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## Step One Done

The first step in having the Conservation Commission purchase the Moose Hill Orchard land behind the Grange along Pillsbury Road was completed on Tuesday night, Jan. 12, as members voted to endorse the purchase. See story page 5. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Warrant Article Addresses Apple Tree Mall Contamination Issues

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the last Londonderry Town Council meeting, on Monday, Jan. 4, a quarter million dollar Warrant Article was proposed to alleviate water contamination problems

discovered behind the Apple Tree Mall on Lancaster Drive.

The contamination affects eight homes on that road, and the problem was thought to have been created by an Apple Tree Mall tenant some years ago, before the current owner pur-

chased the property.

At the meeting, Town Manager Kevin Smith provided some background on the dilemma.

He started by saying that a number of the Lancaster residents were in attendance as well as the current

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## School District Works to Prepare 2022 Budget

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the School Board Budget Workshop meeting held on Thursday, Jan. 7, members of the board and Budget Committee worked to refine some of the many budget items that will appear on this year's School Warrant.

School Board Chairman, Michael Saucier began the meeting by letting the public know that there will be two, three-year term seats on the School Board up for election as well a School District Clerk, one-year term, position available. The deadline for filing for these positions

opens on Wednesday, Jan. 20, and the last day will be on Friday, Jan. 29. He asked that those interested in any of the positions contact the School District Clerk, Kerry Stanley, by phone at (603) 860-9369. Stanley will also be available at the district office from 3 to 5 p.m. on the final day if people wish to sign up in person.

He also mentioned that the School District's Deliberative Session is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 25, at the Londonderry High School Gym starting at 7 p.m.

At the boards prior meeting, on Tuesday, Jan. the Operating Budget was decided to be \$81,559,156.

Starting the meeting, Superintendent Scott Laliberte addressed the School Board's request to reduce the budget by \$300,000. Laliberte said that his department began by looking for items in the budget that would least impact student learning and safety, meaning they would look to spread the reduction out over multiple areas.

Laliberte's leadership team decided that they would look at three areas for these cuts. One would be under summer construction projects for about \$60,000 to \$70,000, meaning they would reprioritize their list and postpone what-

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## Public Hearing Scheduled to Discuss Town Budget

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Over the past several weeks the Londonderry Town Council and the Budget Committee have been holding workshops to develop the 2022 Operating Budget for the town as well as several Warrant Articles.

Voters will be asked to discuss these articles at the Deliberative Session on Saturday, Feb. 6 2021, at nine o'clock in the morning at the Londonderry High School

for the Budgetary Town Meeting.

The voters will then meet at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 9, to choose all necessary Town Officers, and to vote on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget, the polls will open at 6 p.m. and close at 8 p.m.

On Monday evening, Jan. 18, there will be a public hearing on the budget and all the Warrant Articles. This hearing will be held at the Londonderry High

School Cafeteria starting at 7 p.m. This may be the last chance residents will have the ability to change the language in each of the warrant articles.

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# Filing Period Opens on Jan. 20 for Town Candidates

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The 2021 Londonderry Town Election is coming up on Tuesday, March 9 and the Open Elected Positions were recently announced by the Town Clerk.

The positions are as follows:

For Town Council there will be one opening. Jim Butler's three-year term seat will be available. This position pays an annual stipend of \$2,500.

There is also one opening for a Trustee of the Trust Funds. This is also a three-year term seat.

The Town Moderator seat is on the ballot for a two-year seat. Jonathan Kipp was recently appointed to the position when, shortly after last year's election, Tom Freda passed away.

Sherry Farrell's position Town Clerk is also on the ballot. It is a three-year term position and brings with it a yearly salary. According to

the 2019 Town Report, Farrell made just over \$47,000.

There will be two Budget Committee Member seats available. Each of the positions is for a three-year term.

The Trustees of the Leach Library also have two positions opening. Each position is for a three-year term.

The Supervisor of the Checklist position will be on the ballot. The position is good for a five-year term,

The filing period for

these elected positions begins on Wednesday, Jan 20, and closes at 5 p.m. on Jan. 29.

To sign up for any of these positions, residents must go to the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall to file the necessary form during the filing period.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Sherry Farrell or the Town

Clerk's Office. Call 432-1100 ext. 199 or (603) 512-5596 with questions.

The Town is also seeking volunteers to serve on the following Boards/Committees that are not elected positions.

Heritage Commission is looking for Two, three-year full-time positions and two, three-year Alternate Positions.

The Senior Resources Committee is seeking one, three-year full-time position.

You must be a resident of Londonderry to apply for a position.

Residents should e-

mail Kirby Brown for a copy of the town's Talent Bank Form. If an individual is interested in more than one position, check off each position.

Information regarding these Boards/Committees can be found on the town website.

The application deadline is on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m.

For more information regarding the open positions, contact Kirby Brown at (603) 432-1100 x120 or kbrown@londonderry.org.

# Budget Process Debated at School Board Meeting

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the School Board meeting held on Tuesday night, Jan. 5, a fairly lengthy discussion took place as to when the Superintendents Operating Budget becomes the School Board Budget.

After the recap of the operating budget, Business Director Peter Curro said that an addi-

tional \$152,680 could be taken out of the budget and asked that the School Board adopt a preliminary School Board Budget before the Thursday night meeting.

Member Steve Young instantly took exception to the suggestion and said he would not be doing that.

Curro explained that he had to get an amount, so they could move to

the Thursday night public hearing.

He further explained that by doing this, it transforms from the district to the School Board.

Young's biggest exception to the number Curro presented was the fact that the School Board wasn't coming up with the number.

Curro argued that the decrease makes a perfect segway into the School Board Budget.

This would present a School Board Budget of \$81,759,156.

The argument continued with Young not liking the idea that the School District is telling the School Board what their budget should be.

The Chairman, Mike Saucier then made the point that the argument would be meaningless because on Thursday, they could simply change the number again.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte was asked if he had any thoughts on the subject, with Laliberte responding that he was comfortable with whatever the board wants to do, he presented the number he felt good about, so it's up to the board to decide now.

There was also a sug-

gestion by member Bob Slater to reduce the budget by and additional \$300,000.

When that number was debated later in the meeting, it failed by a vote of 2-3.

Saucier asked that the district work on the \$300,000 additional cut and give them the result at the Thursday night meeting.

In the end, the board decided to pass the School Board Budget of \$81,759,156 by a vote of 3-2, with Young and Slater voting no.

