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PARK PRIMMING Russ Whitton weeds an area at Benson Park on Saturday morning during the Friends of Benson Park Clean-up Day. Crews were scattered throughout the park taking advantage of the first Saturday without rain in 14-weeks. More photos page 8 and 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

State Advances Key Housing Bills Amid Ongoing Debate

MEREDITH KENDRICK
HUDSON TIMES

The N.H. Legislature continues to advance a sweeping package of housing-related bills aimed at addressing the state's growing housing shortage. Critics warn that the proposals could erode local control over development deci-

sions.

One of the most high-profile bills, SB 538, dubbed the "HOMEnibus," passed the Senate in April 2024 but was voted down in the House on May 2 by a vote of 188 to 173. The bill sought to promote office to residential conversions, reduce local restrictions on

small multi-unit housing, and streamline approval processes. Its defeat marked a significant setback for advocates of statewide housing reform.

Other proposed legislation remains in play. HB 1399, SB 482, and HB 1215 are still under review

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Resident Urges Change To School Board Public Input

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

During the public input portion of the June 16 Hudson School Board meeting, resident Craig Powers urged the School Board to consider changing its policy on public comment and participation.

"I think you share my concerns with getting that updated," he said during the meeting.

The policy BEDH Public Comment and Participation states in part:

"During the public comment period, an individual may offer comments on agenda items (only). However, consistent with RSA 189:74, I, and in the interest

of protecting personally identifiable information ("PII") as well as other confidential information, comments (including complaints) regarding individual students, volunteers, or employees (other than the superintendent) should be directed to the superintendent or otherwise as provided under the complaint/grievance resolution processes set forth in School Board policies KE and/or KEB. Members of the public shall limit comments only to those items appearing on the current agenda. Requests to address the Board on specific matters (i.e., a request to have a matter placed on an agenda)

should be presented to the Superintendent and the School Board Chair no less than fourteen days prior to the next Board meeting and must set forth the specifics of the subject to be address. The determination whether to place the matter on the agenda will be made consistent with Board Policy BEDB."

Powers said he was looking to have it changed from being able to make public comment on agenda items to "an individual may offer public comment on any agenda items or any district matters. It doesn't limit it to just what's on the agenda," he said.

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Historic Train Station Gets Damaged During Break-In

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The latest meeting of the Benson Park Advisory Committee saw its members address a possible act of vandalism and trespassing at the old train station.

"We had a break-in at the train station!" said Committee Chair Jack Madden, who outlined how one of the station's doors had been kicked in. "Somebody kicked it hard enough so that they pulled the nails off of the board and got in."

While the June 8 incident was promptly reported to the Hudson Police Department, there were no suspects. It was unclear what actions the advisory committee could take beyond acting to prevent future bur-

glaries.

"Because of the fact that there were no 'No Trespassing' signs, even if the police caught anybody, there's no crime they can charge them with," said Madden. "We can put those on the boards, but we'd have to go through the DPW, and you'd have to get the Board of Selectmen to approve it."

Despite the red tape, committee member Sue Clement suggested starting the process by adding signs to park property.

"Maybe we'll do that for all of our things at this point," she said. "If you want, I'll contact DPW about getting the signs."

The advisory committee agreed to start with 'No Trespassing' signs.

Other suggestions included the installation of motion-activated lights and cameras to deter future break-ins. Currently, the Elephant Barn uses motion-activated lights to apparent success. Benson Park's Old Woman in the Shoe display, which suffered extensive vandalism before its refurbishment, uses motion-activated cameras.

"The problem with cameras is that while the station has power, we don't have Wi-Fi. You need Wi-Fi to interact with the cameras," said Madden. "Images go to a cell phone when something activates."

Natalie Newell from the Friends of Benson Park recommended using a Wi-Fi

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Planning Defines Lighting Rules, Debates Holiday Lighting Restrictions

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The June 11 meeting of the Hudson Planning Board saw its members continue in their efforts to finalize updates to the town's land-use regulations. These changes included what town officials hoped was more straightforward language with lighting requirements for new developments.

“We simply say all site and parking area lighting shall be full cutoff fixtures

that provide a reasonably uniform level of illuminance and do not direct light beyond the boundaries of the site,” explained Interim Town Planner Jay Minkarah. “It’s just simple and straightforward.”

Other changes included eliminating confusing language like “essential lighting” and “uniformity ratio,” both of which proved nearly impossible to properly define.

“I just think it’s great;

it's such a phenomenal update from where we were to where we're going," said Board member Victor Oates. "It addresses that dark sky issue that originally brought us to this."

Despite broad agreement that the changes were needed, a few questions remained before moving forward to a public hearing.

“On section F, the last sentence with the height of poles should illuminate architecture scale of the

area surrounding the size. Are we setting a height limit for any pole?" asked Crowley. "We're kind of leaving it open."

Board Chair Tim Malley stated that there was no fixed limit on the height of a lighting pole, adding that the language was designed to allow for flexibility.

“If you limit the height of a pole, you’re going to require more poles in a parking lot,” said Malley.

The Chair did have a problem with the restrictions of holiday lighting.

“Why did we designate November, December, and January?” asked Malley, noting that such limitations excluded any business that might want to put up lights for Halloween or the Fourth of July. “Should we change it to say it’s allowed for three months of the year? Or scratch the whole thing?”

“We have a rather large community in town that cel-

celebrates Holi in the spring," added Vice-Chair Jordan Ulrey.

Members quickly agreed that any restriction on holiday lights was likely impractical, unanimously voting to strike the language, along with similar language governing festival lighting.

