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Chipping In

Londonderry resident Doug Domeny volunteered to help gather litter along Gilcreast Road on Saturday morning and wound up collecting quite a few bags along the roadside. Domeny and other were helping the efforts of the Beautify Londonderry group that performs this task each year over three weekends. The group is still looking for help for two more weeks. Anyone interested can contact organizers through their Facebook page.

Photo by Chris Paul

Zoning Board Approves Three Variance Requests

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 21 Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting the Board approved three dif-

ferent variance requests.

One of the variance requests came from Enterprise Drive Recovery LLC who requested a variance to reduce the landscaping buffer zone

between a commercial and residential zoning district from 50 feet to 15 feet of vegetation at Four Enterprise Drive.

Jason Lopez of Keach
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Public Comment Raises Talk About Tuition Reimbursements

ALEX MULM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 20 School Board meeting a member of the community Christine Perez spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting about concerns she has about the tuition rate for students that come from other school districts specifically Hooksett.

She explained that she did research and found that compared to other school districts that bring in students from Hooksett, which doesn't have its own high school they charge significantly less than the other schools.

Perez said that Pinkerton which bring in 438

students from Hooksett charges \$13,200, Bow which brings in a maximum of four per year charges \$15,470, Goffstown who takes a couple of students per year charges \$14,500, and Pembroke who currently has 21 students from Hooksett charges \$13,165.

She said that Londonderry charges \$12,000 per student from Hooksett and has 117 high school students currently from there.

Perez said that through the memorandum of understanding with Hooksett the District would pay up to \$12,250 per student going to another District and the families would be responsible for the rest.

One notable concern

that she had was the fact that the current cost per student at the high school is \$16,480 and if they are charging less than that then they are spending extra money for students outside of the District which she said was a burden on the taxpayers in town.

She made the argument that they should be charging close to the amount that it costs per student per year or closer to the amount that other District's charge.

"I can't figure out any reason why we would be doing this," she said about their current price that they charge Hooksett.

After making her case Business Administrator

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Town Council Prepares to Implement Water Restriction

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council has agreed to put into effect a town ordinance placing limitations on water use. It would begin May 31 unless the council later decides to change the starting date.

This ordinance will restrict the use of water from private wells and public water systems for lawn watering during a declared drought within Londonderry.

Under it, watering lawns will only be allowed on odd and even

numbered days but not between 8 am and 7 pm. Notice must be given at least 3 calendar days before implementation, Lisa Drabik, assistant town manager, said at the April 19 town council meeting when the decision to proceed on this course was made.

The Londonderry police may enforce any violations of the ordinance.

The town has now gone from abnormally dry to drought status to moderate drought status, Drabik stated.

Londonderry passed an ordinance in 2020 to

empower the council during a drought period to impose law watering restrictions.

Somewhat to his surprise, Council Chair John Farrell observed at the meeting, the NH Department of Environmental Services had urged the

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Town Council Offers Suggestions on Gravel Road Predicament

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The Town Council has offered possible suggestions to an applicant seeking to subdivide a lot for a house he and his fiancée want to build in town.

The land is on Greeley Road and the subdivision request was brought before the Planning Board at its most recent meeting. The matter was continued to a later meeting with no vote taken then.

At the subsequent town council meeting April 19, the applicant, Adam Cole, appeared to make his case for being able to build along the road. However, Chair John Farrell told him by statute the council can't

interfere with the planning board's consideration of an application.

The issue Cole and his fiancée face is the road being deemed a life safety hazard in not being up to current National Fire Protection Association standards. Greeley is town owned and maintained but has not been improved by the town.

The couple want to build a house on property owned by her brother, Zach Whitten, who also spoke to the council. His driveway would be used as a common drive for the new house. Whitten stated the road was improved by his family up to his land for it to be 24 feet wide and able to hold a fire truck.

Some planning board members had wondered if a fire access road was required to a new house but not for the entire road.