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# Water

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owner, George Vernet and Paul Rydell from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

For background, he said that there had been some groundwater sampling done behind the mall back in 2017 and

the testing continued through 2018 and 2019.

In the summer of 2019 it was discovered that PFOAs had been released into the ground and had caused the contamination of residential wells behind the Apple Tree Mall. There are eight known wells determined to be affected.

Following that, con-

versations took place between Cooperstown Environmental, an environmental consultant for the mall, the NHDES, and the neighborhood that was affected.

These conversations were the beginning stages of trying to mitigate the water problem discovered.

In early 2020, Smith, Town Council Chairperson John Farrell and Town Attorney Mike Malaguti got involved, and met with the residents to see what avenues could be traveled to solve their issues.

After a lot of back and forth between Cooperstown Environmental and the NHDES a water treatment installation and monitoring plan was developed and approved in May to correct the issue.

This plan would have been installed in each of the homes as a solution to the contamination.

The plan was rejected by the residents for a number of reasons, they included; a reduction in water pressure, additional contamination from water released from the system and the lack of permanent monitoring on the wells.

After that, there was a stalemate between the neighborhood and the others involved so a new plan was researched. That plan involved Pennichuck Water supplying the area with public water at a cost of about \$515,000. That cost

would be shared through the town and the mall owner.

Smith finished by saying that the town would be willing to put a Warrant Article on this year's ballot for up to \$250,000. The residents would pay half the cost of the hook-up to their homes and Vernet would cover the rest of the project.

Smith noted that the town portion could be done through taxation or through the Undesignated Fund Balance account. They are still looking into other funding mechanisms with DES in case the Warrant Article doesn't pass.

Residents spoke on the matter, Ethan Paul, of 19 Lancaster Drive was the first to speak on the subject saying that its been about a year and a half since they were told they could no longer drink their water and thought, "How bad could it be."

He then divulged that the number that was brought up through testing was 430 parts per trillion for PFOAs, where most residents in town that have had been told they have bad water when it is about 12 to 15 parts per trillion. His neighbors have similar numbers, one has 530 and another has 260 per trillion.

He added that these

numbers are 30, 40, 50 times what the state deems as unacceptable. "From what we're learning about PFOAs in Londonderry this is just the tip of the iceberg," he said.

Erica Laue, another resident of Lancaster spoke, saying that she is another neighbor with extremely high numbers of PFAS in her water. She added that she is no longer able to even brush her teeth with the water.

Both residents said that the reason for not accepting the water treatment solution was that it was not considered to be a long-term solution. Realtors have told them that their homes would be deemed to be unsellable without a long-term solution to the water problem.

Councilor Tom Dolan asked if were a possibility to extend the water line that would be brought in for additional homes in the neighborhood, with Smith confirming that it would be possible.

Councilor Joe Green wondered about the cost of the filtration systems to each home and who would be paying for it. To that, Smith answered that it was estimated at about \$200,000 for all eight homes, and Vernet would be paying that

entire amount.

Councilor Deb Paul questioned whether some of the town portion of the funding could be achieved through insurance that the property owner might have. She said that there should be less of a burden on the taxpayers, and more on the property owner and on Pennichuck who would be making money on the water they will be delivering.

Vernet spoke, saying that when they purchased the property they knew they had a perk problem from a Dry Cleaner, but knew nothing about the PFAS problem when they bought the property. He added that under current insurance policies, there is nothing that would cover these issues. He added that his lawyer doesn't want him to say a lot in regard to the issue, but we'll work with the town.

Resident Aaron Ferreira recently purchased his property at 15 Lancaster Drive and wondered why these chemicals were not detected while doing a FHA Loan.

The discussion on where the town portion of the funding will continue at the next Town Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 18

## OBITUARY

### Anthony S. Ruggiero



Anthony S. Ruggiero, 71, of Londonderry, NH, passed peacefully Monday Jan. 4, 2021, in his home surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Boston, MA on Feb. 2, 1949, a son of Anthony and Aleiouse Ruggiero. Tony was a US Navy veteran who served honorably during the Vietnam War from 1967-1970. He was a member of Carpenters Union 49 and had a passion for carpentry. He was an avid New England Sports fan who also enjoyed attending all of his children's and grandchildren's events. He had a passion that was unmatched for his family and was a hero and role model to many!

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Louise "Terry" (Ballou) Ruggiero of Londonderry; Son Ryan and wife Bridget, their two children Anthony and Hannah Ruggiero of Hooksett, NH and Son Christopher, his two children Nicholas and Ava Ruggiero of Manchester, NH; daughter, Melissa and son, Aiven Ruggiero of Manchester; two brothers, John Ruggiero of Londonderry and Dan Ruggiero of Chelmsford, MA; three sisters, Judy Ferreira of Lowell, MA, Linda Ruggiero of Concord, NC and Jeri Wesson of Hudson, NH and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Jan. 8, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jenny Fund, [www.thejennyfund.org/donate](http://www.thejennyfund.org/donate) and Amedisys [www.amedisys.com/userfiles/Amedisys-Foundation-Special%20Needs-Form.pdf](http://www.amedisys.com/userfiles/Amedisys-Foundation-Special%20Needs-Form.pdf)

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# Editorial

## King's Dream Today

January 18 is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 58 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more sub-

stance than style.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, and justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way. It must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

# Letters

## Finishing My Words

To the editor,

In the January 7, 2021 edition of the Londonderry Times my comments to the Londonderry Town Council were highlighted in a front page article. Because I ran afoul of the five minute time limit on public comment, I was not able to finish the second part of my presentation and as a result I feel that my message was incomplete and probably misunderstood.

My comments were intended to demonstrate that there are thousands of unheard citizens in Londonderry who are very satisfied with the current level of services provided by the town and schools, are willing to pay for that level of service, and have come to expect that level of service. In addition, in 2020, there were more than 500 new families that moved to Londonderry knowing the tax rate. It seems logical that these new residents will be expecting that same level of service.

Both sides of our local government work very hard to get the most for our tax dollar. My point of reference comes from state wide conversations with town assessors, building inspectors, town planners, tax collectors and clerks as part of my job. In addition, I have served on many committees on the school side and have had the opportunity to visit other communities and talk to school boards, superintendents, and building principals. Having moved to Londonderry in 1978, it is my opinion that for the past 15 years or more

Londonderry has been a very well run town on both the school side and the town side. I hope that Londonderry citizens will demonstrate their satisfaction and pride by voting in the March 2021 elections.