Beyond lighting, the Planning Board discussed a few demographic statistics needed to update the town Master Plan with a defined housing chapter.

“The primary difference between now and the last time you saw it is that we updated the data,” said Minkarah. “Overall themes are that growth has been declining in Hudson. The population has been getting older, it’s been getting richer and, surprisingly, less diverse.”

This “limited” population growth stood in contrast to the higher growth rates seen in surrounding

communities, like Merrimack and Nashua, which have seen a sizable increase in demand for building permits over the past few years.

“Any efforts to go out beyond ten years is highly speculative,” admitted Min-karah. “The factor that is really going to be the driver of growth is migration, and it’s difficult to predict.”

It was also unclear how up-to-date some of the numbers actually were.

"We did our best shot, this is what we've come up with as of this meeting, but by the time we get it printed, it will probably be outdated," said Crowley.

The Town Planner indicated that 2024 building permit numbers would be added to his report within the next few weeks.

The next meeting of the Hudson Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Community Development Conference Room.

Public Input Change

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Powers said he was looking for it to get on the policy committee agenda.

Also during the meeting CX asked for an update on the strategic plan process and also asked that they have a specific date of when it will be done by. Powers said that they have been working on it for the past 18 months and thinks they

shouldn't go in the FY 27 budget process without the strategic plan in place. School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained that they have provided updates from the committee level and that they plan to continue to work on it throughout the summer and will be finalizing it. She said they are committed to having it done during the school year.

“That work continues,”
she said

When asked for more of a specific timeline, Dionne said it likely would be months away from being completed.

“I would say that we are probably months away from finalizing that work,” she said.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Hudson To Begin Search For Town Planner Once Again

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HUDSON TIMES

The town of Hudson will be once again searching for a new Town Planner, Town Administrator Roy Sorenson, confirmed on Tuesday.

After more than a year, the town of Hudson selected its next Town Planner, during the May 13 nonpublic meeting.

According to the draft minutes from that meeting John Stoll was selected as

the next Town Planner “with effective date and terms of salary to be negotiated by Town Administrator, Roy E. Sorenson, to be finalized upon (a) signed Conditional Offer of Employment executed through the signatory of the Chairman of the Board of (Selectmen), Dillon Dumont.”

“It is unfortunate that our selected candidate withdrew due to reasons that prevented him from relocating from Colorado. He

would have been starting next Monday June 30th,” Sorenson wrote in an email.

Sorenson in a memo to the Board of Selectmen as part of its June 24 meeting wrote, “As you know we had previously offered the Town Planner position to John Stoll after an extensive search and interview process.”

“Unfortunately, he has removed himself from accepting the position due to unforeseen circum-

stances that prohibit him from relocating,” Sorenson wrote. “While we have some possible candidates identified from the previous process, I believe that it would be prudent to reopen the search once again for due diligence.”

Sorenson said his hope, if all went to plan during the June 24 meeting, that they would have begun the search on June 25.

“We are discussing tonight at BOS to open the

search process again starting tomorrow. My expectation is to be interviewing candidates as soon as the week of July 7th possibly bringing a candidate forward for consideration to BOS by July 22nd. If all goes well we may have someone here by late August at best,” Sorenson wrote in an email.

It is unclear what the outcome of the meeting was, which took place after the print deadline for this

story. An update will be provided in the next edition of the Hudson Times.

According to Stoll’s Facebook page, he is currently a Long Range Planner in Colorado.

He also worked for the City of Concord up until 2018 when he took a position in the Town of Kennebunk, Maine as the Town Planner.

Stoll was also employed as a Town Planner in Berwick Maine.

Work Days Clear More Conservation Land for Public Use

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Conservation Commission met on June 9 to review their recent Tiger Road Property Work Day, an event Chair Carl Murphy called “a great day.”

“We got a lot accomplished; the town picked up a pile of trash we had,” he said. “It was nice. We blazed a new trail. I’d like to go back down and make that trail a little more open. There’s still a lot of vegetation in spots.”

Located near the eastern section of the Musquash Conservation Area, the relatively undeveloped conservation property near 13 Tiger Rd., represents one of the Commission’s newest land acquisitions. Opening the area to recreational use by connecting it with Musquash has been a top priority in recent months.

“It’ll be a nice loop trail down there,” said Murphy. “Thank you for everyone showing up and getting that work done.”

Commissioner John

Walter got in contact with local experts and announced there would be “no issue” finishing their trail.

The Conservation Commission aimed to build on its success during its June Work Day, focusing on a property near Colburn Road, where at least one fallen tree blocked trails in the area.

“There’s some poison ivy over there,” warned Vice-Chair Ken Dickinson, who indicated they were having some trouble keep-

ing up with the rapid growth of new vegetation after a rainy spring. “There’s some other species, other invasives besides poison ivy that can be treated along that same area.”

Murphy also wanted to cover parts of Musquash, citing a “big tree” and “a lot of vegetation” that were impairing hikers on the Wilkinson Pond View Trail.

After some debate, the Commission agreed to set their next Work Day for Saturday, June 28, from 8 a.m. at the Musquash parking lot.

The Commission also heard a quick presentation from engineer Alex Giuffrida of Hayner/Swanson Inc.

for a Conditional Use Permit at 140 Old Derry Rd. The plan included the construction of a 1,344-square-foot commercial garage, one that would impact a nearby wetland buffer. It was not the first time the project was before the Conservation Commission.

Most concerns focused on the impact on the surrounding watershed and whether the applicant was willing to accept a long list of stipulations, including erosion control barriers, a reconfigured parking area, and the control of invasive species.

“It looks like we have quite a few things listed as stipulations,” said Walter.

