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One of the many highlights from this year's Old Home Day Celebration was the newly added "Kiss a Pig" contest. The "winner" was Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent. Photo by Chris Paul

## Old Home Day Shines Amidst Rainy Forecast

ALYSSA GUINN  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's biggest event of the year has come and gone, but not without a myriad of memories. Londonderry's 118th Old Home Day was a hit, despite the rain leading up to Saturday, August 19.

This year's festivities began on Wednesday, August 16 with the annual Senior Barbecue. Like every year, the seniors enjoyed themselves and the event was well

attended, starting the celebrations off on a high note. Unlike the two days following, the weather fully cooperated, allowing sunshine and a light breeze as the Londonderry Lion's and multiple Old Home Day volunteers manned the grills.

Needless to say, no one went home hungry.

The following night was Kids' Night, and though the crowd seemed smaller than most years,

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## New Auditorium and Elementary School Part of Six-Year CIP Plan

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The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is meant to be just that: a way to improve the community in order to bring more prosperity and growth to the Town of Londonderry. One huge improvement that is on the schedule for the six-year CIP is adding two new structures: an auditorium and a new elementary school.

Both of these topics were presented during the discussion of the CIP by the CIP Committee last year, though it had not yet been decided that the new school would be an elementary school.

The auditorium is presented as a new outlet for the district's music and performing arts programs, but will also be open to other community programs and organizations. It is planned to seat under 1,000, and the price is set at around \$9 million.

At the August 21 CIP Committee meeting, Londonderry School District Business Administrator Peter Curro gave the update on the plan for the auditorium. Curro explained that while some might not view the auditorium as a necessity, it is an accreditation issue based on the five-year New England Association of Schools and Colleges

(NEASC) conducted and published in March of 2015. The lack of a substantial auditorium is considered a "facilities deficiency."

"Our accreditation could be at risk," explained School Board Member Steve Young to Budget Committee Member Christine Patton, who questioned whether or not there were state requirements of having an auditorium.

Curro further expressed that the lack of a proper auditorium is a "scheduling nightmare," because until the auditorium gets built, all the students and programs compete for a single space: the high

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## Police Department Exploring Ways to Tackle Opioid Epidemic

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In the month of August alone, there have been 15 listed cases of drug offense in Londonderry, according to the Londonderry Police Department's dispatch log. This includes, but is not limited to, overdoses, possession of drugs, and arrests made with drug charges. This does not include, however, any drug arrests that occur from police officers driving around on patrol, and since the logs are relatively undetailed, does not include drug related incidents that occur in addition to the documented reason for dispatch.

The U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services has labeled the ongoing battle with drugs, most specifically opioids, as an "epidemic," and lists drug overdose deaths as the leading cause of injury death in the United States, meaning death not caused by a disease or preexisting condition.

Despite this, the Londonderry Police Department does not currently have any plans or programs to combat the epidemic up and running yet, but it plans to do so in the near future.

According to Detective Christopher Olsen, who serves as the public information officer, Londonderry has hosted a panel

regarding the opioid crisis twice this year, to which they invited parents, addicts, and recovering addicts to sit down and talk about the issues, what can be done to help those who are suffering from it, and what can be done to prevent it. They brought in representatives from local treatment facilities for consultation,

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# Saturday's Old Home Day Events Were Enjoyed by Many



Although the town common was a bit soggy from the nearly two inches of rain that drenched the area the night before, the events at the town center went on as scheduled. New carnival games were added, as well as a Kiss-the-Pig contest. Music, food, and fun was had by all.

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# Londonderry's Back to School Season is in Full Swing Again

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The busy buzz of school approaching is filling the halls of every school in the Londonderry District. Teachers, office attendants, custodial staff, and maintenance crews are all working away to make sure each school is ready for students by August 29.

At Moose Hill, "the custodial staff has done an excellent job of cleaning the building and many of the teachers are already in, getting their classrooms set up to welcome their new students," said Director Bonnie Breithaupt.

Because Londonderry continues to grow, enrollment at Moose Hill continues to rise. To help accommodate this, they added an additional .5 LEEP teacher, which required another classroom. Their library was dismantled and creatively moved to

take up space around various locations in the building. Other conversions include changing the faulty room into a reading room, and the main office conference room into a workroom for staff.

A new program they, along with North School and South School for grades three through five, have implemented is called Math In Focus, a research-based curriculum that focuses on classroom learning, discussion, and practical use through real-world, hands-on experience.

"Even with the changes and challenges, our goal is always to make the time our students are here at Moose Hill a time for learning, growing, making new friends, and giving students the skills and strategies they need to meet the challenges ahead of them," Breithaupt said. "We have an excellent staff, great par-

ent volunteers, and a very supportive community. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!"

According to Principal Linda Boyd, South School has also expanded, adding five new teachers and expanding from four to six classes for each grade. In addition to the Math In Focus program, South School is introducing "Yoga 4 Classrooms," which came out of their school-wide discipline program called PBIS, which focuses on a proactive approach to behavioral management.

Yoga 4 Classrooms is a yoga and mindfulness program that promotes "social, emotional, and physical health and wellness, learning readiness, and a positive school climate."

Their goal is to have "kids increase their stamina and perseverance, and [help] them focus and calm their minds and their bodies."

Paul Dutton, the principal at North School, is looking forward to the new year, especially the implementation of the Math In Focus program. He believes that with this program, his students will build a good foundation for "continued success" once they reach the upper grade levels.

While not many changes have occurred at North School, the custodians have been hard at work preparing, cleaning, changing around the classrooms, and getting everything in shape and

ready for the staff.

"Thanks to all their help, we're in great shape and we're excited," he said.

Over at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School, Principal Shannon Putney is "obviously super excited" about the first day of school. Like the other elementary and middle schools, Matthew Thornton is piloting the Math In Focus program.

On Monday at 1:30 p.m., Matthew Thornton will host an orientation for new students and first-graders.

Multiple renovations took place over the summer, much to the appreciation of the staff. There are new staff bathrooms, a new water bottle filling station on the second

floor near the fourth and fifth-grade classrooms, and a new generator.

"Sometimes, they don't seem exciting to other people, but to us, these are things that help our school run well," Putney said.

She is excited for the first day of school because "There's just this excitement in the air when the kids are coming in and everybody's ready for them."

"We always say the first day we get them in safely, we feed, and we get them home safely," she joked.

At the high school level, Jason Parent – principal at Londonderry High School and recent winner of the Londonderry Old Home Day "Kiss the Pig" contest –

said there have been new additions to the staff and that they had their orientation this past Tuesday. A fun new addition to the school grounds comes from some volunteers who want to start an outdoor classroom. This week, they started mulching around the seating to prepare it for the first day of classes.

Though this summer seems to have flown by, any information regarding scheduling and important dates can be found on the school district's website: [www.londonderry.org](http://www.londonderry.org). Orientation for grades one, six, and nine will be held on Monday, August 28, and the first day of classes is Tuesday, August 29.

## School

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school gymnasium.

"We juggle and we make due," he expressed.

The funding will come for a general education bond that can be paid over a span of 20 years, partially through the use of tax revenue. Donations and grants would cover the rest, but none have been named or received yet.

Last year, the project was set to begin in Fiscal Year 2019, with construction occurring in Fiscal Year 2020, but Curro advocated that there are more pressing issues, like a new SAU office, and that the committee can push it off a few years. At the end of the meeting, the commit-

tee decided to advise pushing back this particular project to the final year of the six-year plan, 2024.

The other new structure Curro presented was a new elementary school. Curro expressed that the idea is not a new one, though it is not a part of last year's plan, and it heavily depends on the continued enrollment increase in the Londonderry schools. The project is estimated to cost around \$26 million, and be able to host around 500 students, similar to both North School and South Schools, whose

numbers are at 450 and 525, respectively.

The timing for the launch of construction is somewhat up in the air because it depends so much on enrollment. Curro estimates that the project could come about in three to four years, and the committee ultimately decided to advise the project for beginning in year 2023, though if numbers spike drastically before then, Curro said the School District would need to decide when to "pull the trigger" to make the transition as smooth as possible.

## Engagement Announcement

Herrmann - Garst



Katherine Garst, daughter of Diane Garst and the late John Garst of Goffstown, NH recently became engaged to A.J. Herrmann, son of George and Trish Herrmann of Londonderry, NH.