As possible options to think about, Farrell told Cole he and his fiancée could bring the road to town specifications, apply for a waiver from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, or ask the council to relinquish town ownership of the road and privatize it though Farrell didn't know if that would satisfy NFPA requirements.

Privatizing Greeley would make the road's residents responsible for maintaining it.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said he had asked the town attorney about

finding a step that wouldn't place more liability on the town while waiving a state requirement though still being acceptable regarding fire safety.

In other council business, the members approved Resolution #2021-09 accepting \$910 in unanticipated fiscal year revenue. The funds came from the April rabies clinic in coordination with the non-profit Survivor's Paws animal rescue group.

All rabies vaccinations then were donated. The council presented a check for the money collected to Survivor's Paws.

In addition, the council passed Resolution #2021-10 on adoption of an

Exit 4A Area Tax Increment Financing District. This measure allows the town to seek public grants and other financial assistance or encourage private investment for construction of further public infrastructure.

Most of the dollars are for infrastructure to bring roads, sewers, and utilities to the area for private development, Farrell noted.

Councilor Deb Paul asked if the measure affects private property as opposed to town property. Smith responded any development agreement reached with the town on this TIF district would not use public money for construction of any private roads.

The town will reim-

burse developers for certain construction costs after they receive a certificate of occupancy.

The town manager will be the district administrator and will chair an advisory board for the district.

A public hearing on the district will be conducted May 17.

The council accepted the resignation of Kate MacDonald from the PFAS Task Force with the task force to recommend a successor.

It also recognized Municipal Clerks Week May 2-8 as a vital part of local government, linking residents to local governing bodies and as a source of information.

The council's next meeting is May 3 at 7 pm.

Tuition

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Peter Curro said that she didn't have the facts straight.

"You couldn't be more wrong," Curro said. "I thought we went through this at the Deliberative Session."

He pointed out that she brought up those concerns during the session and told her if she has any comments or concerns she could talk

to him or Office Assistant Lisa Muse but never contacted them.

Curro explained that during the session he explained that by bringing in Hooksett students it adds extremely little cost to the District and brings in a net of about one million dollars or more that helps to offset the tax rate for taxpayers in town.

He said that when it comes to the cost per student there are factors that go into it like spe-

cial education students that makes the cost per student on average go up. For Hooksett students that they bring in they are not special education students, and said that they would require additional money from Hooksett in order to enroll at Londonderry.

He said that there are also many costs that go into the school that wouldn't be affected by the number of students they have in the school including lights, heat, administration and other things.

"There are fixed costs to the high school regardless if there's one kid in the high school or 1,200 kids in the high school," he said.

Perez again brought up why they don't charge more money per student from Hooksett.

He said that they may be able to charge a little more but there is also the possibility of those students going somewhere else then. He said that if they lose revenue then they would have to make it up somehow.

"We are bringing them in so the taxpayer pays a million dollars less in overall cost to run the school district," Curro said.

Currently the school district receives a total of 1.4 million dollars from Hooksett based on the number of students they have enrolled in Londonderry.

OBITUARY

Mary E. (Salvato) Queen



Mary E. (Salvato) Queen, of Londonderry, formerly of Salem, NH and Arlington, Mass., April 19, 2021. Beloved wife of John Queen and loving mother of Thomas Moore of New Orleans, LA and Jeffrey Moore and his fiancé Gina Crisostamo of Salem, NH. Mary was the daughter of the late Joseph P. and Mary A. (Smith) Salvato and daughter-in-law of the late Jackie Sonia and Donald Queen. Sister of the late Diane (Tony) Aveni of NH, Joseph Salvato (Karen) of MA, Susan (Kevin) Ball of NH, John (Kathy) Salvato of TX, Judy (Chris) Maniates of MA, Sister-in-law of Cheryl Mercier of NH, Linda Seece of NH, Debbie Clewer of MA and the late Donna Queen. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family was held on Saturday, April 24, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. Funeral services will followed in the funeral home. The burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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Town Taking Applications for Leadership Londonderry Class of '21-22

Applications are now being accepted for the Leadership Londonderry Class of 2021-2022. This educational training program is designed to inform and develop Londonderry residents for leadership roles in the community and beyond. At each session, Town department heads, school administrators, and current community leaders provide an in-depth presentation on operations and issues in the community, and dialogue with the class mem-

bers. Topics include, but are not limited to: operations, public safety, budget and taxes, economic development, quality of life, and the environment.