“Do you believe they’ll

be okay with these?” asked Selectman Liaison David Morin.

Giuffrida promised to bring the stipulations to his client but assured the Commission everyone was willing to be “reasonable” when making changes to minimize the project’s impact on the surrounding watershed.

“Some of the things we talked about, like with the knotweed, we can definitely get rid of that,” said Giuffrida.

With a few changes to the plan, the Conservation Commission unanimously voted to recommend the permit. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14.

New Town Moderator Wanted

After the recent resignation of the current Town Moderator officials are looking for residents to volunteer.

A recent post on the town website states: The Town of Hudson is accepting applications for the position of Town Moderator. The Town Moderator is an elected official and this appointment is until the

next annual Town Meeting in March 2026.

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Editorial

A Reason to Celebrate

July 4 is a time to recognize that without the events that transpired long ago, we may have been subjects of Great Britain today. Instead, the Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, setting the former British colonies on the path toward becoming a nation.

What should we be celebrating? The Declaration of Independence itself. This important document reminds us of our identity as a nation and reinforces the principles established by those who fought for our freedom.

Perhaps the document's most recognized lines from the document state "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The phrase "created equal" is one we need to remember every day. Additionally, the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain serves as a powerful reminder of what our government should never become. This message is especially relevant during times when political attacks reach unpleasant levels.

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The Declaration emphasizes straightforward yet profound concepts: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It states, "To secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." While this may seem normal to us, in many countries, it is still just a dream.

It serves as a reminder of how our ancestors chose a government whose power comes from the people. When we don't vote, we are shirking that responsibility-something countless individuals fought and died to achieve. And when we do vote, the outcome becomes law, regardless of whether our side won or lost.

National holidays have evolved into times for public celebrations and private gatherings, but celebrating the Fourth of July should be about more than just barbecuing, lighting sparklers, or attending fireworks displays. While these activities capture the spirit of the celebration, we should also take time to reflect on what this nation represents.

Have a safe and fun filled Fourth of July. Our ancestors would want it to be celebrated that way.

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Letters

Reject House Bill 613

To the editor,

I am writing to you to today because unless our legislators vote down House Bill 613, NH will be turning its back on its obligation to keep our local elections accessible to people with disabilities like me.

Our "one4all" accessible voting system is a device consisting of a touchscreen tablet, keyboard, and headphones that allows people with disabilities to cast their ballots at the polling place. These devices are available for our state and federal elections. Only just this past year have they

also been provided for local elections, finally bringing NH in line with the rest of the country.

HB613 allows cities and towns to opt out of providing Accessible Voting Systems during local elections unless a voter provides written notice of their intent to use the system at least 60 days in advance of an election. No other voter is required to notify their town's clerk if, and how, they intend to vote at any point prior to election day.

This shifts the responsibility for requesting the state-owned Accessible Voting System from municipalities to individual disabled

voters - despite municipalities being legally responsible for running local elections. This places an additional burden on voters with disabilities and risks exposing them to intimidation or pushback from local officials, or harassment from other residents.

Call your representatives today and ask them to reject HB613. NH legislators must not pass legislation that clearly and unlawfully discriminates against voters with disabilities!

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Sincerely,
Ryan Donnelly
Hudson

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Break-In

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extender for a camera.

"We have one in the corner of the Barn, almost up to the ceiling in the back, and that reaches out to the Shoe," said Newell.

Damage from the break-in was largely repaired without further incident as Madden worked to reinforce the building against similar damage in the future.

"I went back last Wednesday and did some re-bracing inside. If somebody's going to try to break

in again, they're going to have to do a little bit of work," he said. "We should look at the possibility of either changing the code for the padlock if we can, I need to find out how to do that and contact the company. I've been here nine years and that code has been the same all along, a lot of people have it."

Sadly, recent acts of vandalism across Benson Park were not limited to the train station, with a separate report of graffiti in the family restroom.

"It was probably there for a while," said Madden.

"I'll report this. I can mention the police officer we mentioned the break-in to. I'm not going to file a report because it's small beans, but you don't want to allow this stuff to continue."

The graffiti was relatively minor, and there were no reports of other damage to any restroom facilities. Clement offered to paint over or help wash off the graffiti in the near future.

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

Nutfield Publishing Will Not Print a Paper on July 3.

The Hudson Times will not be printed on July 3. The publisher will be taking a one-week holiday break. Newspaper publishing will resume on Thursday, July 10. We thank our readers for their understanding.

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School Board Approve Absorbing Year-End Meal Debts

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board reviewed a proposal related to student meal debts during the most recent board meeting. Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis explained that it's a memo that typically comes in front of the school board around this time of the year.

"Parents and/or Guardians are responsible for providing their student with meals for the day or providing funds for the student to purchase meals," Food Services Director Karen Ather-

ton wrote in a memo to the School Board. "Those who are in financial need are encouraged to apply for free or reduced priced meals. In accordance with NH RSA 198-11a, students who do not have funds in their accounts may access the same qualifying meal that is served to other students even if it means that student's account will go into the negative. A qualifying meal is defined as a meal which meets the requirement of the National School Lunch Program."

It was explained during

the school board meeting that students who accumulate a negative lunch balance aren't allowed to charge for things like snacks, and other non-meal items.

"Students who are in the negative are only allowed to charge qualifying meals, a la carte items can not be charged," stated the memo to the school board.

It was explained during the meeting that they send out weekly reminders for students who have a negative lunch balance, but as

they typically do, they still have a number of families who have negative balances at the end of the year.

"As of the writing of this memo on June 9, the delinquent meals account is -50,933.73," the memo to the school board stated. "This is despite our best efforts to collect by sending weekly emails, letters mailed to homes and text messaging the balance owed."