Katherine is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in Hospitality Business and is employed by Colwen Hotels as a Jr. Revenue Manager. A.J. is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University with a degree in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Business. He works for Microsoft as a Business Sales Specialist.

A May 2018 wedding is planned.

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# Editorial

## A New Year Begins

How can it be? Wasn't it just a few short weeks ago that school let out for the summer? But even with the intense heat, there's more than a glimpse of fall in the air already, and the first day of the new school year arrives shortly.

Even as the old season starts to fade, the opening of the school year brings with it a sense of novelty, of a new beginning. Empty notebooks, sharpened pencils, new pens, and for the younger set, untouched crayons - all accompanied with an excitement for what lies ahead. And for those of us long past worrying about where we'll sit in the classroom and whether we'll remember the locker combination, we have our memories.

For parents, the start of school is sure to bring a sudden wave of nostalgia and the reality that the years are passing quickly. But, school also brings an obligation for parents, just as it does for students.

What parents think of school is conveyed to their children. Parents who attend open houses, participate in Parent Teacher Association activities (if their work schedules allow), meet the teachers and familiarize themselves with the school buildings,

and prioritize homework are going a long way toward creating a positive learning experience for their children.

Kids learn by example, after all. Just as it's a child's job to attend classes and pay attention, it's a parent's role to be involved with their child's education. A teacher can only do so much; how much value parents place on the learning process goes a long way toward making that learning possible.

We hear a lot about team building in schools, but the most important team to build this time of year is the one involving parents, their children, and their teachers. Starting out right, with communication and mutual respect in the forefront, will go a long way toward making this school year a good one for each child.

And a reminder: Be extra cautious around schools and whenever children are walking to and from school. Pay attention to crosswalks, speed limit signs, blinking lights in school zones, and watch out for school busses. There's nothing like the opening of school to remind us of all we have yet to learn, and of the excitement that knowledge of new things can bring. Enjoy!

# Letters

## Disappointment in "Dunkirk"

To the editor:

I recently saw the movie "Dunkirk", and I was quite disappointed with it.

It did not show the lead up to the situation at Dunkirk. The French built a defensive line (Maginot Line) after WWI on the French/German border to block Germany from penetrating French soil in case of a future war. Unfortunately for France, the Germans attacked through Belgium since the Maginot Line did not extend along the France/Belgium border, and the German tanks and infantry were able to overwhelm the French forces, and later the British forces, and push them back to the Dunkirk area. Some of the French and British units put up a fantastic rear guard action and were able to inflict some damage on the German armored units. Additionally, the German tanks were in need of repairs and had outran the German infantry so the German generals decided to halt the attack for two days. This allowed the British to evacuate most of the trapped Allied forces from Dunkirk.

I think all of the lead up to Dunkirk should have been shown so we had a better picture of how the Allied forces were pushed back to Dunkirk.

Regards,  
Don Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

## Another Great Year

To the editor:

Another successful Old Home Day Parade was held last Saturday. Being on the Parade Committee, I can tell you that it takes many volunteers to bring everything together. Christine Patton has been the parade chair for several years and has done an outstanding job. I wanted to thank her for taking charge and putting out a great parade. She has stated she cannot continue as parade chair next year due to time constraints. I will miss her enthusiasm and tenacity in dealing with all the issues associated with events such as these. It has been a sincere pleasure to work with her, although she plans to be around to assist as time permits. Thank you Christine for rising to the occasion and doing a truly outstanding job!

Doug Thomas  
State Representative  
Londonderry

## Free School Lunches

To the editor:

I was shocked when reading the August 17 article regarding the students (or parents) not paying for school lunches. I was astonished by both the amount of the debt and the agreed upon remedy. A \$15,000 debt and their remedy, is to put a new statement in the student handbook? Really? Even Tyler Cullen, who represents the students' perspective, thought the punishment

should be harsher than taking away year end privileges. That kid has a good head on his shoulders and his reasoning is quite mature especially where he writes about personal responsibility. I think the adults on the board should listen to him, maybe they'd learn something. I was a single parent receiving no child support with a job making barely more than minimum wage raising three children that were school age, one in a wheelchair, and I'd go without to make sure they had lunch money every day. I never even applied for free lunches for them. I know there are some truly needy children who need free lunches, but I would think it's more of an abuse problem. By and large, most parents living in Londonderry can certainly afford to buy a school lunch for their child. This is not Manchester. Unfortunately for some people, if they can get something for nothing, they will. I think the Goffstown School district had a great idea (certainly better than putting a revised statement in the student handbook that nobody reads). Give the ones who don't pay for their lunch an alternative but considered nutritionally complete lunch like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Once they get sick of eating PB&J they'll complain to their parents, who these days give their children everything from cell phones to cars, and you'll soon see that debt erased.

Lori Guyett  
Londonderry

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# Fire Chief Discusses Central Station Renovations at CIP Meeting

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Last year, the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee met to discuss and draft the 2018-2023 CIP, and this year's meeting went similarly, with all the same projects up for deliberation. Fire Chief Darren O'Brien began the Fire Department's proposals by revisiting their presentation for renovating Central Station.

"The building still exists with the same needs and wants," said

Chief O'Brien.

Central Station was a building constructed in the 1970's by the Londonderry firefighters, and since has been witness to exponential growth in the department. Renovating Central Station will add additional square footage to the 6,000 square-foot department building and include administration space, operations space, communications space, a radio equipment room, and more.

This past year, the fire department has conduct-

ed a feasibility study, an assessment on the practicality of a proposed plan, after which it was determined that the department could expand toward the roadside. There is also space on the southside of the building between the current structure and the Leech Library.

Earlier this year, this area was designated as wetlands, but a few weeks ago, a survey crew came out to revisit it. It was discovered that after renovations last year, when it

rains, the water comes off the roof and pools in one area that gives the illusion of wetlands.

Within the next couple of weeks, architects should be coming in to conduct samples on the soils and the ground in the area.

Last year, the plan was estimated to cost around \$4.1 million, but this year, the cost has shifted slightly to encompass inflation, coming out at about \$4.2 million. Currently, there is no non-property tax revenue available for this

project.

The question was then raised of whether or not the cost listed encompasses the possibility of a temporary housing situation for the department while renovations are occurring. This was one of Chief O'Brien's concerns, and his plan is to build a new section toward the north and occupy that area temporarily.

The architect assured Chief O'Brien that "it can be done."

"I think it's going to be

uncomfortable for a while," Chief O'Brien said, "but as long as the communication services don't go down, I think we'll be in good shape."

Last year, the project was listed as a Priority 1 project, with plans to be implemented in 2018-2019. At the end of the meeting, the committee ranked it still as a Priority 1 project, and now plans for it to be implemented in 2019-2020, a year later than originally anticipated.

## Opioids

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and at the last panel, there were over 100 Londonderry residents in attendance.

The Londonderry police officers don't currently patrol with any naloxone (also known as naran) and, to Detective Olsen's knowledge, there are no plans to explore the use of naloxone by the police officers. The Londonderry Police Department does, however, plan to follow in along the same lines as Derry. Currently, Derry's Fire and Police Departments work with providers to educate the public on the nature of addictions, conduct safety sessions in which they teach the public how to use naloxone kits, and have plans to create a space they can bring offenders once they are found, similar to Man-

chester's Serenity Place.

Until then, the Londonderry Police Department is training its officers to better detect opioid usage, and provide them with pamphlets about addiction and ways to help so they can give them to families when they go on an overdose call, "to try to give them some sort of hope."

On August 12, Olsen responded to an overdose death of a teenager he had been trying to get help for. Last year, Olsen had arrested the teen on a burglary charge and had worked with his mother to get him the treatment he needed, but "unfortunately, he had a relapse and addiction got the best of him." The day the teen overdosed was a year to the day of his going to rehab.

Someone recently asked Detective Olsen what the worst part of being a police officer is, to

which he replied, "Seeing the effects of the opioid crisis on families. It's horrible."

There are spots where drug users frequent around town. The Burger King right off Exit 4 used to be one of those spots, and every single day officers were being called down for something drug related. Gas stations easily accessible from the highway are always are other frequently used spots, but recently, Olsen says there has been a shift. Now they are seeing a lot of drug use at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA) fields.

"It's everywhere," he said.

Because of budget and staff constraints, the Londonderry Police Department is not as proactive about the drug situation as it would like to be. Detective Olsen used to work specifically with drug related instances,

but now that he is the public information officer, there has been no one to fill his spot. He believes they will be more fully staffed in October and will be able to provide the necessary manpower to get a better handle on drug use in Londonderry.