Two recent Leadership graduates, when asked about the program, remarked about opportunities to get involved. Rob Palmer had this to say, "Leadership Londonderry was a terrific program to learn about the inner workings of our town's operations. It also opened opportunities to become meaningfully in-

involved in support of our community."

Martha Smith, commented about the value of the program even to a longtime resident. "The Londonderry Leadership Program is the best program to become involved in if you are wondering, and interested in learning about your town and the way it works. Two years ago, when this program was once again offered to residents of Londonderry I jumped at the chance to be a part of Londonderry Leadership.

Learning directly from personnel working in departments across the town and schools, and meeting them face-to-face and having the opportunity to ask pertinent questions was a great experience. One of the highlights was learning about the airport and getting a behind the scene tour of the facility. Those of us in the class were able to see and learn so many things we never knew. It takes so much to operate the town of Londonderry and my

knowledge was enriched through the experience of becoming involved in Londonderry Leadership. I highly recommend this program to all who live here and love the Town of Londonderry."

The program runs from September – May. Participants are expected to attend each month's session, which is generally held on the second Thursday of the month from 4 - 7:30 p.m., in the Town Hall or another Town or school building. This year the September

and November sessions will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. A light meal is provided. Any Londonderry resident is welcome to apply. Applications are online at www.londonderry.org, and should be submitted by June 11. There is a \$50 program fee. For more information contact Lisa Drabik at ldrabik@londonderrynh.org or call Program Directors: Pollyann Winslow at 858-6696 or Mark Oswald at 867-5800.

Water

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council to hold off on water restrictions saying that having restrictions in place can encourage residents to water more often than if they were not imposed.

If people worry they may not have enough water for their soil, Councilor Tom Dolan said, they may try to hoard the water at first while they still can. In anticipation of water being cut off altogether, they may use a large amount of water for their yards beforehand, he added.

Marge Badois, chair of the Conservation

Commission, addressed the council and said the ideal way to water a lawn is with about an inch of water a week.

"If people are watering twice as much on fewer days it's actually what they should be doing because it promotes the roots of the lawn to grow deeper and allows it to survive drought conditions better than if they water every day and the roots go shallow."

Councilor Deb Paul called for action sooner than later. She commented Pennichuck is concerned enough about the current situation to contact people not on its water system about

their groundwater use.

Dolan said he doesn't object to having a higher level of restrictions but urged whatever action is taken to be for a relatively long time to avoid going back and forth on the restrictions.

Doing that would confuse the public and result in multiple violations sometimes unknowingly, he said. People can become accustomed to odd-even days for watering as a better option than going to different levels of restrictions.

In that case there could be widespread non-compliance that's not enforced and could spread to other forms of non-compliance, he thought. In

Dolan's view, long term could be for two months.

The council decided to go to odd-even days of water limits. Notices with the May 31 effective date will start going out, Drabik said. Word can also go out through the police, Twitter, Facebook, and other websites.

The ordinance affects all town residents for town water, well water,

and all lawn watering done privately and commercially. The schools also must adhere to the measure.

During the council's public comment period, Paul said she had recently noticed landscaping companies pumping water from Kendall Pond with one landscaping truck on Route 128 stopped in a no parking

area to remove water.

She noted ground drinking water is affected for wells and this is happening now at a time of drought concerns.

This issue arose during the last drought, recalled Town Manager Kevin Smith, and the town was able to curb it. Officials will investigate these latest occurrences of water pumping, Farrell said.