Tony DeFrancesco  
Londonderry

## Violence Condemned

To the editor,

First, and foremost, I want to condemn in every possible way, the violent and destructive riots that took place in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday. America should be an example to the rest of the world for peace and order, even in times of disagreement. What we saw unfold on Wednesday was a barbaric assault on what our founding fathers had intended for our Great Nation. Please join me in praying for those who lost their lives and those members of law enforcement who put their lives on the line protecting our institutions. This was a senseless and tragic event for our nation, and I hope that we can all move forward from this with a better appreciation for each other despite political differences.

Sherman Packard  
NH Speaker  
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## Trump Is Assaulting Our Democracy

To the editor,

Trump exhorted his followers in the crowd at his rally on January 6, 2021 to march to the U.S. Capitol and express

their anger with the election. His Anarchists rioted and broke into the Capitol injuring police officers and damaging property. An element of Trump's followers are similar in ideology to Hitler's Nazi hordes who took control in Germany in the 1930s. This fifth column movement inspired by Trump is an ongoing danger to our democracy.

Corrupt Trump tried but failed to get the Secretary of State in Georgia to justify changing approximately 12,000 votes from the presidential election in favor of Trump so he could declare victory in Georgia, and then Trump would be in a position to say his fraudulent election claims in a number of other states are valid. Unfortunately, a number of U.S. senators and representatives have gone along with Trump's claims so they can align themselves with Trump's following of radical sympathizers. These politicians even tried to overturn the election on January 6, 2021 when the approved electoral votes of the states were brought forward for approval in Congress.

Trump lost his cases in the courts, and then the corrupt President tried to circumvent the will of the people by coercing Republican law makers in swing states to overturn the election and appoint pro-Trump electors to the Electoral College. He has placed his self interest above the country's interests, and he is sabotaging Biden's incoming administration. Trump is trying to turn the civilian leadership in the Pentagon

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# Conservation Commission Moves Forward With Mack Buy

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission is one step closer to owning a large portion of Moos Hill Orchards after holding a public hearing on Tuesday night, Jan. 12 and voting to move forward with the purchase.

The hearing was conducted through videoconference due to the continued issues with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Town was presented with a 28-acre parcel of land at Map 9, Lot 49, owned by Moose Hill Orchards, Inc. as a candidate for purchase. Prior to consideration of this parcel for acquisition by the Joint Negotiating Committee, the Council requested that the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department prepare an analysis of the development potential of the parcels.

The Conservation Commission's portion of the land being purchased is 23 acres at \$1.1 million dollars.

The funds for the purchase is coming from the Conservation Land Fund and a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Grant.

The Conservation Fund will be for \$700,000 and the remaining

\$400,000 will be from the grant.

The Town of Londonderry hopes to buy the remaining five acres of land.

During the Tuesday night meeting, Conservation Commission member Mike Speltz gave a brief presentation on how the land acquisition came together.

The property is located on Pillsbury Road with frontage also along Mammoth Road. This parcel is bounded by the Town Hall complex, Grange Hall property, LAFA Fields complex, and a parcel owned by the US Federal Aviation Administration.

It is adjacent to conservation land across Pillsbury Road.

Some of the reasons that Speltz gave for the purchase was to protect wells serving Century Village and Southview Condominiums.

It will also preserve some prime agricultural soils.

In the deal, the agricultural production will still be maintained by the orchard.

It will also expand the town center, open up additional trails and will maintain open wildlife habitats.

The total cost for the purchase will be \$1,350,000.

An appraisal of the land was done by Kevin McManus, Vice President of New Hampshire Certified General Appraisers, and his opinion was that the fair market value of the property as of Sept. 8, 2020 was \$1,120,000.

One of the concerns for buying the land was that Pennichuck Water is available on Pillsbury Road and Mammoth Road, and it is presumed that public water will be available for the development of this site.

Access to public sewer is available in the area also. The parcel is zoned AR1. Should it be developed, the change would most likely take the form of a residential subdivision much like what is happening at the old Woodmont site.

Lastly, Speltz touched on the future management of the property.

The Conservation Commission will manage this property subject to conservation

restrictions which will limit the use to agriculture, forestry and outdoor recreation.

Moose Hill Orchards has stated that they will continue to farm the land.

There were a number of residents listening through videoconference and a few of them had questions.

One abutter wanted to understand if the voters would need be passed by voters on this portion of the sale and he was told that there wouldn't be any impact to the taxpayers, therefore no vote is needed.

After the vote on Tuesday night, there would be another Public Hearing where they will make their recommendations Town Council where it would have to be passed.

Another abutter asked what would happen if the other five acres are voted down by the taxpayers.

Speltz said that a



The pumpkin patch along Pillsbury Road is part of the land that will be purchased from Moose Hill Orchard. Photo by Chris Paul

number of things could happen. One would be that the Conservation Commission would have the right of first refusal, and they may buy that portion also. It could also go back to the Moose Hill Orchard and he could sell the land to someone else.

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gon into a politicized organization by infiltrating highly political unqualified personnel, including former campaign staff, and this might pose a danger to our country.

The outgoing corrupt and vindictive President is sabotaging the incoming administration and assaulting our democracy, and he is promoting a radical anti-American following in the U.S. Trump's comments and actions are consistent with that of current and former dictators, including Hitler, Stalin, Castro, Kim Jong Un and Putin. He is the closest this country has come to having a dictator as President, and he and his followers bear close scrutiny in the future.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry

## Congratulations Speaker Packard

To the editor,  
Congratulations to Londonderry Representative Sherman Packard on his election as NH Speaker of the House on January 6th! Although

this occurred under extremely difficult and tragically unforeseen circumstances, it's a reflection of the type of leaders Londonderry has produced over the years. Not only is Londonderry represented by a Speaker of the House, but it also has two state representatives as committee chairs and two state representatives as vice chairs. Republican leadership under Speaker Packard met the challenge of conducting Constitution Day as required by the NH Constitution by contacting UNH for assistance. At the suggestion of UNH, he arranged a "drive-in" style session at the UNH parking lot A. The State medical doctor, HHS and Fire Marshall all approved of the health and safety of the arrangements. Legislators in cars heard the historic session broadcast over the UNH FM radio station through their radios and outdoor speakers. This method ensured the integrity of an "in-person" session while, as Speaker Packard stated, "...we need to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, and we can't rush to make expensive, permanent solutions to what we

hope is a temporary problem." All told, the House leadership skillfully and successfully conducted the peoples' business.