It was explained during the meeting that in order to be within federal compliance, they have to have the

school district absorb the debt which was the proposal during the meeting.

"To fulfill federal requirements, student meal debt would be paid from other district funds with the debt owed by parents now owed to the district," Atherton wrote in the memo to the school board. "I am requesting the School Board purchase the delinquent debt, not to exceed 53,000."

School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained during the meeting that she wanted to reiterate that the

school district is making calls, sending letters, texts, phone calls and sending bills to families whose accounts have a negative balance in order to try to recoup the funds.

It was noted by School Board member Ethan Beals that they have a line item in the budget every year to absorb the debt.

The School Board unanimously approved the proposal during the meeting.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Robinson Pond Dedicated Volunteers Make a Difference

Robinson Pond is an enjoyable local summer-time treat and for the past 25 years, the Friends of Robinson Pond have been working with the New Hampshire Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (NHVLAP).

The VLAP program provides information to The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) biologists who can use the information to determine a lake's water quality and monitor water quality trends over time. Since its inception, this

group has had over 50 trained VLAP Monitors. Robinson Pond has one of the longest continuous VLAP records in the State thanks to these volunteers who help monitor the waters of Hudson's recreation spot, keeping it clean and safe for swimming, boating, and fishing.

This dedicated group of volunteers have been collecting water samples from six watershed tributaries that drain into Robinson Pond. The tributaries are located on Robinson Road, Stoney

Lane, and Hazelwood Road. Other volunteers collect water samples from the eight meter Deep Spot of the Pond. These samples are tested by the state for chemicals, nutrients, pollutants and bacteria. The Hudson Conservation Commission provides funding for the lab testing of the samples.

The Friends of Robinson Pond are looking for additional volunteers and/or substitutes, with or without a boat, to help with collecting these water samples. Samples

are taken in the morning, once per month, from May to September. The process takes less than an hour. Our upcoming sampling

dates for 2025 are Tuesdays: July 15, August 19, and September 16. Please consider volunteering to help keep Robinson Pond

safe for you and your family during the summer. If interested contact: RobinsonPondNH@hotmail.com.

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Rodgers Memorial Trustees Address High Printing Costs

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees met on June 18 with a final review of their 2024-2025 financial report.

“Going through the Treasurer’s Report, it seems to me that everything is going smoothly,” said Treasurer Margaret St. Onge, who added that the library received \$149 in donations over the past month. “There was nothing that was unusual. It looks like we’re right on goal to meet the budget at the end of the year.”

Trustee Karen Bohrer

was pleased that the budget appeared to be “on track” at the end of the fiscal year but noticed that while overall spending was on track, one line item seemed to have been overspent.

“I was just wondering about why library printing was so far over budget,” said Bohrer.

According to St. Onge, the high printing costs came from the creation of brochures and cards for the library’s popular summer reading program.

“That’s consistent with what happened last year, too,” admitted Trustee Mimi

Guessferd, as members agreed to rethink how they calculated their printing estimates.

Library Director Linda Pilla stated that part of the higher-than-expected cost came from relying on outside parties for help.

“We can do it inhouse, making use of the extra copies that get accrued to us through use of our Xerox printers. Unfortunately, those printers tend to work quite slowly, they tend to overheat, and have been less than delightful to work with,” said Pilla. “Sending the job out to Minutemen

printing in Nashua has been a really good use of resources, allowing the staff to go on to do actually useful tasks instead of watching the printer.”

Trustees agreed that budgeting a little more for printing was the best course of action. Next year’s budgeting process for the town, including Rodgers Memorial Library, is expected to begin towards the end of summer.

After addressing the spending issue, Selectman Bob Guessferd invited the library Board of Trustees to make a presentation before

the new Town Administrator.

“What we’re doing every month right now is kind of a rotation presentation at the Select board meetings where each department puts together a template of charts where they describe their mission, their vision, what they want to accomplish, their organization, strengths, weaknesses, and it’s been very helpful for the rest of us to know what’s going on,” he said. “If you want to talk to us and the Town Administrator, maybe enter the rotation at some point so that people know what you’re doing.”

The Library Director stated that a presentation to the Board of Selectmen was “on the list of things to do,” although she wanted to make progress on the library’s strategic plan first.

“We can come in with our strategic plan ready to go,” said Pilla. “We’ll be there with bells and whistles on. If we’re going to do it, we might as well do it right.”

The next meeting of the Rodgers Memorial Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Hills Memorial Library.

State Bills

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in committee, with no votes scheduled. In contrast, HB 577, which requires municipalities to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) by right, passed both chambers earlier this year and now awaits final concurrence or the governor’s signature. If enacted, the bill could reshape zoning regulations in Hudson, which has traditionally limited ADUs in

many neighborhoods. Local officials are concerned that the law may trigger unexpected growth in areas without adequate infrastructure.

Parking focused measures, HB 382 and SB 284, which aim to reduce parking requirements for small scale developments, have cleared the Senate and are now awaiting action in the House. In Hudson, where

roads like Lowell Road and Route 102 already experience heavy traffic, reduced parking minimums could put additional strain on local streets and commercial zones.

Several additional bills passed the Senate in March 2025 and are pending in the House. These include SB 84, which prohibits towns from setting minimum lot sizes over one acre in serviced areas for at least half of residential zones, HB 631, which allows residential or mixed-use development by right in commercial areas with water and sewer, and SB 282, which permits certain mid-rise buildings to use a single stairwell under specific fire safety conditions. These

changes could affect Hudson’s ability to maintain lower density zoning, especially in areas where the town has worked to balance growth with public safety, school capacity, and infrastructure maintenance.