Another issue the police department has been facing is a lack of cooperation from the people they arrest.

"You can't arrest your way out of this problem," he said. In the past, the police department would use the people they arrested as informants, but now that "the penalties are so low" for drug use and possession, many addicts are unwilling to give up their dealers' names.

"Addiction is a disease - they are addicts, so we're not going to put them in jail for 10 years because they had heroin,

so they aren't getting a lot of jail time, if any," he said, further explaining that most addicts will take the short amount of jail time they may get, or any obligatory rehabilitation time, and turn back to the streets to use.

In addition to trying to stop the use of drugs on the street, the officers are taking measures to protect themselves against exposure to opioids such as fentanyl and carfentanyl, both of which can be extremely dangerous to be in close proximity to. Detective Olsen ordered masks and disposable sleeves for the officers to wear if they are called to a scene in which drugs are present.

Even though right now there is "a lot of talk, a lot of hopes" about what will be done about the crisis in the future, Olsen hopes that they will be able to do more soon.

One small step the department is making is getting a new canine officer since the old one is retiring. This new dog will be more highly trained in the detection of opioids and will better help the officers conduct searches. Since marijuana is "practically decriminalized," the need for a dog who specializes in finding marijuana is "not as effective."

"I'd rather have a dog that can sniff out heroin," Olsen said.



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# Communications Infrastructure Remains a Top Priority at CIP Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee meeting on August 21, Chief Darren O'Brien presented two plans to the committee, updating them on projects that were presented last year. The first was the renovation of Central Station that would affect solely the Fire Department, and the second was upgrading the communication equipment infrastructure of the town.

Currently, the equipment used by emergency

responders, including Londonderry's Fire Department, Police Department, and local Department of Public Works (DPW) employees, is outdated and can be unreliable at times, according to O'Brien.

This update will improve communication between emergency responders and the DPW workers by providing state of the art technology, but will also broaden the range of Londonderry's communication system, allowing opportunity to expand Londonderry's reach in

surrounding communities.

Last year, the estimated cost was a little over \$4.1 million, but O'Brien now estimates that the cost will be around \$3.7 million. O'Brien explained that when they first started this project, they did not know what discounts they were to receive from the suppliers. After calculating the remaining expenses, the cost came out to be \$3.622 million, town-wide for all three departments.

O'Brien has talked with Kevin Smith, the town manager, about the project and plans to dis-

cuss it further with members from the Police Department.

"That's the complete price of the project, whether we get there in one lump sum, whether we get there in steps, or what type of funding we do to reach this goal, I just wanted to give you guys what the full number was to complete the project," O'Brien told the committee.

Last year, the project was moved to Priority 1 status by the Planning Board after it went through the CIP Committee, with full funding of \$4.2 million, "final purchase of lease arrangement

and funding mechanism to be determined in future budgets," according to the Planning Board's Public Hearing draft.

One main concern of the committee was a lack of police presence regarding this infrastructure upgrade at the meeting.

So far, the Londonderry Police Department has not had a strong representation in this project, according to both O'Brien and the committee members.

At the meeting, O'Brien spoke of his plan to meet with Christopher Gandia,

Londonderry Police Department's Captain of Services Division, and consult about the plan. Gandia was assigned to oversee the police department's role in the project.

At the end of the meeting, the CIP Committee determined that the Planning Board should be advised that this project remain Priority 1, considering a lack of proper communication equipment poses a major safety risk to both the emergency responders and workers and the community of Londonderry.

## New SAU Office and Building Renovations Discussed as Part of CIP

ALYSSA GUINN  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the August 21 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Advisory Committee meeting, Londonderry School District Business Administrator Peter Curro presented four projects to the committee for consideration, all of which have been in the plans of the town for a few years now. To Curro, the most important of these plans was to create a new SAU office.

The current SAU office

was built in the late 1970's or early 1980's and was originally the office space for 12 SAU employees. Now, in the year 2017, there are 24 employees and they have been told by their architects that the building has deteriorated to the point where it has "outlived its useful life."

In last year's CIP draft, the project was described as necessary because of the poor air quality issues the building has, in addition to the fact that "overcrowding has led to poor working conditions and

inefficient operations."

Curro said that it is deemed by some as an "unhealthy building."

John Farrell, vice chairman for the Town Council, inquired as to whether they had a health officer inspect the building. When Curro responded that they had not, Farrell suggested that that might be something they should consider.

Farrell also wondered why they couldn't just build a second floor on top of the existing building and do whatever renovations needed to make the building more habitable. According

to Curro, the reason putting a second floor on an existing building is not allowed is because the construction of the building may not be suitable and could cause potential danger.

The choices, then, are to construct a new building – either where the existing building is or at a new site – or adding on to the town hall building. School Board Member Steve Young explored the idea of adding on to the town hall building. In order to make the project most cost effective, they would need to figure out a way to use common space

areas, such as bathrooms and elevators, that are pre-existing, perhaps creating a pathway to the main town hall building.

The project is estimated to cost \$3.7-\$3.8 million, but this number is specifically for the construction cost for a 10,000 square-foot building and does not include moving expenses for a temporary office structure while the new building is being completed, or land if they were to decide to bring up the building in a different area.

Like last year, the committee prioritized this project as one of the more important ones and advises that it be placed to begin engineering and construction in the Fiscal Years of 2019 and 2020.

Curro also presented another project for renovations to school buildings. The proposed budget is \$12 million and encompasses a "variety of projects" aimed to update the existing buildings, renewing things like libraries and cafeterias – things that might have been overlooked in the past.

These buildings have

been around for a long time, and Young exclaimed that he thinks it is a worthwhile endeavor because in the 15 years he has been part of the School Board there have not been any projects undertaking multiple construction renovations.

Since enrollment in schools has been increasing, according to Curro, it would be worthwhile to improve facilities, perhaps adding an addition in two or three years to Moose Hill if enrollment increases. He also brought up a decision the School Board will need to think about in the upcoming future: whether or not to continue with a half-day kindergarten or move to full-day.

Within the next few years, the bonds Londonderry has been paying for the high school will be dropped, essentially making it so the town has very little debt. This, according to the committee, might be a good time to put something like this forward on the ballot.

By the end of the meeting, it was established that a good time to begin these school building renovations would be in 2022.

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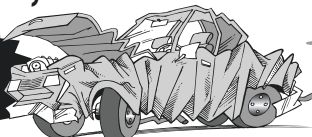
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# Disruptions Caused by Ducks and Chickens Discussed by Zoning Board

ALYSSA GUINN  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the August 16 Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) meeting, Kathryn Woodman of 9 Hardy Road approached the board to request a permit for having 10 chickens and six ducks on her 1.0 acre lot. The permit would be a variance from the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance 2.3.1.4.A that states a minimum land requirement of two-acres to have any sort of livestock.

Jim Tirabassi, the ZBA Clerk, opened the public hearing by reading a letter from abutters Stacy and Chris Summers indicating that they are

“strong opponents” to allowing the Woodmans to keep the animals.

“The ducks and chickens and also a rooster have totally disrupted the peace in our backyard,” read the letter. The Summers had to be out of town at the time of the meeting, and wrote this letter to take the place of their in-person testimony.

Woodman had five points of contention as to why she should be granted permission: the variance will not be contrary to popular interest, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed, substantial justice is done, the values of the surrounding properties is

not diminished, and the literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinances would result in an unnecessary hardship.

Woodman stated that her animals don’t make any noise, which contradicts what the letter from her abutters said, and that they “actually proved excellent pest control and will reduce the number of mosquitoes and snails in the area.” She claimed that because the animals are surrounded by the wooded area that makes up the back half of her property, they are well hidden and will not pose any problems for the surrounding neighborhood.

“The coops that may

be visible in winter are more attractive than most sheds,” she said.

If the ZBA denies her, she expressed that she would be “losing the opportunity to grow high quality pesticide and hormone free food” for her family. The Woodmans use the chickens and ducks for their eggs. She argued that because the only rule that would not be followed would be the 2.0 acre rule, it would be unfair to deny her; she can keep them within 25 feet of surrounding property lines, they do not make much noise according to her, and there is no impact to the surrounding to community.

Though the birds have gotten out probably once a week, Woodman said that if they granted her permission, she would spend money to update the fences and make sure they wouldn’t be able to get out.