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Editorial

The Right Words

Just what is a rural community? Is it a town of a few thousand residents, hardly any sidewalks or traffic lights, a couple of businesses in the center, and homes on a minimum of two acres or more? Or is it a community of 20,000 or 35,000, with cul-de-sacs and a sprinkling of working farms, and “plastic strips” of big box and small shop plazas, fast food restaurants and gas stations lining the entrances to town?

East Derry looks rural, as do parts of Londonderry and Hampstead and just about all of Chester and Sandown have a rural feel, but Routes 28, 101, and 102 are just the opposite, rather than a rural feel, you get a more urban feel, although they do not have quite the feel of a large city.

Yet whenever a Master Plan comes around for revision, or a “visioning” occurs, the residents who bother to participate emphasize the desire to maintain their town’s “rural” image. Going along with that is the frequent mention of a “walkable/bikeable” community, not the sense of community.

If you lived in a town like Derry, you could walk the downtown and find places to stop for coffee or buy some books. But you’d still need a car and a parking space to get there unless you lived in an apartment or one of the few nearby homes, and you’d likely use that same car to

get to the grocery stores on the outskirts.

Downtown Derry is decidedly “walkable/bikeable”. But where’s the pedestrian traffic? Meanwhile, our town’s focus on development in areas where a car is vital like Route 28 in Derry, Exit 5 and Route 102, and Route 111.

“Walkable/bikeable” communities definitely serve a purpose, and can work well for young people starting out, or older people downsizing. But they come with a definite caveat.

You have to want to live close to your neighbors. And it appears that most local residents want a home on at least a small acreage, rather than snuggling up close to their neighbors in apartments or townhouses or condos.

Most of us who moved here did so to live in a rural setting, and many hoped to leave urban life behind.

Do we want both plenty of shopping strips, and plenty of privacy at home? For me yes, but neither translates into a “walkable /bikeable” community, and yet we’re not sure that the combination equals the rural living we seem to want it.

The traditional labels of “rural” and “walkable/bikeable” may not be the best choice of words.

Remember why you moved here?

How to find the right words for how we want to live is the question.

Letters

Republican Gaslight

To the editor,

In the April 15th Londonderry Times, Liz Thomas, Chairperson of the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) and wife of State Rep Doug Thomas, wrote a Letter-To-The-Editor excoriating the Londonderry School Board for “possible ramifications of two Covid Relief Grant proposals” that the board will be accepting in May.

Ms. Thomas never tells us what the “possible ramifications” are, nor does she tell us what specific language within the Covid-relief (ESSER) grant application that she finds objectionable. She does go on about things like “propagation of divisive concepts”, and Critical Race Theory (CRT), and the “pushing of Communist/Marxist concepts onto people in NH towns”. Now, to me, this type of speech sounds Jim Crow-like in its targeting and design, and in its attempt to enrage voters along racial lines. I would encourage you to go to the LRC website and

their Facebook page for a firsthand view of their approach. On their site, you’ll find their petition includes phrases like “CRT promotes black over white and every other race”. Doug Thomas, in his promotion of the petition, states on his Facebook page that “the Londonderry School Committee will be voting on whether to accept a \$1.5 million grant for CRT. Please voice your opposition.” I have asked Rep Thomas repeatedly for the language in the grant

that references anything CRT-related, but he has chosen not to respond. He can’t produce the language because it doesn’t exist. I have also asked him to take down his Facebook post and apologize to the voters for having lied to them. That request has also gone unanswered.

As best that I can tell from from Ms. Thomas’ letter, her fear is that buried somewhere deep within the footnotes of the Federal grant lie Marxist indoctrination directions that our teachers and administrator must follow, and pass on to their students. The LRC is so fearful of the “possible ramifications” that they have circulated an “anti-divisive concepts” petition, and have begun a social media campaign to confront the School Committee in opposition to the \$1.5 million grant. Members of the LRC have made contact with school administrators about this subject, forcing them to spend local tax dollars to consult with an attorney.