SB 81, which proposes doubling funding for the state’s Affordable Housing Trust from \$5 million to \$10 million annually, passed the Senate on March 6. However, it is currently on hold in the Senate Finance Committee amid broader budget negotiations. If implemented, the fund could offer financial support for infrastructure upgrades in towns like Hudson, but only if they comply with new state zoning requirements.

Meanwhile, HB 685 has emerged as one of the more controversial proposals. The bill would require every municipality to allow manufactured housing in all residential zones. It passed both chambers in May and entered conference committee for final reconciliation on June 17. Supporters argue the measure promotes housing affordability and flexibility. Opponents, however, say it removes important local decision-making powers. In testimony before the Senate on May 2, Rep. Len Turcotte stated, “As with every other one of the dozen plus state imposed, top down zoning dictates that have been introduced, each municipality already has the ability to alter their zoning reg-

ulations using the warrant article process. Therefore, none of these bills are needed.” In Hudson, where manufactured housing is currently limited to specific zones, the bill could override existing planning strategies and increase housing density in areas not designed to support it.

Hudson officials have raised concerns in recent years about the town’s ability to accommodate rapid development without straining services, schools, and transportation networks. Residents can voice their support or opposition to the bills by submitting testimony online at gen-court.state.nh.us, contacting their local legislators, or attending public hearings at the State House.



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School Board Debates Proposed Meal Policy Update

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board debated a proposed updated policy on Food Service Meal Charging during its most recent board meeting. It led to a discussion over whether or not there should be change to the policy on what happens if student lunches go unpaid. The current language and what would be updated if approved as is stated:

When excessive debt is accumulated, such actions may include:

- Prohibiting students from participating in future

fee-based activities or trips until the balance is paid in full

- Prohibiting seniors from participating in senior activities and graduation exercises

- Assigning debt to a collection agency or taking other legal actions as deemed appropriate

School Board Maureen Dionne explained it's something that was included as part of the policy a few years ago, but that up to this point, it hasn't been pursued. Dionne said that she was in favor of removing the language listing the

potential consequences but wanted to have a discussion with the rest of the school board to see their thoughts. "I was in favor of striking through those three items there," Dionne said, explaining that she thought they were "extreme."

She explained that in her view they already have a policy and procedures in place which included contacting families about meal debts. "However prohibiting students from participating in programs because of meal debt, I'm not in support of," Dionne said.

School Board Chair

Mike Campbell said during the meeting, "I agree with that," explaining they have seen that type of thing happen in other districts, which has not been met with good responses. "I'm also in favor of removing these," he explained, noting that he doesn't think that they should be punishing students in that way for having unpaid meal debts.

School Board member Stephen Meyer said it was discussed during the policy committee meeting with it being noted while it's not the school district's intention to take any of the

actions, it could defer someone from taking a needed meal if the language of possible consequences are in the policy. Dionne said she was OK with the language in the updated proposed policy which states, "Debts not paid prior to the end of the school year will be referred to the finance department for appropriate action." She explained that in her view it gives the school district some discretion when it comes to consequences which she thinks is sufficient.

School Board member Ethan Beals also agreed that

it made sense to get rid of the language., "I got no issue getting rid of it," Beals said.

It was decided to remove the language from the proposed policy before the second policy reading where a final vote on the updated policy will take place. It was noted by Campbell that people can let them know their opinion on the policy one way or the other.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Alvirne Trustees Provides Six Figures in Donations to Schools

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

At the most recent Hudson School Board meeting an agenda item was in regards to a public hearing in order to accept funds from the Alvirne Trustees. "This evening's public hearing is to accept donations from the Alvirne Trustees," School Board Chair Maureen Dionne explained during the meeting. Dionne explained that they have discussed all of the proposed donations during a previous meeting.

"It's in total \$319,000 worth of items the Trustees budgeted for and are donating," Dionne said during the meeting.

During a previous School Board meeting it was explained by Alvirne High School Principal Steve Beals that before they went in front of the Trustees asking for funding, he needed to get approval from the School Board first. From there the School Board was asked to send an approved list of requested donations that the School Board was supporting. A total of \$546,869 worth of proposed requests were sent to the Alvirne Trustees for its consideration after being reviewed by the School Board previously.

School Board Vice Chair Mike Campbell explained during the meet-

ing that the Alvirne Trustees have been extremely generous the last few years, and it's continuing even with the major undertaking going on with the Alvirne Chapel.

"And they're still being extremely generous with Alvirne, and I want to thank them again," he said. The Alvirne Trustees in total approved 12 different items ranging from \$2,500 to \$110,000 for the haybarn renovation. One of the requests approved was for engineering classes, with a total of \$40,000 going towards a Robot Arm and CNC Machine. One of the requests from the School Administration that was

approved was for \$8,000 for in-school speakers. Beals explained previously that the funds would help them with paying for different fees for speakers that they want to bring in to speak to students.

The smallest of the donations approved was for \$2,500 for the Quinceanera Dance. "The Trustees love that event," Beals said previously.

Another proposal approved that came from the Administration was for the 75th anniversary yearbook montage with a price

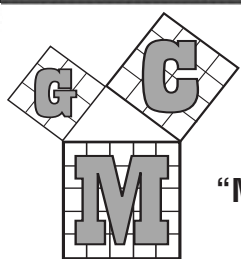
tag of \$5,000. A total of \$5,000 was awarded for the Senior Capstone Community Support request. Beals explained previously that the Trustees like to give back to the community and said a lot of the Capstone projects do things to give back to the community. He noted that sometimes the students are looking for seed money for their projects. Dionne said that it was a remarkable donation being made again this year from the Alvirne Trustees.