In support of Woodman stood co-owner of 11 Hardy Road, Brenda Wilson. She doesn’t oppose of the birds and called them “quite pleasant,” but she wanted to make

sure that there would be proper cleaning up after the animals so no “unpleasant odors” would be smelled.

Woodman called up her son Justin, who is responsible for the clean-up, and explained that he would do whatever is necessary to make sure the animals did not cause any unpleasant odors.

Wilson was also concerned about the debris that has collected on the Woodman’s property and offered to help them clean, which they agreed to do.

Board Member Suzanne Brunelle expressed that “the ordinance is two acres for a reason, for property to support both the livestock and the humans, so what is different about your particular property that the enforcement of this provision should be waived?”

Woodman countered by repeating that the birds don’t make noise and are in a wooded area, surrounded by swamp, and pose no harm to other members of the neighborhood. She also said no one has ever approached her with

complaints and that the letter from the abutters came as a surprise.

Since there was no opposition of granting the waiver form the public, the board close public comment and began deliberations. The Board discussed each of Woodman’s five points, and concluded that:

- There was nothing unique about the property in order for them to give the permit

- It would alter the spirit of the ordinance by changing the character of the neighborhood by allowing livestock

- The noise factor causes a nuisance to the surrounding community that could potentially affect property values

- The animals could potentially provide a health hazard if not cleaned up properly and because they are being kept in a small space

At the end of the discussion, Tirabassi made a motion to deny the permit and it was unanimously decided that Woodman would not be allowed to have the animals on her property.



## Yellowstone Bound

Members of Boy Scout Troop 521 assembled at the Grange Hall on Friday, Aug. 18 to get ready for their departure the next morning for a trip to Yellowstone National Park. The Scouts had spent the year preparing and fundraising for the trip that would focus around viewing the Total Solar Eclipse at Yellowstone. Seven of the Scouts qualified for the trip’s rigorous training, which involved a number of hikes and camping trips throughout the state over the past year. They were accompanied by 11 adults and beside the eclipse viewing, the trip would also be focused on a number of camping and hiking trips during their week-long stay.

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# Londonderry Planning Department Welcomes New GIS Manager

ALYSSA GUINN  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's new Geographic Information Systems (GIS) manager started on Monday August 14, and is already diving head-first into projects. Amy Kizak is originally from Ohio – she and her husband moved to New Hampshire about 14 years ago when they fell in love with the geography and community.

Kizak holds a B.A. in geography and has been doing GIS for 25 years, ever since she completed an internship for GIS while in college and “absolutely fell in love with it.”

Her favorite part of what she does is making the maps. “They’re so much fun to create,” she said. “They’re part art,

part science, and we just get to be really creative with them. I’m not good at drawing, but I can create something really cool on the computer.”

She has incorporated it into working in multiple fields like regional planning commissions – she even worked in GIS at a power company. Most recently, she worked as the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission’s Senior (SNHPC) GIS analyst, where she specialized in map composition and database analysis.

Some of the more notable projects she worked on include the Emergency Response Time Analysis for the towns of Derry and Goffstown, the Scenic Byway mapping for three byways



Amy Kizak

in southern New Hampshire, and mapping for Hazard Mitigation Plans for the towns within the SNHPC region, which includes Londonderry.

The GIS manager position in Londonderry

appealed to her because it was on a smaller scale than her previous job. “I’ve dealt with the Town of Londonderry for the last 10 years at my previous job, and I really liked the opportunity to work with one town.” She also likes the fact that Londonderry is a growing town that has great character and numerous opportunities for the future.

“I thought it would be a neat place to take the next step in my career,” she said.

Her job in Londonderry will be to make maps and analyze special data, create parcel maps, and update tax maps. She will also work with the different groups and offices of Londonderry, such as the Londonderry Police and

Fire Departments, to see if there are things they need to better display through maps.

“It’s going to be really interesting to see how else I can help them,” she said.

Her first project for Londonderry was making a map of the new nut trees they planted over by the town forest, which she says was a good “welcome project” to get her started while she begins to learn the town’s systems and who to go to with questions.

Her next project involves the lot mentioned in August 14’s Town Council meeting, Map 1 Lot 26, and Map 3 Lot 40. Micheal Speltz, alternate for the Conservation Committee, approached the council about purchasing this

land for a combination of conservation land and development, but the council members deemed they didn’t know enough about the land to make any sort of decision.

Town Manager Kevin Smith gave the project to Kizak, who will survey the land and see which parts are able to be developed and which are not. This project gives her “the opportunity to learn about the zoning regulations and all the land use regulations” in Londonderry.

Though Kizak has only been in the GIS Manager position for a little over a week, she looks forward to learning more.

“Everyone is really fun to work with and really welcoming. I’m excited to be here.”

# South Londonderry Sewer Phase II Project to Begin in 2020-2021

ALYSSA GUINN  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Director of Public Works and Engineering Janusz Czyzowski approached the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee on August 21 with presentations regarding the same projects discussed last year: the South Londonderry Sewer Phase II and the Mammoth Road (North) Sewer Extension.

The South Londonderry Sewer Phase II plans to expand the service area to capture a mix of commercial and residential land uses, north and south of

Route 102, consistent with the Town’s Sewer Facility Plan adopted in 2005, according to last year’s plan. The cost is estimated to be around \$3.8 million, an increase from last year’s projects of \$3.6 million.

Right now, there is not enough money in the sewer account to cover the \$3.8 million for Phase II, which is the more immediate need, because of current projects and the prospect of future unexpected needs.

“We have to have obviously a substantial re-

serve in the sewer account, not only if something would break in our town ... but also we would need it if something were to break in Manchester,” Czyzowski stated.

Londonderry is in agreement with Manchester that should Manchester need a major project done as necessity, Londonderry will pay a percentage of the project cost.

“We have money available if something breaks,” he continued.

Possible funding for the project includes access

fees and bonds, but as of right now, there is no funding set up for the project.

One concern that makes this project somewhat immediate is the growth in Londonderry due to Woodmont Commons, and the growth in Derry. Town Council Vice Chairman John Farrell inquired whether or not they have the capacity to support all the growth.

Right now, Derry has an allotted amount of gallons they can use because they don’t have a reserve. If they go over 4 million gallons, they don’t have a reserve they will need a new treatment plant which would be estimated at \$60 million, of which Londonderry would absorb the majority of the

cost.

“They will not shut down the Town of Derry for sake of Londonderry,” Czyzowski said, which is why they want to go north of Woodmont – Londonderry will have access to Manchester’s reserves and won’t cause Derry to go over capacity.

The Mammoth Road Sewer Extension is a replacement of 1,000 linear feet of sewer infrastructure. The existing 10-inch Interceptor will be replaced with 15-inch pipe to accommodate flows from growth in the area, which will cost about \$430,000, an increase from last year’s projected \$410,481, the funding for which would come from taxes.

School Board Member Steve Young called the Public Works’ plans “squishy” compared to the projects presented prior because of the lack of detail regarding necessity and funding.

Czyzowski agreed, saying that “it’s tough to determine the priority level” when there’s no way of knowing what other projects could become a future dire and immediate need.

By the end of the meeting, the committee advised that the Phase II project is of greater importance and should be set to begin construction in Fiscal Years 2020-2021, and that the Mammoth Road Sewer Extension be pushed off to 2022.

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## Old Home Day

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kids enjoyed themselves. The night was filled with many familiar events, including local dance groups and two special guests: vocalist Judy Pancoast and ventriloquist Dana Perkins. Though the tethered hot air Balloon rides sponsored by RE/MAX started slightly behind schedule, kids still were able to face their fear of heights or celebrate their love of flying.

Unfortunately, for the first time in known Old Home Day history, the events and fireworks on Friday night were cancelled due to severe weather and torrential downpours. According to the Town Manager's office, there is no makeup date for the fireworks.

Londonderry Fire Department Division Chief Brian Johnson said of the canceled fireworks, "The contracted fireworks company is responsible for designing the show and purchasing the fireworks. If the show is

cancelled, we have it in our contract, so there is no cost to the town."

Despite the Old Home Day soggy start, the parade was well attended, though the crowd at the town common wasn't as big as in previous years. The common was damp and slick in some spots, but that didn't deter townspeople from mingling and visiting all of the booths.

Saturday morning, the annual Baby Contest was held, and this year's Little Miss and Little Master were crowned: Bentley Grace Kline will play the part of Little Miss in next year's parade, and Ali Hamza Raza will play the Little Master. Other winners were Savannah Kehoe as Best Dressed, Tegan Palmer as Best Personality, and Julian Pescia as Best Smile.

Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent beat out seven other contestants for the best kiss in the Kiss the Pig contest, the proceeds of which will benefit the Londonderry Lancer's Marching Band's upcoming fifth appearance at the Tourna-

ment of Roses Parade on New Year's Day 2018, as well as local area food banks. Band Director Andy Soucy came in second place, only 26 votes behind.

Another winner of the day was Alexi "Lulu" Calligandes, who took first place in the Londonderry Sings competition with her performance of "The House of the Rising Sun."

The Trailways won in

their own way, and were presented with two donations; one from Bosch for \$5,000, which was presented by Senior Human Resources Administrator Richard Presher, and the other from five-year-old Grant Blecharzyk for \$400 for phase four of the development plan. While the Blecharzyk family presented the check, it was Grant's idea to collect

money for the Trailways instead of getting gifts for his birthday.

The Morrison House held its normal events, including musket shooting and basket weaving.

The Lion's Club always has a strong presence at Old Home Day, and this year they advertised a climbing wall. Unfortunately, the wall broke mid transit, according to a rep-

resentative from Verani Berkshire Hathaway.

Though the cancellation of Friday's events was a disappointment, the people of Londonderry enjoyed themselves on Old Home Day. Now that it's over and the cleanup has ensued, the Old Home Day Planning Committee will begin again, striving to make next year's celebration another one to remember.

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# Local Babies Square Off in Annual Old Home Day Contest



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Old Home Days Race Run For 38th Time, Kilgore Wins Again

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Former Londonderry High School and current Gordon College cross-country star Damon Kilgore Jr. left the other 173 runners of the 38th annual Lundgren/Londonderry Old Home Days 5K in his dust on Saturday morning, August 19, winning the local race for the second time.

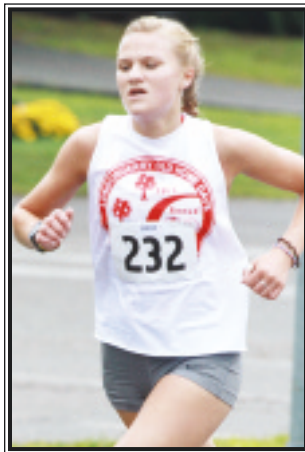
Kilgore, who first won the race as an LHS senior back in 2014, claimed the crown once again just before the start of his senior year of college at Gordon, which is in Wenham, Massachusetts. The talented athlete finished his successful run in 15 minutes and 45.5 seconds, more than two minutes faster than runner-up Jake Donnelly, also of Londonderry.

The 21-year-old LHS graduate, who also won the men's 20-29-year-old division title, took a break from running in the Old Home Days race after first winning it back in 2014.

"Lundgren is seen as a kind of highlight event for high school runners. And after winning it, I wanted to step back and give other, younger kids a shot," Kilgore said. "The town has given me so much and been so supportive, and I love running this race. This race is



2017 race winner  
Damon Kilgore Jr.



2017 female champ  
Kalin Gregoire

so special."

The female winner of the 2017 race was current Londonderry High senior cross-country standout Kalin Gregoire, who took the title for the first time. She finished 13th overall in 19:31.8.

Along with being the top female finisher, Gregoire was the number one line-crosser in the girls' 17-19-year-old class.

The annual 5K was run in cool, damp conditions, with a full cloud cover overhead and no glimpses of the sun. In other words, it was perfect running weather in the minds of a great many runners.

The first six finishers of the race were all Londonderry residents, with Kilgore followed by Donnelly (17:47.2), Will Heenan (18:06.5), Kerry Daley (18:06.7), Ryan Young (18:06.9), and Josh Leahy

(18:45.7).

Hometown residents who also won age group titles were Linsey Gregoire among the 12-and-under girls (25:12.2), Grace McDonough in the 13-16 girls' division (21:07.5), Kara Folsom among the 30-39-year-old women (22:52.3), and Karen Rimol in the women's 50-59 division (28:51.3).

Male winners from town included Rolan Sanderson among the 12-and-under boys (22:15.3), Heenan among the 13-16-year-olds, Donnelly among the 17-19's, Russ Lagueux in the 50-59 division (20:12), and John Loker among the 70-79 males (28:48.5).

Of special interest were the appearances of Dave Birse - a resident of Manila, the Philippines - who finished 30th overall in 22:10.7, and 92-year-old



Two-time Londonderry Old Home Days 5k champion Damon Kilgore Jr. got a great jump on the crowd in race number 38. Photos by Chris Paul

Lou Peters, who finished Massachusetts, resident Old Home Days races in 48:56.4. The Methuen, has run in many of the over the decades.

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# Former LHS Tennis Star Burbine a Senior Captain at Assumption

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Parents know that time never flies faster than through the growth of your children. So, anybody who has had children can sympathize with Londonderry's Skip and Patrice Burbine's somewhat mixed emotions over the fact that their youngest child - former Londonderry High tennis star Cassie Burbine - is beginning her final year of college.

The youngest of the Burbines moved on to Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, after graduating from LHS in 2014, and she has followed up her truly stellar Lady Lancer tennis career with an excellent career in that sport with the Lady Greyhounds' of Assumption, for whom she'll serve as a senior captain this autumn.

As was the case in



Assumption tennis captain Cassie Burbine

high school, Cassie Burbine has excelled both on the court and in the classroom at Assumption, and her parents have countless reasons to be proud of what she has accomplished at Assumption.

"She made Dean's list the last two semesters and continues to play number one singles and number one doubles," said dad Skip. "She led the team to their best record

last year, beating Holy Cross for the first time and (playing on the) only New England-10 (Conference) number one doubles team to beat Merrimack's number one dubs team, allowing a 5-4 Assumption victory at Merrimack."

Cassie Burbine and her doubles teammate Hannah Reilly were subsequently named the third best doubles team in the NE-10 following the 2016 campaign. Burbine and Reilly both played significant roles in helping the Lady Greyhounds to a glittering 12-3 season record and a great 10-2 mark in their conference.

Burbine's Assumption crew was recently placed fourth in the NE-10 Conference Pre-Season Coaches' Poll for the forthcoming season. The Lady Greyhounds will open their 2017 campaign right there in Worcester on

September 2 when they travel over to Holy Cross.

Cassie, who also played volleyball at LHS, was a state doubles tennis champion there with teammate Amanda DePasquale in 2013 and a state singles' champ in 2014. She tallied matching singles and doubles records of 53-3 over four stellar years of LHS tennis.

The youngest Burbine, whose older brother Alex starred in tennis at LHS and Siena College in Loudonville, New York, went 7-8 in singles and 12-3 in doubles during her

fine junior campaign at Assumption last fall.

During her sophomore year of 2015-16, the former Lady Lancer star was named to the Northeast-10 Weekly Honor Roll on two occasions. She competed in 17 singles matches and 16 doubles matches for Assumption, posting a 7-10 record in singles and going 7-9 in doubles play. As would be the case during her junior year, she competed in number one singles and doubles play for her Lady Greyhounds.

In her freshman year

of 2014-15, the LHS grad was named to the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Assumption student-athlete honor rolls, and she was named to the Northeast-10 All-Rookie tennis team.

She was named the NE-10 Rookie of the Week twice, and Burbine competed in 17 singles matches and 18 doubles matches. She posted a strong 10-7 singles record playing in the number one and two slots, and she also played at number one doubles and finished with a 9-9 mark.

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## Pitchin' Magician



Former Londonderry High School softball standout Melissa Sprague had an impressive sophomore season this spring as a pitcher for the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. The ex-Lady Lancer - who also excelled in the classroom as a pre-med student - ranked 11th in the nation among Division III hurlers for strikeouts per seven innings, whiffing 86 batters and notching a tiny, 1.85 earned run average with a 5-4 overall record. She notched Commonwealth Coast Conference "Pitcher of the Week" honors twice for her efforts in helping her Nor'Easters' squad to a 15-14 mark. Over the summer, the talented and committed local cared for elderly patients and gave hitting and pitching lessons in Londonderry. During her free time, Sprague volunteered in the Manchester elementary schools' early intervention programs, English learning program, and science camps.

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# Local 10-U All-Star Baseball Squad Completes 2017 Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 10-U all-star baseball squad closed out its exceptional 2017 summer in great fashion recently, coming back to its home diamond and playing extremely well in its own invitational tournament.

