on the local Rainbow Advisory Board as well as the state Advisory Board. Ms. Marshall was a member of many professional groups as a result of her various positions.

She is survived by her brother, Arthur Marshall and his wife Cheryl of Hudson, NH; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Muriel Plummer of Londonderry in 2022.

Following cremation, a private graveside service will be held in the Hills Farm Cemetery, Derry Rd., Hudson, NH. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Second-Hand Prose Fire Sale

With heavy hearts the Friends of the Library announce the final sale at Hills Memorial Library. This fall the Library Trustees will be closing the building for all library purposes, including Second-Hand Prose book sales. The August sale will be an extended two-day sale, Aug. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The final two hours of

Sunday's sale will be a 'fire' sale - fill a plastic grocery sack with books for just \$5. All books must go.

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, lop-

pers, 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.

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.

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 5 starting at 4:30 p.m. 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.

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

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.

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

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OBITUARY

Charles E Paquin Jr.



Our beloved family member passed away peacefully on July 19, 2025. He lived life to the fullest, finding joy in ocean fishing, hunting, and tending to his garden. He was known for his culinary skills and love of sports cars. Above all, he will be remembered for his generous heart, sarcastic wit, and kindness he showed to everyone he met.

He found peace and solace in nature, whether casting his line into the ocean waves or walking through the woods looking for deer. His connection to the natural world was profound and deeply personal. He touched many lives with warmth and compassion, leaving behind a legacy of love that will continue to inspire all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH at www.hhnc.org or to the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter at www.nshs.org

A wake was held for family and friends who knew him on Monday, July 28 in the Dumont - Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Burial services will be held privately.

OBITUARY

Richard Henderson IV



It is with great sadness that the family of Richard W Henderson IV note his passing on Oct. 30, 2024. Richard was the son of Richard & Gretchen Henderson and was born on July 12, 1995, in Nashua, NH. He was raised and attended public schools in Nashua, graduating from Nashua High in 2013. With a brain wired for computers and technology, Richard attended Full Sail University in Florida, graduating in 22 months with a BS in Programming in 2016. He carried his passion for the Military and patriotism with him as he entered Marine Boot Camp in 2017. He was employed by Loomis Armored US in Jacksonville, FL and more recently in Charlotte, NC. Richard resided in Charlotte with his roommate and long-time friend, Tyler Bergstrom.

Richard was an avid animal lover, enjoying trips to all zoos and aquariums and was attentive to his cats, dogs, and fish. Richard loved spending time gaming, especially with friends and spending time at a shooting range with his mom. He collected and used his many guns at various ranges. With a great sense of humor, he also liked to try different hot sauces with his friend Tyler.

Richard was a loving and attentive son, a quick-witted brother and loyal to all who were blessed to call him friend and family. Richard will be greatly missed by everyone who had the honor of knowing him.

Family members include his mom & stepdad, Gretchen & Dennis Gallant of Bluffton SC; his sister, Alexa Aboshar of Merrimack NH; and brother, Craig Chemaly, along with nieces, Sara & Soraya Chemaly of Tyngsboro, MA.

A time of visitation for family and friends will take place on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 - 11 a.m., with a Service of Remembrance at 11 a.m., in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St., Hudson, NH. Those wishing to offer a donation in Richard's memory can send them to: Hearts United for Animals (<https://hua.org>), Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanpurse.org), or The Marine Toys for Tots (www.secure.toysfortots.org).

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Around Town

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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'."

Story Safari

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

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.

Cemetery Group?

Would you like to assist the Hudson Cemetery Trustees? Interested in helping those with genealogical

needs such as finding a relative's 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.

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.

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.

Digital Navigators

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

Dino the Therapy Dog

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m., come meet Dino, the therapy dog at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Dino is a St. Bernard who loves to make new friends.

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

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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.

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.

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

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A Good Yarn

On Tuesdays at 5 p.m., (except July 15) 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.

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BINGO!

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Hudson Police Arrest Two Individuals in Drug Arrest

Hudson Police Department investigators arrested two individuals on July 21, 2025, in connection with an ongoing investigation into drug distribution and manufacturing. The arrests followed an inquiry into a residence suspected of being a hub for narcotics.

Jacob Mitchell, 36, of Hudson, and Alissa Gutierrez, 30, of Nashua, were taken into custody after evidence related to the illegal

production and distribution of crack cocaine was discovered.

Mitchell faces several charges, including:

- Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Manufacture
- Possession of a Controlled Drug
- Falsifying Physical Evidence

Gutierrez was charged with Transportation of Controlled Drugs. She had been



Jacob Mitchell

previously arrested in connection with this investigation.