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## Time for Introspection

To the editor,  
The events of January 6th in Washington, DC have put an exclamation point on what has been an incredibly challenging past 12 months. While it has remained a constant all year, I am not talking about Covid-19 and the loss of life and livelihood that the pandemic caused. I am talking about the riots that have filled our streets, damaged our business, and killed our fellow citizens. I am talking about the mob that descended on OUR Capitol Building which resulted in senseless loss of life for several who were involved. I am talking about OUR politicians who cannot stop blaming each other long enough to start talking to each other about how we move forward as a country. Now, it is easy to sit back and point fingers. Our so called "leaders" have made it an art form. From my standpoint, I firmly believe that 95%+ of Americans are GREAT people who

want to see us work in a way that is bipartisan and forward looking. For that to happen, ALL of us, starting with me, have to look in the mirror and hold ourselves accountable to what we say or do. I have several extended family members that I do not align with politically. So what? Do I love them any less? Of course not. It is time for US to take back our country and turn off the talking heads on cable news that make money from our division. Pick up the phone TODAY and call someone from the other side of the political aisle. I promise you that you have more in common than you think. And after doing that, call your representative and tell them enough is enough. The healing needs to start today...before it's too late to change course.

Tony Ramy  
Londonderry

## Impeach Trump?

To the editor,  
If you listened to Trump's message to his followers last Wednesday to march on the Capitol building, he never stated to storm the Capitol. His message was to march in support of those Senators who were objecting to the electoral college vote counting because they believed that the Biden election was fraudulent;

their prerogative under the 1st Amendment. I knew immediately the ramifications of Trump's message and although I'm a Trump supporter, I can't condone his message and like others, horrified at the storming of America's symbol of democracy. Some of his supporters amongst the thousands who peacefully marched took his message as the means to vent their anger over what they feel was a stolen election. The antifi crowd was there stirring the chaos and destruction. At this point, it's no longer an issue whether the election was or was not stolen. Joe Biden will be the next President of the U.S. and Kamala Harris the next V.P. With the political divisiveness that exists in America today, we are at a crossroads of whether America will continue to be a beacon of democracy or fall into the mediocrity of socialism. Make no mistake, it is the economic system of free enterprise and capitalism that made this country great where everyone is born with the power to improve one's state through motivation and fortitude in pursuit of one's dreams; excluding those with handicaps and illness who need help to live a life free of pain and want. Which direction America takes will depend on cooler heads who can end the divisiveness between conservatives and left-leaning socialists; middle ground. This will take a great communicator and

not an easy task. The Democrat movement to impeach Trump spearheaded by Pelosi is insanity. Her hatred of Trump is immoral and serves no purpose other than to further divide the two political parties of which seventy-five million voted for Trump. With only a few days left for Trump in office, his divisive message of last Wednesday ends his future as the political leader of the Republican Party and extinguishes his chances of being the 2024 Republican Presidential candidate. Joe Biden's inaugural theme January 20 will be "America United". If Biden truly wants to unit America, he should say "enough is enough" and tell Pelosi to stop her political stunt as there is too little time to actually achieve a successful impeachment outcome before Trump leaves office; and there are no grounds for VP Mike Pence to implement the 25 Amendment per legal opinions. So what's the point Pelosi? Just to destroy the man because of his imperfections and negate all the good things he did for Americans prior to COVID-19? Who is the power going forward to the Presidency? Joe Biden or Nancy Pelosi? Is it not Christian to forgive? Or is that too much to ask of Pelosi in her own unhinged mind? I think we know the answer to that. Impeach, impeach, impeach to coin a phrase from Maxine Waters.

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# Town Budget

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of how the Warrant Articles stand at this point.

ARTICLE 2: The 2022 Town Operating Budget. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$38,864,136. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$39,064,836 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$22,436,961 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.744 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 3: Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town facilities and infrastructure and to

assist in increasing the longevity of these facilities and infrastructure and further to authorize the use of \$90,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$90,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.019 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 4: The Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$650,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.137 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE NO. 5: The Geographic Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,000 to be placed in the Geographic Information Systems capital reserve fund.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$28,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.006 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 6: The Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in the Pills-

bury Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$75,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.016 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 7: The Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Department capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$50,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$50,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.011 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 8: Department of Public Works Equipment/Vehicle Leases. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of \$450,000 for the purpose of leasing two six-Wheeler Trucks and a One-Ton Pickup Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,645 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$55,645 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.012 in FY 22 based upon pro-

jected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 9: Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to be placed in the Master Plan capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$35,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 10: The Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in the Recreation Department capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$5,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE 11: Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,500 to be placed in the Cable Equipment capital reserve fund funding will come from the annual distribution of Public Educational

and Government Access programming from the current Franchise Agreement. (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 22 based upon projected assessed values.)

ARTICLE NO. 12: The Purchase of Mack's Apples Land Adjacent to Town Hall (009-049-0). To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing approximately five acres of land at 114 Pillsbury Road (Tax Map 009, Lot 049) from Moose Hill Orchards, Inc., said land to be subdivided from land of Moose Hill Orchards, Inc.

If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$250,000 in property taxes, or through the Undesignated Fund Balance.

ARTICLE 13: Extend Water Main to area behind Apple Tree Mall. To see if the town will vote to authorize money to alleviate problems associated with well water contamination to eight homes on Lancaster Drive (Majority vote required). There has not been an exact amount given, though at the last Town Council meeting it was suggested that the amount would be up to \$250,000 for half the cost to install, the other half would be provided

by the owner of the Apple Tree Mall.

ARTICLE 14: To Re-establish the Londonderry Housing Redevelopment Authority as an Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund. This article was recently added, and very little information has been discussed about it. Town Manager Kevin Smith said at the last Town Council meeting that this article would not have a budgetary impact, but would allow the Housing Redevelopment Authority to use the funds they have acquired outside just the airport.

ARTICLE 15: Transaction of Other Business.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.

There was also some discussion about adding an additional article on establish a Charter Commission for the possibility of developing a new system of government to allow the school district and town to better utilize funds.

That additional article may be discussed during the public comments section of the Monday evening, Jan. 18 Town Council meeting.

There is also the possibility of articles being added through citizen petitions.