After winning the state title and then placing second at the regionals in Massachusetts, the locals finished up their summer campaign by going 5-2 in their own invitational tourney on the Londonderry Athletic Field Association fields during the final days of July.

The local crew - which completed its campaign having won 21 of its 25 games - was narrowly bested by the Seacoast entry by a single run in the title contest of the season-ending home tournament.

The successful local squad, which was led by head coach A.J. Marsh

and his assistants Dave Hamilton and Brian Belanger, included players Devin Boles, Carter Browning, Ryan Williams, Brady Gillis, Jayden Hamilton, Boden Belanger, Ryan Perry, Jonathan Wilson, Frankie Jarek, Zach Mantegari, Casey Marsh, and Cole Metivier.

In the team's Londonderry tourney-opening 24-5 pounding of Nashua, which only went four innings thanks to the mercy rule, the host team had some six runs batted in by Hamilton in the blowout. He drove in runs on a double in the second, a single in the third, and a home run in the fourth.

All in all, the winning side thumped out 19 hits with Boles, Hamilton, Belanger, Gillis, and Metivier each collecting multiple safeties. Williams and Mantegari combined on a strong pitching performance.

The next day the locals were bested by the

Seacoast entry by a 2-1 score in game one on a double-header day for the hosts. Gillis and Hamilton pitched well for the locals, combining for six strikeouts.

But later in the day the locals came out on the up side of a 6-4 score against Exeter, with the winning side smacking out eight hits with Gillis and Belanger each collecting two. Hurlers Marsh, Perry, and Gillis combined to strike out 10 batters in the effort.

The local crew then went on to outscore its next three opponents by a total margin of 32-6, hammering Hudson by a 9-2 score, Nashua by a 13-3 tally, and then Dover by a 10-1 score to get to the championship round.

Hamilton and Gillis starred on the pitchers' mound in the hammering of Hudson, with Mantegari and Belanger each smacking out two hits.

Londonderry only re-



The Londonderry 10-U all-star baseball squad - shown here marching in the recent Old Home Days Parade - had a great summer season. Photo by Chris Paul

quired four innings to bag the 10-run knocking of Nashua, in which Hamilton, Gillis, and Mantegari each laced multiple hits, with Perry and Browning handling the mound-work well.

In the semifinal-round dumping of Dover, the locals' offense thumped out some 14 hits with Mantegari, Belanger, Hamilton, and Gillis each collecting multiple hits.

Pitchers Marsh, Gillis, and Hamilton combined for eight strikeouts in the success.

In the 8-7 loss to the Seacoast side on Friday, July 28, the score was knotted up at 7-7 rolling into the bottom half of the fifth frame, with the visitors squeaking out the tourney-ending win.

Gillis and Casey Marsh each drove in two runs to lead the London-

derry bunch, with Perry, Hamilton, and Gillis handling the pitching work ably.

In going 21-4 during the busy summer, the local team squad scored 251 runs while only allowing 76. Over three summers as 8-U, 9-U, and 10-U teams, this talented group won two state titles and posted a 55-20 overall record, scoring some 749 total runs in the process.

## Former LHS Lancer Multi-Sport Standout Pleva Golfing at RPI

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After showing a considerable amount in several cameo appearances for the 2016 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute golf team last autumn, former Londonderry High School golf and tennis stalwart Dan Pleva steps into the 2017 season this fall looking to do still more on the golf course for his Troy, New York-based Engineers.

The engineering major, who played four years of both golf and tennis at Londonderry High and was the Lancers' number



Dan Pleva

one golfer as both a junior and a senior, competed in two of the RPI team's nine events as a freshman during the fall of 2016. The local averaged a score of

85 in three rounds at those events.

The LHS graduate played at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Mid-Atlantic Championships at the Ravenwood Golf Club in Rochester, New York, and later at the Dr. Tim Brown Invitational at the Ballston Spa Country Club in Ballston Spa, New York. He shot rounds of 89 and 83 at that second competition, with the latter score being his best of the campaign.

The RPI team lost senior players Andrew Galvin, Ben Robinson, and

Aaron Schauger to graduation following the 2016 campaign, so there are key roles which will require filling for the 2017 campaign.

Coach Miles Nolan's

squad gets the new campaign officially rolling over the weekend of Sept. 2 when it competes in the Transylvania Fall Invitational in Kentucky. Transylvania University is in

Lexington, Kentucky, and the tourney will be held at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington. And Pleva and his teammates will aim to start out well.

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# Local Martial Arts School Instructor Dimacali Receives Major Honor

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Some 800 individuals were nominated to be inducted into the American Martial Arts Alliance Hall of Fame, and local martial arts academy chief instructor Jose Dimacali was one of the 250 who actually received that major honor recently.

Dimacali, who runs the House of Samurai martial arts academy in Londonderry along with his wife Rebecca, and his fellow inductees attended the induction ceremony earlier this month in Maryland. That event also included the launch of the

Who's Who in the Martial Arts Autobiography Book, which focuses on more than 250 martial artists who are considered legends in the art and sport, spanning the past 60 years.

Dimacali has enjoyed a wildly successful martial arts career, tallying four world championships and being a two-time inductee into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. The Milford resident teaches traditional martial arts at his Londonderry academy, which was started by Richie Bernard decades ago and has produced many hundreds of students. The Dimacali's were both

long-time students of and the Professional Kickboxing Association.

Jose Dimacali, who grew up in the projects of Honolulu, Hawaii, was first pushed toward karate at the tender age of five by his mom, who wanted to steer him clear of potential trouble out in that challenging community. Now, Dimacali has nearly 30 years of teaching experience and has reached the rank of Hachidan (eighth-degree) black belt.

The AMAA Hall of Fame was created in tribute to legendary Grandmaster Jhoon Rhee, considered to be the Father of American Taekwondo

Inductees are honored for their contributions to kickboxing and sport karate.

The Who's Who Legends weekend in Maryland was hosted by Grandmaster Jesse Bowen and the American Martial Arts Alliance with more than 200 regional dignitaries and international martial arts celebrities including special guest and world champion Jeff Smith, Dennis Brown, Joe Corley, Bill Clark, and Taekwondo Olympic Gold Medalist Arlene Limas.



House of the Samurai chief instructor Jose Dimacali, right, recently received the great honor of being inducted into the American Martial Arts Alliance Hall of Fame. Courtesy photo

# Locals Help to Set New Battle of the Badges Fundraising Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A total of eight local policemen and firemen who got the chance to take part in the recent 2017 Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) Battle of the Badges baseball game can continue to puff out their chests with pride in the aftermath of that event

as it has been announced by game directors that that contest set a new record for funds raised for its worthy cause.

The Friday, August 11 contest - played for the first time under the lights at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats' Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester - smashed previous fundraising

efforts by raising a whopping \$102,000 and counting for the programs and services at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

The 45 police officers and firefighters from across the state who took part in the contest were by far the largest fundraisers, but nearly 2,000 fans did contribute as well in turning out to watch Team Police beat Team Fire by a lopsided 15-2 tally to snare a 4-3 lead

in the annual series.

The players and coaches raised nearly \$92,000, with the firemen leading the way by collecting about \$50,000 of that total. And by virtue of their fundraising success, the firemen earned home field advantage in series game number eight next August despite the fact that they were vanquished so soundly on the field.

Badges veteran Anthony DeRosa of Derry led all

the firemen where fundraising was concerned by collecting some \$4,740 on his own. DeRosa was the on-field hero of the 2016 Badges game, rapping the winning hit for his side. His fellow Derry Fire Department member Dennis Livoli served as an assistant coach for the fire squad.

Four Londonderry firemen and two town policemen played for their respective teams. The firemen were Riley

Northrop, Mike Robertson, Brian Schofield, and Chris Schofield, and the cops were Jim Freda and Justin Hallock.

The record fundraising total of this year's Battle of the Badges pushed the game's all-time fundraising tally to greater than \$420,000 in seven years. Players committed to raising at least \$1,250, but the average raised per player this summer was more than \$2,000.