"I think it's pretty remarkable what we have

(done) working in collaborating with the Alvirne Trustees," Dionne said. Beals in his memo to the School Board also thanked the Trustees for supporting the school. "We are grateful for their continued unwavering generosity," Beals said.

The School Board unanimously approved accepting the donations during the meeting.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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HUDSON SPORTS

Area Fun Runs Set to Resume During the Month of July



CHRIS PAUL
HUDSON TIMES

The seventh annual Hudson Community Fun Run Series is scheduled to continue this summer beginning in the second week of July.

The free running series had a bit of a rough start last year due to rain, but organizers are hopeful for a successful 2025.

The event is hosted by the Friends of Hudson Memorial Cross Country/Track & Field, led by Matthew and Kerri Simpson. The couple hopes to turn this event into something larger that can ultimately create a small scholarship fund for high school students looking to further their education beyond Alvirne High School.

There is no cost to run, but organizers ask for food donations each week that will be donated to the Hudson Food Pantry.

The races are scheduled to be held at the Alvirne High School track on four consecutive Wednesday evenings, starting on July 16.

Weather permitting; the runs will continue July 23 and 30, then on August 6.

Registration will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m. with races beginning at 6 p.m.

Participation ribbons will be presented to all finishers in each race division.

The Diaper Dash will kick things off each week with a 50-yard dash for those under Pre-K.

Other races include: a 75-yard dash, for Pre-K to four- and five-year olds; 200-Meter race for Kindergarten through first grade; 1/4 mile for second and third graders; 1/2 mile for fourth and fifth graders; one-mile run for sixth to eighth graders; and the final race is the open cross-country mile for any age up to 100-years-old.

Free t-shirts will be given to the first 50 runners



to register and free watermelon will be handed out to all after each race.

In Londonderry, the Greater Derry Track Club also holds similar races each Monday night starting

on June 23 through August.

Races are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. each week, following registration, at the Londonderry High School track.

Categories range from a

50-yard dash for two- to three-year olds; up to an open cross-country mile for runners 14 and up.

This is also a free event, with non-perishable food donations being suggested.

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School Board Discuss Hiring Process During Summer

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

One of the agenda items during the most recent Hudson School Board meeting was in regards to hiring during the summer months for various open positions the school district has. It was explained during the meeting by School Board Chair Maureen Dionne that typically during the summer they have a different meeting schedule and have more time in between meetings because they typically only meet once a month.

"We'll actually not have another Board meeting for about a month," she explained during the meeting. She also noted that there is also three weeks between their meeting in July and when their next meeting is in August. At the same time, she also explained that the summer time is one of the most important times for hiring staff.

"With that said, it's also the most critical hiring season," Dionne explained during the meeting. She

said during the summer months applications are coming in and interviews are happening, so typically the School Board has voted to allow the superintendent to hire staff during those time periods. It was also noted that they are informed of the hires after the fact at their next school board meeting. Questions were raised during the meeting by new board members after School Board member Ethan Beals made a motion to give the superintendent the authori-

ty to make hires through the end of September.

Beals explained that the School Board had always extended the hiring authority to the superintendent for the summer months, but said for about two years, due to hiring struggles, they have done it for four to six months at a time.

Another question raised during the meeting is if there are any parameters to it by the School Board giving the authority to the superintendent. Dionne explained that they are all

treated the same and if there is a need to have a discussion about any of the hires, the superintendent can contact the school board chair about it. Ultimately she said it allows the school district to move ahead with hiring staff without holding up the process, which at times can lead to staff getting different jobs or not accepting positions with the school district.

Another question raised was whether or not there were any RSAs that allow

the school board to give the superintendent the authority. Superintendent Dr. Dan Moulis explained there is no specific RSA, but said it's a pretty universal move that school districts across the state make during the summer. The School Board ultimately unanimously approved authorizing the superintendent to make hires through the end of September.

The next Hudson School Board meeting is slated to take place on July 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DHHS Provides Tips for Preventing Tick and Mosquito Bites

As the weather warms up and ticks and mosquitoes become more active, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is providing tips for preventing tick and mosquito bites.

"The best way to protect yourself from illnesses spread by ticks and mosquitoes is to prevent bites," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan. "Everyone can take simple steps to protect themselves and stay healthy as they enjoy the New Hampshire outdoors."

While ticks can be active year-round, the risk of bites increases as the snow melts and ticks begin to emerge from the leaf lit-

ter. In NH, ticks are typically most active from April to November. Deer tick nymphs, which are thought to cause most tick-borne illnesses, are usually most active from May to July. The most common tick-borne illness in NH is Lyme disease, but ticks can spread other pathogens, like Powassan virus, anaplasmosis, and babesiosis.

Mosquitoes are also more active during warmer months in NH and may bite during the day or night. There are three diseases that circulate among mosquitoes in the state: Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV), Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV), and West Nile Virus (WNV). Where-

as the risk of JCV begins increasing in the spring, the risk of EEEV and WNV increases through the summer and fall as the viruses spread among animal populations.

Diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes often cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. In some patients, the diseases may cause serious complications, including neurological problems. Anyone who develops these symptoms after a bite should contact their healthcare provider.

Fortunately, there are steps everyone can take to prevent tick and mosquito bites, as well as the dis-

eases they may cause:

- Protect yourself from bites. Wear insect repellents and treat clothing with permethrin. When outside, wear protective clothing such as socks, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants. Wear light-colored clothing, which makes it easier to spot ticks.