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# Conservation Matters: Keeping You on Track in the Musquash

JOCELYN DEMAS  
SUBMISSION

You may have read recently that the Londonderry Conservation Commission, in conjunction with Londonderry Trailways and others, took to the woods to re-blaze the Musquash. It became apparent when we were seeking volunteers that not everyone knew what that meant, or why it was important. We have heard over the years of

individuals getting lost in the woods in this conservation area and we are taking steps to prevent this from happening.

At each trailhead, be it at Musquash, Kendall Pond, the Town Forest or Adams Pond, signs have been installed to relay information on the area you're about to explore. Each trailhead sign features a map of the area as well as maps people can take with them. The signs are

updated as needed and maps are replenished as they are used.

## Trail Maps

The Town has worked hard to ensure there are accurate maps for each trail system that you encounter. We update these maps regularly to add new trails and they have now been color-coordinated to match the newly blazed trail colors within the Musquash. A map is best used with a com-

pass and some knowledge of pathfinding. That said, we also understand there are many people out there who choose to utilize the trails without this skill, and so we have done our best to ensure that anyone venturing into the woods can find their bearings.

In addition to the physical maps, anyone with a smart phone can download a free app called Avenza Maps from the app store. Once downloaded, you can search for the free Musquash Conservation Area and Town Center Trails maps within the app. This is incredibly handy to have on your phone, as you will always have the map in your pocket, and the app tracks where you are on the map.

## Trail Blazes

All of the trails in the Musquash have now been updated with new blazes - color-coded, painted marks on the trees - to help you find your way. We are blessed with many forestlands in New Hampshire and the Musquash is no exception. These blazes will help you stay on the trail not only to avoid getting lost, but to minimize our impact on the forest. The Musquash is enjoyed by hikers,

mountain bikers, trail runners, snowshoe enthusiasts, dog walkers and hunters alike and oftentimes when trails are unclear, new trails begin to pop up and make for very confusing intersections. The blazes are there to keep you on track.

In the event that you encounter a confusing area, trail signs are scattered at intersections throughout the forest to help you find your way. There are also wooden posts with maps attached to them with

the good old "you are here" verbiage to keep you headed in the right direction.

Now that the leaves have fallen and covered the trails, it makes them more difficult to follow. Once the snow comes, it will be tough again until someone breaks them out. We hope with this updated blazing that everyone who wants to recreate outside will feel comfortable and confident doing so with the knowledge that they will be able to find their way out.

# Contaminant Free Recycling

Recently, the town of Londonderry has had too many non-recyclable items reported in our recycling. These items can cause the entire truckload to be contaminated.

Town Officials say that if this continues, the Town will have to

pay almost twice the recycling disposal fee because the recycling will be considered trash.

Any type of plastic bags jam up the processing plant machinery and can shut down the entire plant for hours. Londonderry recycling contaminants have included:

Christmas lights, chairs, hoses, wires, Styrofoam, cushions, fabric, construction debris and food contaminated items.

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## OBITUARY

### Gertrude W. "Trudy" Pherson



Gertrude W. "Trudy" Pherson, 92 of Laconia, NH died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at the St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Laconia. Trudy was born in Woburn, MA on Feb. 25, 1928, a daughter of the late James and Susan (Kinaine) Walsh. As a communicant of St. Jude Parish, Londonderry, she was very involved with the food pantry and Ladies Guild.

She is survived by her four children, Albert C. Pherson, Jr. and his wife Deborah of Bradford, MA, Mark S. Pherson and his wife Catherine of Washington, NH, Andrew F. Pherson and his wife Nancy of Woodstock, VT, and Monica J. Foster and her husband David of Laconia, NH, nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Albert C. Pherson in 1987.

There are no calling hours. Graveside services were held on Tuesday Jan. 12, at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Parish Food Pantry, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# State Offers Free Fishing Day, Advising Extra Caution

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The third Saturday in January is a special day for many New Hampshire outdoor enthusiasts, particularly those who enjoy winter on the water.

Saturday January 16, the NH Fish and Game Department is holding the state's winter free fishing day. This day anyone and everyone can fish without a license in the Granite State.

As is to be expected, all other regulations for ice fishing must still be followed this coming weekend, and anyone participating in a fishing tournament on free fishing day must be licensed.

Most of the state's lakes and ponds, where ice fishing occurs, are home to warm water fish populations including perch, pickerel, black crappie, and bass. Some waters also provide opportunities for fishers to wrangle brook, rainbow, or brown trout

through the ice.

Though salmon can be found in certain waters, NH Fish and Game reminds potential fishers that salmon may not be taken through the ice, and designated trout ponds are closed to ice fishing.

On most New Hampshire waters, there is a general rule that fishing lines are limited to six per person when ice fishing. However, lake trout and salmon lakes only permit two lines when fishing, and ice anglers are limited to five lines on NH-Maine border waters (with the exception of Great East Lake, which has a two line limit).

A complete list of two-line limit lakes is available at [wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing).

Ice fishing is a much-enjoyed wintertime pastime for many people in New England, but this year, conditions have been so sporadic that NH Fish and Game urge fishers to take extra pre-

caution.

"Caution is in order for those going out onto any ice, especially following the record rainfall recorded on Christmas day," urges Fish and Game Colonel Kevin Jordan. "With erratic temperatures, some areas of ice may look safe, but may not be."

Fishers are reminded that thick ice does not always mean safe ice, as Fish and Game states that due to varying weather conditions, it is possible for ice to be thick, but not strong. This weakened thick ice is often caused by warming trends breaking down the ice, followed by cold trends refreezing the surface.

The public is also advised to be especially careful of areas with a current, such as inlets, outlets and spring holes, where ice can be "dangerously thin."

The United States Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory offers a rule of thumb on ice

thickness: There should be a minimum of six inches of hard ice before individual foot travel, and eight to ten inches of hard ice for snow machine or off-highway recreational vehicle travel.

Anyone considering taking advantage of Free Fishing Day is advised to go in a group (large groups advised not to gather on less than eight to ten inches of hard ice) to ensure safety in the event of an ice breakthrough. Fishers should also bring with them plenty of supplies, including a rescue rope, ice picks, and a personal flotation device such as a life jacket.

Those new to fishing would benefit from accompanying an already licensed fisher, or someone knowledgeable on ice fishing. More information on ice fishing in New Hampshire is available at [wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing](http://wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing).

More information, including instructional



safety videos such as how to correctly check ice thickness, etc., is available on the New Hampshire Fish and Game website.

Even though winter trends have been relatively inconsistent thus far, Free Fishing Day will

still be a fun-filled day for both fishing enthusiasts and those testing the waters, with an extra ounce of caution thrown in for everyone's safety.