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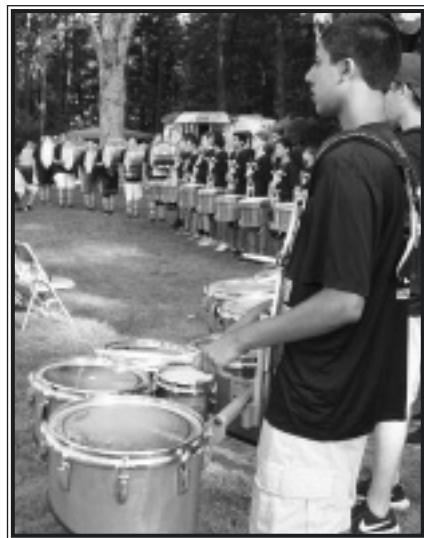
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# Kids' Night Brings Smiles to Young and Old on Town Common



Thursday's Kids' Night was filled with many familiar events, including local dance groups and two special guests: vocalist Judy Pancoast and ventriloquist Dana Perkins. There, PTA groups offered games, clowns made balloon animals, and many "special characters" greeted children. The tethered hot air balloon rides sponsored by RE/MAX started slightly behind schedule, but rides were still offered.

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### - PROVIDER ON CALL - MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

This week we lost not only one of the greatest comedians of our time, but an individual who dedicated a great deal of time and effort to helping people with the multiple afflictions of muscular dystrophy. Jerry Lewis stood out as one of the great humanitarians for his constant work and devotion to those suffering from this disease.

Muscular Dystrophy is a group of muscle diseases that results in increasing weakening and breakdown of skeletal muscles over time. The disorders differ in which muscles are primarily affected, the degree of weakness, how fast they worsen, and when the symptoms begin. Many people will eventually become unable to walk. Some types are also associated with problems in other organs of the body.

There are nine main categories of muscular dystrophy that contain more than thirty specific types. The most common type is Duchene muscular dystrophy which typically effects males beginning around the age of four. Other types include Becker muscular dystrophy, facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy and myotonic dystrophy. They are due to mutations in genes that are involved in making muscle proteins. This can occur due to either inheriting the defect from one's parents or the mutation occurring during early development. Disorders may be X-linked recessive, autosomal recessive or autosomal dominant. Diagnosis often involves blood tests and genetic testing.

There is no cure for muscular dystrophy. Physical therapy, braces, and corrective surgery may help with some symptoms. Assisted ventilation may be required in those with weakness of breathing muscles. Medications used include

steroids to slow muscle degeneration, anti convulsants to control seizures and some muscle activity, and immunosuppressants to delay damage to dying muscle cells. Outcomes depend on the specific type of disorder.

Due to not only Jerry Lewis' efforts, but to the efforts of other dedicated individuals, we are gaining more understanding of this disease and looking forward to a final cure.

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# AROUND TOWN

**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m.

**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Vigil at Macgegor Park

Please join us for a vigil to remember those lost to the addiction epidemic on Thursday, August 31 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at MacGregor Park. We will have a few speakers, live music, and a time to remember each life lost to this disease. If you would like to submit a photo of your loved one, please send a picture, their date of birth, and the date they got their wings along with four quotes or messages you would like to go with the pictures. Please send those to [LilaM.NHTeamSharing@gmail.com](mailto:LilaM.NHTeamSharing@gmail.com).

## Adult Volleyball Pickup Games

Interested in volleyball and looking to play with a welcoming and friendly group? Join us for adult pickup games each week during the school year. Develop your skills, get some exercise, and make lasting friendships on Thursday nights starting on September 7 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym. You should know the basic rules of volleyball and be familiar with standard structure of play (bump, set, spike, serve). Two nets available - recreational and intermediate. Must be age 18 or older to play. Contact Steven Zimmerman at [steven.m.zimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:steven.m.zimmerman@gmail.com) for more information.

## Solidarity Service

There will be a Solidarity Service Sunday August 27 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration on 1 Hood Road, Derry. It is 50 feet from the Etz Haylm Synagogue; after the service, they will be symbolically uniting by physically creating a link between both the Synagogue and the church via people. It is a powerful moment. With questions or further detail, contact the Rabbi at 603-553-9786.

## Blues Festival for Vets

Local musician Dennis Martin, a veteran, is once again bringing a Blues Festival to the Londonderry Town Common. His third annual event is Aug. 26 from noon to 4 p.m. His band, Dr. Harps Blues Revue, as well as the Deep Fried Blues Band and the Watts Up Band will perform. No admission will be charged, but attendees are asked to contribute to Veterans Count. Vendors, ice cream and a barbecue are planned. Bring chairs or a blanket for seating.

## Library Fall Bulb Sale

The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be conducting their 17th annual Fall Bulb Sale beginning Monday, August 14, 2017. This year there are color-themed gardens with many varieties of spring and summer flowers, including lilies, tulips, irises, and daffodils. Also available is a Healthy Herb Garden which contains 6 varieties of seeds. Orders can be placed at the Library's main desk until Saturday, September 23, 2017.

## Freshman Orientation

LHS will welcome the class of 2021 on August 28th 2017 for their Freshman Orientation. The day starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 11:15 a.m. Busses will pick up students one hour after regular scheduled pick up time. Questions please email Assistant Principal Ms. Sullivan at [ksullivan@londonderry.org](mailto:ksullivan@londonderry.org).

## Library Closure

The Leach Library will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day. Hours Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Adult Program

"To the Ozarks and Back: Ballads and Fiddle Tunes" On Thursday, September 14 at 7 p.m., the

Leach Library will present Sarah Jane Nelson's musical performance, "To the Ozarks and Back: Ballads and Fiddle Tunes". This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

## Bubble Show

On Monday, September 11 from 4 - 5 p.m. Participants may learn a thing or two about the science of bubbles and everyone may even have a chance to be in a bubble. This engaging program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.

## Awesome Octopuses!

Dive into fun on Monday, September 25 from 4 - 5 p.m. to hear stories of amazing octopuses. Participants will hear stories of octopuses and their relatives, learn interesting facts and even do the Octopus Dance! Each participant will have a chance to toss rings on an octopus's legs, and will leave with a fun octopus friend. One lucky participant will leave with a fun stuffed octopus! This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 18.

## Drop Off Center Opening

A new Drop Off Center will now be open on Wednesdays from now until September 27 from 3 - 7 p.m. This is a limited time trial program, and payment is by check only. For more information, visit [londonderry-nh.org](http://londonderry-nh.org) or call 603-432-1100 X193.

## Bingo With VA Hospital



## Scholarship Recipients

The Londonderry Women's Club recently awarded its annual high school scholarships to Erin Janas (West Virginia University), Elise Goodspeed (Princeton University), and Lindsey Guenther (University of Massachusetts Amherst). The LWC presenters were Marissa Twomey and Peggy Palfini.

*Courtesy photo*

## Patients

On August 28, American Legion Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

## Londonderry Dems Summer Social

On Saturday, August 26, from 1 p.m. until at least 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples. The event is a Fundraiser with food and drinks provided. Please let's know if you will attend, and if you would like to bring a side dish. We would like to get an approximate headcount. There will be a minimum cover charge of \$10 to participate. Some key Democrats, in Congress, and activists have been invited.

## Backpack Blessing

Students of all ages and their friends are invited to the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 126 Pillsbury Road, on Sunday August 27 during the 10 a.m. worship service to have their backpacks blessed before the upcoming school year begins. This is a special way to ask God's blessing as you go back to school.

## Night of Hope

Free event on August 26 at MacGregor Park in Derry from 5:30 pm till 9:45 p.m. This night will bring new hope to all who have been directly or indirectly affected by drug addiction. We will provide free food and drinks, powerful testi-

monies of recovery, inspiring songs, and giant screen projection of the movie "Victor" (PG-13), a true story of a son's addiction, a praying mom, and the faith to overcome. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and bug spray. For more information contact LifeWay Church at 603-845-6601 or visit our website at [www.lifewaychurch.net](http://www.lifewaychurch.net).

## Arts Council Summer Finale Booths

The Londonderry Arts Council is offering free booth or table space to approved non-profit groups at the Summer Finale, scheduled for Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups should contact Susan Hanna at 603-582-4777 for details or email [Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

## Londonderry Girls Lacrosse Club Elections

The Londonderry Quicksticks Girls Lacrosse Booster Club will be holding its annual Board of Directors Elections at our monthly meeting on September 12, 2017. The meeting will be held at Londonderry High School at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome.