- Check yourself for ticks. After being outside, check your body for ticks. If you find a tick that has bitten you, remove it as soon as possible with a pair of tweezers to lower your risk of illness. Consider using the Tick Bite Bot to


help you decide when to contact your healthcare provider. To get rid of any loose ticks that haven't bitten yet, shower as soon as possible and wash and dry your clothes on high heat after coming indoors.

- Take precautions in tick and mosquito habitats, including forests, marshes, trails, and tall grasses. Stay on cleared paths to help reduce the risk of tick bites.

- Reduce the number of ticks and mosquitoes around your home. Clear leaf litter, tall grass, or brush around your home and mow the lawn frequent-

ly. Remove or cover outdoor items with standing water, where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Install or repair window and door screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.

Please call DPHS at 603-271-4496 with any questions about diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes. For more information about ticks and mosquitoes, the illnesses they spread, and how to prevent bites, visit the DHHS Tickborne Diseases webpage and the DHHS Mosquito-Borne Illnesses webpage.



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School Board Approve Character & Citizenship Policy

ALEX MALM
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson School Board gave its final approval for its updated policy on Character and Citizenship Education during its most recent board meeting.

The policy states that “Those in charge of curriculum development will have the responsibility for integrating into the curriculum, as appropriate, the following principles:

1. Each individual has dignity and worth.
2. A free society requires respect for persons, property, principles, and self.
3. Each individual has a right to learn and freedom to achieve.
4. Each individual, regardless of age, gender, race, creed, color, religion, marital status, sexual orien-

tation, national or ethnic origin, or disability, has the right to equal opportunity.

5. Each individual has the right to personal liberties.

6. Each individual is responsible for his/her own actions, and should exercise self-discipline where and when appropriate.

7. Each individual has a responsibility to oneself, the group, as well as to the total society.

8. A democratic government is established by majority vote.

9. Democratic societies are based on law.

10. Problems are solved through reason and orderly processes.

11. An individual should be tolerant of another's beliefs and should have the freedom to express his/her own.

12. Each individual has the right to work, to pursue an occupation, and to gain satisfaction from personal efforts.

13. Each individual should interact with others using self-control, fairness, integrity, and justice.

14. A responsible citizen participates in community service.”

It also states as part of the policy that “Teaching in the area of character and citizenship will take place throughout the K-12 program.”

Another updated policy approved during the meeting was in regards to pregnant students.

As part of the updated

policy it states, “Maternal or paternal status shall not affect the rights and privileges of students to receive a public education. Pregnant students shall be permitted to continue in school in all instances when continued attendance has the sanction of the expectant mother's physician. The Superintendent or designee may require a physician's statement of activity limitations.”

“In the event a student informs a staff member that the student is pregnant, the following general guidelines will apply,” the updated policy states.

It goes on to state that “any staff member who learns that a student is preg-

nant or is informed of such by the pregnant student will immediately inform the building principal, school nurse, and school counselor.”

“Staff members cannot promise that information told to the staff member by the student will remain confidential. Staff members should inform the student that pertinent laws may require the staff member to share the information if the student's health, safety, or welfare is at risk,” the policy states.

It also states as part of the updated policy that “if a pregnant student is a minor, the school building principal may need to contact

state social service agencies. This determination should be made after consultation with the school nurse, school/counselor, and other employees whose input is needed.”

“Any other school district action or response will be made by the building principal, on a case-by-case basis, after consideration of all pertinent information,” the policy states.

In addition, the updated policy states that “school staff may provide the pregnant student with information relative to medical health facilities, mental health resources, and counseling resources.”

Committee Discusses Impact of New House Bill on Default Budget

PAUL CONYERS
HUDSON TIMES

The Hudson Budget Committee met on June 4 with news from Concord that could alter the way Hudson calculates its default budget, which typically represents a town's previous budget adjusted for previously approved fixed costs, such as salary and benefit increases.

“There is a house bill I believe has passed through the house and the senate, it's House Bill 475, which adds some language to how the default budget is calculated,” said Committee member Kevin Walsh. “For example, there's three elements to my understanding, one of them is if a position was left open the prior year and remains vacant, it will be removed from the default budget.”

According to the bill,

certain account transfers, salary adjustments, and benefits adjustments made during the year may be deducted from the default budget in some cases. Selectmen Liaison Xen Vurgaropulos clarified by saying vacancies would likely remain in the budget at one dollar, rather than being removed entirely.

“They have to stay on the budget,” said Vurgaropulos. “We want to maintain the tracking in the encumbrances associated with the positions. You set it at one dollar and it's still accounted for. You can see what the bigger picture really looks like.”

“Even if you changed it to a dollar that effectively moves the funding line down,” noted Committee Chair James Lawrence. “Did House Bill 475 touch on the way in which special education funds were calcu-

lated in the default budget year-over-year?”

Neither Vurgaropulos nor Walsh were entirely sure how or if the bill would impact special education.

“If this becomes law, it'd become effective Jan. 1, 2026. I'm sure there will be some guidance both the School District and the town would be afforded,” added Walsh.

The Budget Committee also had a few questions about SAU 81's long-to-medium-term plan for school buildings and equipment in town. In particular, School Board Liaison Dan Kilgore was asked to address a 2022-2023 report by Lavallee Brensinger Architects.

“We're two years into the Lavallee Brensinger report that looked into the facilities, and I know that

there's been discussions at the School Board level at how to marry that report in with the education needs with the school district. I was just curious if we're going to see any kind of progress on that,” said Walsh. “That report had a number of analyses done for the elementary and middle school facilities. It had some options for how to maximize the facilities and how to balance that with the educational needs of the district.”