The next Free Fishing Day in New Hampshire will take place on the first Saturday in June, 5.

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# School

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ever could wait without impacting student safety or learning. They would also look to building and grounds projects as well as IT items where they could potentially save \$110,000.

The remaining \$130,000 would most likely come from reduction in staff. He added that those adjustments would need to be made after they determine class sizes. He said this would translate into one full-time staff member at \$84,000 and three assistants.

School Board member Amy Finamore asked if Laliberte felt that the staff reduction number could be achieved through retirements, and the Superintendent said yes. "We do expect a pretty good amount of retirements, and we do have attrition every year, as people move into different positions, so we feel this could be absorbed through attrition. We wouldn't be

talking about layoffs."

Three of the board members questioned whether some of the Middle School "M" sports programs that were scheduled to be cut out of the budget, about \$38,000, could be put back in.

Laliberte didn't think it possible, considering they were looking at staff reductions.

Later it was clarified that the reductions were focused on teams that were already offered through recreation programs such as LAFA, LYLA and LYSA.

The board then proceeded to go through some of the Warrant Articles that would be on the ballot in March.

Article 4 is for the district's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, totaling \$25,000. This would be paid for through surplus funds by way of the Unassigned Designated Fund Balance.

Article 5 is for the District Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for \$125,000.

Article 6 will be for the Vehicle Machinery Capital Reserve Fund is being reduced from \$125,000 to \$75,000. This would also be paid for through the Unassigned Designated Fund Balance.

Article 7 is the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund. This article is replacing the Maintenance Trust Fund to a Capital Reserve Fund is currently at \$750,000.

This article is still a non-lapsing fund used to support large maintenance projects and provide a small reserve for any unanticipated projects and large future needs.

The appropriation is based on a rolling six-year average of known projects.

Proposed projects include; general renovations to buildings, electrical improvements, paving and upgrades to the District Wide security system. In addition to building improvements, the district anticipates these funds to be used for general field and lighting improvements.

School Board member Bob Slater asked that the total be brought down to \$600,000 and Business Administrator, Peter Curro, asked that they be given time to see what could be removed from the article.

Article 8 is for the adoption of the retention of funds, which would allow the net assessment to be retained and would be up to five percent of the Operating Budget and requires that activity in the fund balance be published in the annual

report. It also gives the power of withdrawal to the School Board after a public hearing.

Article 9 is for Dining Services and totals \$130,000. Curro said that the Food Service Department is out of code, and has been out of code for a number of years. This amount would help bring the department back into code. It was also mentioned that the issue is mostly in that Food Services is currently unable to maintain

proper temperatures while serving the food.

Slater suggested that the district come up with figures on spreading out the cost over two years, to which they agreed, and would be providing those costs at the next meeting. The amount for the Warrant Article was cut in half to \$65,000.

To end the meeting, the Operating Budget for the School District was determined to be \$81,497,456. It passed with a vote of 5-0.

## NH Receives \$156m for Education from US DOE

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced today that the Granite State has received an additional \$156 million in federal education funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

NH schools are slated to receive an additional \$156,065,807 in ESSER II through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, which provides an additional \$54.3 billion for an ESSER II Fund. This new funding,

which is substantially higher than the initial awards received last spring, is intended to help school districts in their continuing response to COVID, including safely reopening schools, assessing student learning, and other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on the students and families.

"COVID-19 has been the most disruptive event in the history of New Hampshire education, forcing us to adopt new methods of instruction and work even hard-

er to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students," said New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut. "These funds will provide additional resources to close the gaps that this pandemic has widened."

The state ESSER Fund state distributions and an ESSER Fund Fact Sheet are attached. The department is developing school level allocations which will be released as soon as they are available.

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# Not A Pain In The Neck: It's Thyroid Awareness Month

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As we enter the coldest days of the year, everyone will be breaking out their winter gear to keep warm. From head to toe, New Hampshire residents will be bundled up with hats, boots, coats, and scarves to protect their necks from the harsh winter air.

During this especially cold month, it could take more than a fashionable wrap to protect a considerable percentage of necks, specifically the butterfly-shaped gland found inside, vital for controlling the way the rest of the body uses energy.

January is national Thyroid Awareness Month, a campaign supported by the ATA to raise awareness of and to educate patients about the many different thyroid disorders.

The American Thyroid Association raises funds to help continue their efforts to fund patient and public education efforts including informative brochures, summarized medical lit-

erature, endocrinologist referrals, monthly newsletters, support links, patient alliance community, and health and education forums.

Furthermore, the ATA also uses funds to support thyroid specialists and the development of resources that further the understanding of thyroid disorders and cancers including clinical practice guidelines, position statements, early cancer training, research and development grants, leadership and service awards, community for collaboration, continuing education programs, peer-review biomedical journals, up to date thyroid news and publications, and patient education.

It is estimated that 20 million Americans are living with some form of thyroid disease, says the American Thyroid Association, and up to 60 percent of those living with thyroid disease are unaware of their condition.

If left undiagnosed, a thyroid condition can put patients at risk for other serious health

issues such as cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, and infertility, the ATA further states.

The causes of thyroid problems are largely unknown, and the symptoms vary widely depending on the specific thyroid disease or cancer. Regardless, the first step in identifying a potential thyroid problem is awareness.

There are quite a few different thyroid conditions, and their symptoms are varied. Generally, signs that may be indicative of a thyroid dysfunction include weight gain, weight loss, hyperactivity, neck swelling, increased resting heart rate, decreased resting heart rate, mood swings, insomnia, hair loss, abnormal hair growth, body temperature dysfunction, brittle nails, vision problems, and anemia.

If someone should suspect that they may be affected by a thyroid disorder, a doctor will either order bloodwork, imaging, or biopsy depending on symptoms to determine if

there is a thyroid condition present, and which one their patient is struggling with. From there, a physician and his or her patient will determine the best course of treatment.

Treatments for different thyroid conditions vary depending on the severity and specific condition, ranging from medication for conditions such as hyper and hypothyroidism, surgery and radiation for thyroid cancers, or no treatment whatsoever for small thyroid nodules.

There is currently no one way to definitively prevent the development of a thyroid disorder. However, measures can be taken to perhaps reduce the risk of developing them, or possibly helping to slow down or stop the progression of an existing thyroid disorder.