Alissa Gutierrez

on multiple charges, including:

- Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Manufacture (2 counts)

- Possession of a Controlled Drug (9 counts)

Mitchell has been released on bail and is scheduled to be arraigned on August 21st at the 9th Circuit Court in Nashua. Gutierrez was held on cash bail and transported to the Hillsborough County Correctional Facility. She was arraigned last week at the

Ninth Circuit Court in Nashua.

The Hudson Police Department stated that the investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be filed.

Authorities encourage anyone with information regarding this case or other drug-related activity to contact the Hudson Police Department at 603-886-6011.

NHDES Declares Air Quality Action Day for Wildfires

The NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) officials called for an Air Quality Action Day and the air quality index (AQI) was forecasted to be color code red, which is the third-highest level of concern.

The pollution is caused by wildfires in central Canada. Wind patterns are bringing plumes of smoke from these fires to much of Quebec, New England and NH. The smoke also caused a hazy appearance in the sky and made it more difficult to see distant objects.

According to the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the following actions could help people protect themselves from unhealthy levels of air pollution during an Air Quality Action Day:

- Check your local current air quality data and air quality forecast.

- Sign up for NH Alerts to receive important information about emergency

events that could impact people's activities and health.

- Limit time spent outdoors and avoid physically demanding activities.

- Stay indoors as much as possible and keep doors and windows closed to keep out unhealthy outdoor air.

- Avoid using exhaust fans inside your home because they could draw in outdoor air.

- Turn settings on air conditioning units to recirculate indoor air.

- Keep air conditioning units equipped with air filters of the highest possible efficiency.

- Use indoor air cleaners or purifiers.

- Keep medicine on hand if individuals have pre-existing lung or breathing conditions.

- Seek medical attention if symptoms develop.

DHHS advises that unhealthy air can cause worsening of heart disease, lung disease, and other chronic

medical conditions. Anyone with concerning symptoms of lung or heart disease, including repeated coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, wheezing, chest tightness or chest pain, palpitations, nausea or vomiting, lightheadedness or dizziness, or confusion, should seek medical attention. The current air quality may

also cause increased respiratory impacts, even for people without prior health concerns.

People most at risk of negative health impacts, including those with heart and lung disease, older adults, children, pregnant women, people with diabetes, and outdoor workers, can consider rescheduling or moving outdoor

activities indoors.

For more information regarding the potential impacts of unhealthy air quality, please contact the DHHS Public Information Office at (603) 271-9389 or pio@dhhs.nh.gov.

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at NH Department of Environmental Services Email: Amy.Rousseau@des.nh.gov, Phone: 603.271.8801

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OBITUARY

Todd Michael Graham

Todd Michael Graham, 63, of Hudson, NH - a devoted husband, father, Papa, brother, uncle, mentor, and friend - passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2025. Born on Feb. 5, 1962, in Somerville, MA, Todd was raised in Hudson and graduated from Alvirne High School with the Class of 1980.

Todd married his high school sweetheart and soulmate, Allyson (Jarry) Graham Aug. 31, 1985 and shared 39 wonderful years of marriage. Their love story was one of unwavering devotion, partnership, and joy. Together they built a beautiful family.

He leaves behind his beloved children: Amanda Graham and her husband Adam Marchelletta, Chris Graham and his wife Kayla (Gauthier) Graham, Jay Graham, Cody Graham and his wife Samantha (Mata) Graham.

His greatest joys were his grandchildren: Ava, Lacey, Jackson, Chloe, Cole, and Cynthia, each of whom brought endless happiness to his life.

Todd built a successful career in construction, beginning with the launch of his own business, Graham Construction. In 1993, he became the Site Supervisor at Sousa Realty, where he worked for 35 years alongside Manny and Kay Sousa. Together, they not only built beautiful homes but also a deep and lasting friendship.

In addition to his immediate family, Todd is survived by his brother Sean Graham his wife Donna and sister Tammy, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Doreen and John Graham.

Todd's legacy is one of love, hard work, and generosity. His passion for life showed through in all he did - whether attending car shows with his classic pickup or Camaro, relaxing by the pool where all were welcome, tackling yard projects with endless enthusiasm, putting around one of his garages, cracking sarcastic jokes or spending peaceful days at his lake house on Northwood Lake. He enjoyed long car rides with Allyson, going out to eat and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. As the patriarch of his family he took pride in building the perfect home which was the gathering place for not only holidays but just simply the hangout. There was never a time the door wasn't open for anyone but he would always make sure to tell you "it's getting late" or "time to go home".

To know Todd was to be inspired, supported, and often considered family. His wisdom, warmth, and humor left an indelible mark on everyone he met. His passing is a profound loss, not only for his family but for the countless others whose lives he touched.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, July 23, in the Dumont - Sullivan Funeral Home. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Todd's honor to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at www.nationalmssociety.org. It is an organization close to the family's heart.

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Friday	7:00AM - 5:00PM
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Sunday	CLOSED