Kilgore did not have any immediate information but offered to ask other members of the School Board to see where things stood.

“Was just curious if there's going to be any progress on that investment that was made,” said Walsh.

Committee members planned to revisit the situation in the next few months.

With the start of what was expected to be a busy summer, the Budget Committee will skip its July meeting. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Buxton Room of Town Hall.

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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*.

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The popular Amateur Radio on air event will run Saturday, June 28, starting at 2 p.m., and running continuously through to Sunday, June 29, ending at 2 p.m. The Nashua Area Radio Society will be participating from the Hudson Memorial School, 1 Memorial Dr., (off Central Street) Hudson, NH. Set up begins Friday June 27 at 1 p.m. This event is held RAIN or

SHINE and is FREE and open to the public. Come and see for yourself how Amateur Radio works and how much fun you can have with Amateur Radio. For more information go to www.n1fd.org/field-day.

Second-Hand Prose Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the July 13 Friends of the Library's monthly Second-Hand Prose book sale at Hills Memorial Library, main floor, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to get your summer reading supply. Book purchases support library programs, such as summer reading program prizes, museum passes and scholarships for graduating seniors. New books arrive each

month, so plan for the Aug. 10 sale as well. The second Sunday of each month is Second-Hand Prose Day on the main floor of Hills Memorial Library.

Lions Club Scholarship

The Hudson Lions Club is awarding the 18th annual Lion Ron Boisvert \$2,000 scholarship to a Hudson Resident College Student who is currently continuing their education in the Medical Field. Applications can be obtained by contacting Scholarship Chairman Roger LaTulippe, email, dgroger@comcast.net. The deadline to apply is July 31.

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Story Safari

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

Tween Acrylic Bookmarks

On Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m., Grades 5-8 are invited to paint clear acrylic bookmarks to take home at the Rodgers Library. Acrylic paint markers are provided.

Wood Carving

On Wednesday, July 2 at 2 p.m., come to Rodgers Library for a Wood Carving event by Owl Eyes Wilderness Survival. This event is for middle and high school students only. You must be at least 11 years old and entering 6th-12th grade to participate.

Marble Run

On Wednesday, July 2 the Rodgers Library will host this

event with children allowed to drop in any time between 5 - 7 p.m. Caregiver must participate with child.

Postpartum Support Group

Gather with other postpartum parents and newborns to talk about what thoughts and feelings you're exploring at the Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 3 at 10 a.m.

Break-A-Record

Come to the Rodgers Library during July to try and break a record. On Thursday, July 3 at 11:30 a.m., test your jumping skills and see how many times you can hop on one leg in one minute. On Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m., test your chopsticks skills and see how much Jell-O you can eat using chopsticks in one minute. On Thursday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m., test your balancing skills and see how many CDs you can balance on your finger before they topple! 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

Rodgers Readers

This Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 3 at 7 p.m., at the Rodgers Library. This month's book is "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood.

Artist Study

On Monday, July 7, 14, 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.

Tween Melted Crayon Art

On Tuesday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m., grades 5-8 are invited to make their own melted crayon art on canvas at the Rodgers Library.

Teen Wicked Sing-a-Long & Pizza

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Red, White, and Blue Zentangle Class

On Wednesday, July 9 at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a 2-hour class to create some beautiful patterns and bring them to life with watercolors.

Tissue Paper Flowers

On Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m., come to the Rodgers Library for a fun and creative afternoon of crafting delicate and vibrant paper blooms.

Wildlife Encounters

On Wednesday, July 9 at 6 p.m., enjoy learning about seven live animals at this Junior Zookeeper Encounter at Rodgers Library.

Teen Pizza and Painting

Come to Rodgers Library on Thursday, July 10 at 6 p.m., for Pizza and Free Paint on canvas, picture frames, or flower pots. This event is for teens entering grades 8-12,

Summer Concert

On Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m., come to Rodgers Library for a concert by Joe Leary, An Acoustic Night Out. With Leary's unique blend of acoustic classics, modern country stylings, and original music, you're in for a real treat.

Access Wisdom Book Group

The group will meet on Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m., at Rodgers Library. This month's book is "On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old" by Parker J. Palmer.

Teddy Bear Picnic

On Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m., bring your favorite stuffed friend for a picnic on Rodgers library lawn. Cookies and juice boxes will be

served.

Life-Saving Essentials

Learn essential life-saving skills that can make a critical difference in emergencies on Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m., at Rodgers Library. This class will cover topics such as Bleeding, CPR, Shock, and Stroke Care.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This group will meet on Monday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m., at Rodgers Library. This month's book pick is "The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp" by Leonie Swann.

Tween Fruity "Pebbles"

On Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m., Grades 5-8 are invited to paint on pebbles to replicate fruit at 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](https://www.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.afcurgentcare.com/hudson or Call them at (603) 634-8614.

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.

Summer Concert

[mix]tape a cappella will perform at the Rodgers Library on Saturday, June 28, at 2 p.m. Get ready to experience the smooth sounds of [mix]tape, the dynamic a cappella group that will have you clapping and tapping!

Cookbook Club

This month the club will be using a database on our website AtoZ Food America, and will meet on Monday, June 30, at 11:30 a.m., at Rodgers Library.

Artist Study: Alma Thomas Colorful Painting

On Monday, June 30, at 2 p.m., Children entering grades 1-5 are invited to learn about artists from around the world, then complete a project that reflects the artists' style at the Rodgers Library.

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.

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.

Teen Smash Bros. Tourney

On Friday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m., teens are invited to challenge one another in a "Super Smash. Bros Ultimate" tourney at the Rodgers Library.

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Dino the Therapy Dog

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