Letting a doctor know of any and all fam-

ily history of thyroid disorder can be helpful in taking precautions should any conditions develop. As with anything pertaining to health, early detection can help with successful treatment in a number of thyroid issues and disease.

Conducting a "Thyroid Neck Check" from home is one of the best ways to detect lumps, bumps, and swelling on the thyroid if they are close to the surface. Should any abnormality be detected during this test, the next step would be to schedule an appointment with a doctor for further testing. Steps on how to conduct this test at home are available at [thyroidawareness.com/nck-check](http://thyroidawareness.com/nck-check).

Studies have shown that the nutrient selenium can help to decrease symptoms in certain thyroid disorders. Discussing selenium sup-

plementation with a doctor is a great measure to take in thyroid health should concern arise for developing a condition or for slowing the progression of an existing one.

And of course regular visits to the doctor provide leaps and bounds in early detection and delayed progression. If there is any family history of thyroid issues, or if the development of one is suspected, a doctor will likely conduct fairly regular testing to be on top of the status of his or her patient's thyroid health.

For more information and resources on thyroid awareness and health, or to donate to the American Thyroid Association's efforts to raise awareness and development of resources, visit the American Thyroid Association website at .

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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 is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Republicans Meeting

Londonderry Republicans will meet on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Come and let's talk politics. NH State Representatives will discuss 2020 GOP election issues and actions. Floor nominations and election of Committee's biennial chairperson will be held. A quorum of members in good standing is required to certify the election.

## LEEP Applications

Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is Now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year! Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School Dis-

trict. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Prekindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Dee Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223. Please email Dee Fosmire at [dfosmire@londonderry.org](mailto:dfosmire@londonderry.org) or Kim Speers at [kspeers@londonderry.org](mailto:kspeers@londonderry.org).

## Spartans Basketball Tryouts

First Spring basketball tryout on Jan. 17. Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Spring AAU tryouts at the Candia

Youth Athletic Association in Candia, NH. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 2nd - High School. The first tryout date is Sunday Jan. 17. Times are 2nd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 5 - 6 p.m. 7th - High-school boys and girls: 6 - 7 p.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com).

## Free Parenting Workshops

View these free parenting workshops at your own pace hosted by the Upper Room at [www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand](http://www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand). Dealing with Challenging Behaviors in Children - The Importance of Routines and Consistency for your Child.

## Childrens Program

On Monday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m., a virtual children's program will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Join Miss Jennifer for some friendship fun! She will share a craft, a song, some fun facts, and her favorite friendship picture books. To pick up a coloring page or reserve any of the featured books, call the library at 432-1132. Please check the library's

Facebook page on Monday, Jan. 25 for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at [www.londonderrynh.org/](http://www.londonderrynh.org/) each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

## Book Talk

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m., a virtual book talk for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Miss Megan talks about two exciting new books in the young adult collection: "The Brave" by James Bird and "Half Life" by Lillian Clark. Please check the Leach Library's Facebook page on Tuesday, Jan. 19 for the link. To access the library's Facebook page, visit the Leach Library website at [www.londonderrynh.org/](http://www.londonderrynh.org/) each-library then select the "Facebook" link from the blue menu on the left side of the page.

## Online Story & Craft

Looking for something fun for the kids? Connect Online Story & Craft Session for Parents and their children up to age 6 with the Upper Room. Free Live on Zoom. Join us on Zoom for live interactive songs and children's stories followed by a craft lesson, that is easy and fun to do with your child at home. Zoom link to join: [bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom](https://bit.ly/connectstorytimezoom). craft supplies at [bit.ly/connectstorytime](https://bit.ly/connectstorytime) or email [skoza@URteacher.org](mailto:skoza@URteacher.org).

## Teen Talk

Free LIVE on Zoom on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., for teens 13-18 to talk, support each other, and be heard. No preregistration necessary. Zoom link to join: [bit.ly/tipstotics](https://bit.ly/tipstotics)

## Free Stress Management Workshop

An on demand workshop by the Upper Room. View at [www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand](http://www.urteachers.org/workshops-on-demand). To learn more contact Beth O'Connell at [eoconnell@URteachers.org](mailto:eoconnell@URteachers.org).

## Vaping and Your Health

A Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop will be held on demand. Workshops are held on the first Tuesday of the month and

online options are also available. Call (603) 437-8477 x117 to register and get more information.

## Covid-19 Relief Fund

To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

## Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

## COVID-19 Response Help Needed

The South Central NH Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting medical and non-medical volunteers to help with the COVID-19 Response in the region. Are you a practicing or retired medical professional or a concerned local citizen (with or without medical expertise), and interested in assisting your community during an emergency? The MRC provides communities with medical and nonmedical volunteers trained to assist in the event of public health emergencies. Volunteers may be called to assist during emergencies, such as the COVID-19 response. Activities may include but not limited to greeting, registration, and vaccine administration. Free training will be available within your scope of practice. For more information, please reach out to Kate MacDonald at [katemacdonald@catsnh.org](mailto:katemacdonald@catsnh.org) or 603-505-7216.

## Toys for Tots

It's safe to say 2020 has been a tough year for everyone. Kids and parents more than ever could use a little extra "Merry" in their Christmas this year and we're hoping to help bring bright smiles to their faces this Holiday Season! Derry PD will be participating in the Marine Corps

Reserve Toys For Tots Campaign for the 2020 season. Please drop off new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys to the main lobby of the station.

## TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: [bit.ly/tipstotics](https://bit.ly/tipstotics)

## Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: [us04w-eu.zoom.us/j/302497889](https://us04w-eu.zoom.us/j/302497889) Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org) No preregistration need.

## Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

## Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org). Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

## Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at [selizabeth@urteachers.org](mailto:selizabeth@urteachers.org)

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**Meet River!** This beautiful Georgia girl is a lab mix, about 2-3 years old and loves spending time with others! Whether it's going for a jog or cuddling on the couch, she is right there with you. But as much as she loves her young and old human friends, she's a little pickier when it comes to her fellow canines. Because of this, we'd like to see her go to a home with no other dogs or a calm one. She hasn't been around any cats yet, so we're unsure how she is around them. River's foster describes her as super cute, loving and the perfect addition to the right family.

*If you'd like to be River's forever home, please visit The Greater Derry Humane Society website to fill out an application.*

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## Around Town

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eth@urteachers.org.

### Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wed-

nesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

### Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be

meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

### St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827 to make an appointment to pickup your food from the panty. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

### Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including

anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom. Link to Join: <http://us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabet-

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Jan. 4**  
**9:04 a.m.** A Welfare Check performed by 11 officers leads to an arrest made on Beacon Street. Daniel Gentile, 60, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence

(Simple Assault - Bodily Injury); and Domestic Violence (Second Degree Assault - Bodily Injury & Deadly Weapon).  
**12:09 p.m.** Services rendered for an Involuntary Emergency Admission at

Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.  
**12:18 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Auburn Road.

**1:22 p.m.** Services rendered  
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# Using Language as a Weapon in the Legal System

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**W**hen you go see an attorney you want answers. Whatever confronts you, only straight answers will help.

Unfortunately, some in the legal system tend to use language as a shield against real communication.

One barrier is Latin. While fewer and fewer Latin terms are actually used today, some Latin finds itself deeply rooted in the law even now.

Here are some top Latin terms persisting in the language:

**Ab Initio:** Means “from the beginning”. If a court says a contract is void “ab initio” they reject the entire agreement. Don’t even argue about certain provisions or the way the parties acted as if they had an agreement. Rewind the legal history and start over.

**Certiorari:** Indicates that a higher court will review a lower court ruling. Commonly used in the term ‘Writ of Certiorari’. This is a request filed with the U.S. Supreme Court asking the highest court in the U.S. to overturn a lower court ruling. Of course

the U.S. Supreme Court can either accept the appeal or not.

**Codicil:** A codicil to a will amends the original will. You can’t just write notes on the will or on a separate piece of paper. To effectively change anything in a will, the amendment must comply with the same formalities as the original will. That means witnesses and a notary. The document amending the will is called a codicil.

**Ex Parte:** People seeking help from a court without telling the other side ask for “Ex Parte” relief. This means

without the other party. Often used, but not exclusively, in divorce cases. People sometimes seek injunctions or other court help without having to notify the other party.

**Habeus Corpus:** This asks a court to release inmates either for total freedom or for some specific purpose like a family funeral, a civil deposition or another one-time event. Habeus Corpus means that the authorities literally have the body and it should be released temporarily or permanently based on the facts claimed.

**Nunc Pro Tunc:**

Means “From the Beginning”. If a court acknowledges that a previous action was incorrect a new order replaces it as though the original had not existed.

**Quid pro quo:** One thing for another. If you agree to provide a certain good, service or money, then I will directly give you something that you want.

**Res Ipsa Loquiter:** Means “that which speaks for itself”. For example, if you walk down the street and an awning falls on your head, whoever owns the building or the business faces responsibility for

your injuries.

**Writ:** Means either a formal written order from a court or the document you file looking for a specific order. New Hampshire courts used to require lawyers to file a “Writ” form stamped with the court’s actual raised seal to start a case. New rules got rid of that and now we write up our filings on a computer like everyone else.

If you need to see an attorney never hesitate to ask them to explain. It’s OK to ask, politely, what they mean. Be sure any Latin or other unknown terms are clarified.

## Police Log

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dered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road. **3:54 p.m.** Drug Offenses investigated on Kitt Lane.

**4:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Currier Drive.

**4:23 p.m.** Three officers assist with transporting a person suffering from an Overdose to a hospital from Rockingham Road at The Stumble Inn. **6:24 p.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a Hospital from Pinyon Place.

**7:23 p.m.** Four officers assist with an Involuntary Emergency Admission To a Hospital from Perkins Road at the Sleep Inn. Joseph Barden, 28, of Derry charged with Involuntary Emergency Admission.

**9:05 p.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from the Londonderry High School on Mammoth Road.

**Tuesday - Jan. 5**

**10:10 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on King George Drive.

**11:02 a.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made

on Concord Street, Manchester. Gabriella Mil-liard, 23, of Manchester charged on five counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

**1:28 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nashua Road at Home Depot.

**6:18 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for a Welfare Check at Checkmate Pizza on Gilcreast Road.

**9:13 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Darrow Way.

**9:44 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Perkins Road.

**Wednesday - Jan. 6**

**9:43 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Woodland Village Condo Association on Constitution Drive.

**10:14 a.m.** Welfare Check investigated by four officers on Hall Road.

**10:53 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on High Range Road. Building Checked/Secured by four officers.

**1:22 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Justin Circle.

**2:37 p.m.** Services rendered for an Involuntary Emergency Admission to a hospital from Hall

Road.

**Thursday - Jan. 7**

**11:28 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Everts Street.

**11:36 a.m.** Assault investigated at Londonderry High School on Mammoth Road.

**5:16 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road at Dunkin Donuts. Eleven officers assist with charging Edward Siudut, 45, of Barnstead, with Resisting Arrest/ Detention; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Improper Backing Up on an Interstate; and Disobeying an Officer.

**Friday - Jan. 8**

**7:10 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Mountain Road, Goffstown. Jordan Moe, 29, of Goffstown charged on two counts of Conduct After an Accident.

**9:08 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Londonderry Road at IDI Distributors.

**11:43 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at the New York Federal Correctional Institute. Ryan Luther, 28, of Manchester charged with

Theft by Unauthorized Taking of between \$0 and \$1,000.

**1:43 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on King Charles Drive.

**3:20 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Honey Dog on Mammoth Road.

**Saturday - Jan. 9**

**1:54 p.m.** Three Officers investigate a report of Suspicious Activity on King Richard Drive at Pillsbury Road

**1:57 p.m.** Auto Theft investigated on King Richard Drive.

## Around Town

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### CART Transitions to Essential Trips only

In an effort to keep drivers and the ridership of CART safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, CART will transition to essential only. CART will communicate with all passengers who have current trips scheduled and make adjustments where appropriate. Essential travel will include medically necessary trips (dialysis, pharmacy, etc.) as well as trips to the grocery store. CART will work with passengers

**3:10 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by three officers at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

**7:29 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on King Richard Drive.

**8:39 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Mercury Drive.

**9:30 a.m.** Assisted the Derry Police Department with services on Rockingham Road.

**12:02 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Ross Drive.

**1:08 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Lafayette

to accommodate the essential trips and will work on timing to be as flexible as possible. Service will remain available to all towns, 5 days a week. Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to mwhitten@mtabus.org or phone CART at 603-792-5151. CART looks forward to restoring regular service levels as soon as this crisis passes.

### Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access: Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults

Road.

**7:50 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

**Sunday - Jan. 10**

**1:09 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Noonan Drive.

**5:35 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on South Road.

**5:53 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Woodland Drive.

**11:05 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Strong Facebook page.

### Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

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