## Supporting Women's Education

The Londonderry Women's Club is now accepting applications for an Adult Female Scholarship in the amount of \$500. The requirements are: must be a female at least 23 years of age and a current resident of Londonderry, must

be currently enrolled at an accredited postsecondary institution, and must have completed a minimum of half of the time or credits toward the named degree, certificate or licensing program. The deadline for submitting applications is September 30. Applications are available at the Leach Library and online at [www.londonderrywomen-sclub.com](http://www.londonderrywomen-sclub.com)

## Child Passenger Safety Program

The Londonderry Fire Rescue and Londonderry Police Department, along with volunteers, have collaborated to form the New Hampshire Child Passenger Safety Program. The program helps residents and those outside of Londonderry with child restraint concerns by answering questions, providing safety information, and making appointments to inspect car seat installations. They also host inspections during the month on a Saturday morning or week night at 103 High Range Road in Londonderry. Certified technicians are available. For more information, call (603) 432-1104 ext. 4623 or email [cps@londonderry-nh.org](mailto:cps@londonderry-nh.org).

## Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road,

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## Around Town

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East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, and September 24. At St

Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, and September 16.

### Wild NH Photo Contest

Accepting photos now! Take a look at your snaps and submit your best photos to the 11th Wild NH photo contest! Submissions

will be accepted from now - September 2, 2017. Photos will be judged by September 16, and winning photos will be exhibited in a Massabesic Center art show from October 7 to November 18, 2017. Details at [www.nhaudubon.org](http://www.nhaudubon.org).

### Lancer Golf Tournament

The Lancer Nation Boys'

Basketball Association's 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. The event will feature a four-person team scramble format with awards going to first and last place teams, and there will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. The cost to participate will be \$115 per per-

son, which will include greens fees, golf carts, a Lancer Nation golf towel, a Corflex bag with giveaways, a backyard BBQ lunch, and opportunities to win raffle and silent auction items. Day of event registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start slated for 9. More information can be obtained at [lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com](mailto:lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com).

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

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# Londonderry Police Log

## Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

### Monday - Aug. 14

**9:15 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Jack’s Bridge Road.

**12:13 p.m.** Suspicious activity reported on King George Drive. Building checked and secured.

**12:23 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated on Woodcrest Drive.

**2:07 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Elm Street in Milford. Christopher Hardman, 30, of Milford was charged with unauthorized use of firearms.

**3:32 p.m.** Four officers investigated a report of burglary on Dianna Road.

**3:49 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Grenier Boulevard.

**5:56 p.m.** Warrant Served and arrest made on Wallace Road in Goffstown. Daniel Essig, 27, of Goffstown was charged with two counts of criminal mischief (vandalism).

### Tuesday - Aug. 15

**8:38 a.m.** Warrant Served and arrest made on Pearl Street in Manchester. Robert Gaffney, 24, of Manchester was charged with criminal trespass.

**3:50 p.m.** Trespassing reported and services rendered on King John Drive.

**4:14 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Avery Road at the Londonderry Flea Market.

**6:58 p.m.** Three officers respond to an assault reported at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive. The individual was transported to the hospital.

**9:15 p.m.** Criminal threatening investigated on Cohas Terrace.

**10:19 p.m.** Domestic disturbance reported and peace restored on Rain-tree Drive.

### Wednesday - Aug. 16

**11:15 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Dianna Road.

**12:58 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Rockingham Road at Exit 5.

**3:22 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Church Street in Pembroke. Elizabeth Santos, 30, of Pembroke was

charged with theft: purse snatching, identity fraud, theft by deception, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

**3:37 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Bancroft Road.

**5:19 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident involving four vehicles investigated on Pettengill Road.

**5:43 p.m.** Five officers investigated suspicious activity on Old Derry Road.

**7:37 p.m.** Sudden death investigated on Coin Street.

### Thursday - Aug. 17

**2:45 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**4:58 a.m.** Medical emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**12:39 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Litchfield Road at Misty Lane.

**2:13 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity at Auto Auction of New England on Action Boulevard.

**2:33 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated at Market Basket on Garden Lane.

**2:42 p.m.** Drug offenses investigated on Constitution Drive.

**3:11 p.m.** Five officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Acropolis Avenue.

**3:12 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on High Range Road.

**3:27 p.m.** Criminal threatening investigated at Market Basket on Garden Lane.

**3:50 p.m.** Domestic disturbance investigated on Oakridge Drive.

**4:41 p.m.** Missing person reported and investigated on Auburn Road.

**5:38 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Preserve Drive at Wiley Hill Road.

**6:06 p.m.** Peace restored after criminal threatening on South Road.

**6:09 p.m.** Attempted suicide on Maureen Circle. The individual was transported to the hospital.

**6:30 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Rockingham Road. Jeffrey Young, 52, of Londonderry was charged with two counts of domestic violence assault and second degree assault.

### Friday - Aug. 18

**9:40 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at Score Construction on Sanborn Road. Paul Ouellette, 34, of Londonderry was charged with issuing bad checks.

**9:48 a.m.** Services rendered for drug offenses on Mammoth Road at Pillsbury Road.

**3:12 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Pinkerton Street, Derry. Jason Masiello, 38, of Derry was charged with littering-unlawful activities and driving after revocation or suspension.

**4:39 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated and vehicle towed on South Road at Mammoth Road.

**5:34 p.m.** Violation of protective order investigated at Vista Ridge Drive.

**11:45 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Fieldstone Drive near the dumpsters.

### Saturday - Aug. 19

**1:31 a.m.** Three vehicle accident results in arrest on Old Derry Road. Kevin Labelle, 25 of Manchester charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor, driving after revocation or suspension, and possession of drugs in a motor vehicle.

**6 a.m.** Domestic disturbance investigated at Norwich Place.

**6:51 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Concord Street in Manchester. Ryan Pancine, 32, of Manchester was charged with theft.

**9:46 a.m.** Burglary investigated on Rockingham Road.

**11:53 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Horseshoe Lane.

**2:54 p.m.** Four officers rendered services at complaint Constitution Drive.

**9:06 p.m.** Three officers render services for suspicious activity on Ridgemont Drive.

**9:49 p.m.** Overdose on

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## Police Log

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Noyes Road results in individual transported to hospital.

**10:49 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Stonehenge Road. Nicholas Sehovich, 29, of Pelham was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor.

**Sunday - Aug. 20**

**12:27 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to arrest on Mammoth Road at Smith

Lane. Jose Morales-Matos, 29, of Nashua was charged with possession of controlled/narcotic drugs, possession of controlled/narcotic drugs, and speeding.

**2:24 a.m.** Assisting Londonderry Fire Department results in arrest at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road. Tyler Reed, 18, of Raymond was charged with unlawful possession and intoxication.

**12:21 p.m.** Medical emergency investigated at Man-

chester Boston Regional Airport terminal.

**8:02 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on High Range Road at Litchfield Road. Eric Dobson,

53, of Manchester was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor, having an open container of alcohol, and speeding.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

- 1.) Ordinance #2017-05 - An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Relating to the Use and Storage of Multiple Travel Trailers on Property in the AR-I District
- 2.) Resolution #2017-04 - A Resolution Relative to the Discontinuance of Highway Appletree Lane
- 3.) Ordinance #2017-06 - An Ordinance Requiring Automated Sprinkler System Installation in New and Existing Assembly Occupancies Including Bars.
- 4.) Ordinance #2017-07 - Restriction of Use of Town Property to Remove Water from Bodies of Water for Commercial Use

The Public Hearings are scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. Copies of the proposed amendments may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at [www.londonderrynh.org](http://www.londonderrynh.org).

Londonderry Town Council



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The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

- A. Application for formal review of a site plan to construct Phase 1 of an elderly housing development, consisting of 21 housing units, a clubhouse and associated site improvements; Nashua Road/NH Route 102, Adams Road and Cross Road - Map 6 Lot 84 & Map 6 Lot 59-1, Zoned AR-1, Cross Farm Development, LLC (Owner & Applicant) - continued from August 2, 2017
- B. Application for formal review of a subdivision plan for a lot line adjustment between 97 High Range Road (Map 5 Lot 30-3, Zoned AR-1) and 99 High Range Road (Map 5 Lot 30, Zoned AR-1), George T. Benson (Owner & Applicant)
- C. Application for formal review of a minor site plan and a conditional use permit for a change of use to a child care facility, Two Young Road (Map 6 Lot 64, Zoned C-I & Route 102 POD), 2017 Young Road, LLC (Owner) and The Learning Tree Early Education Center (Applicant)
- D. Application for formal review of a site plan for the redevelopment of a 492 SF music studio and construction of 13,200 SF two story commercial building with associated parking and other site improvements, 114 Rockingham Road, Map 16 Lot 86, Zoned C-II, Ramp Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

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