This local “anti-divisive concepts” petition is an extension of GOP-sponsored State House bill (HB-544), that has been tabled due its unconstitutionality and un-enforceability. It was an attempt at muzzling government entities, and its employees, from engaging in any practices or discussions involving systemic racism or gender bias, topics that NHGOP lawmakers find too frightening to confront, or discuss, and would like to legislate away. Republican cancel culture run

amok.

We have a local Republican party that operates by gaslight and without the necessary fear of accountability that should accompany their positions. Londonderry taxpayers ought not be held hostage by a local party so blinded by right-wing dog whistles that they would deny our schools a significant and needed Covid relief grant.

Paul Skudlarek
Londonderry

About Pixie Pre-School

To the editor,

I’m here to second Pete Dolan’s letter about Pixie Pre-School now known as Londonderry Learning Academy.

My granddaughter was in that same time period and Meg saved the day for us. And my second granddaughter, when old enough, also attended LLA and I can vouch for the ever so positive experience these girls had, and also what a blessing for the parents and grandparents to know these children were in such loving capable hands.

Thank you, Meg.
Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Virus Susceptibility Of Our Navy

To the editor,

As a former Navy enlisted and officer who served on 13 ships in the 1950s and 1960s I am concerned with the preparedness of our ships to fight viruses.

Our ships house

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Tumbling Cereal Boxes Will Help Feed Those in Need



Students and staff at Matthew Thornton Elementary School collected over 1,300 cereal boxes and set up a domino course throughout the entire school as a way to begin April Vacation. The cereal boxes were collected for two weeks prior to the event and will be donated to local food pantries. The course traveled from the second floor above the cafeteria down the hall to the stairway and then traveled down the hallway past the main entrance and then along the gymnasium hall. The boxes took about 40 minutes to set up and only about two-minutes to tumble. A number of food pantries will be receiving the always needed cereal. You can see a video of the event on the Londonderry Times Facebook page.

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about 25 to 5000 naval personnel in cramped quarters depending on the size of the ship. When the Theodore Roosevelt was laid up we had one of only 11 attack carriers out of commission. Typically there are five or six carriers in port undergoing repairs, routine maintenance,

refurbishment and other requirements. This leaves only five or six carriers available to cover the corners of the world with forward deployment of our sea power. If one or more carriers are laid up due to serious health conditions, we might not be able to respond in a timely manner to threats around the world.

A partial solution to combatting viruses is to restrict visits to foreign ports in countries with virus outbreaks. We can't restrict the movement of personnel in home ports because of the need to refresh on land after deployments at sea. A possibility is to temporarily change home ports for short periods to avoid virus hot spots, and if available and useable, utilize facilities that were shut down or drawn down. Civilian shipyards and docking facilities might be able to be used on a temporary basis. The Navy should conduct routine testing of personnel on board ships, especially when they are

ashore and come back aboard ships. Personnel infected with a virus would then be quarantined ashore. Also, the Navy has to have separate spaces available on ships with adequate ventilation and ppe. .

All naval personnel must be required to receive virus vaccinations when they become

available, and they should not be allowed to opt out. About 30% to 40% of our military are refusing to be vaccinated. Our national security hinges on the readiness of our military. Unfortunately, I do not see how our Navy can implement personnel distancing.

We might be able to reduce the size of crews with more automation and possibly have less contact in working spaces but they would still have to work and eat in crowded settings. However, we still need a minimum complement to run the ship and man the aircraft on carriers.

The virus enemy will require innovative adjustments within the Navy to provide our country with a viable national security posture. Communist China accidentally unleashed a highly contagious virus on the world and it

could try to use biological warfare against our military in the future. China is expanding its military, including its Navy, and it has more naval vessels than the United States, especially frigates and destroyers. By 2025 China will have more aircraft carriers and amphibious assault ships in the Pacific than the United States. We need to evaluate our Naval strategy in the Pacific in light of the expansion and threat of China's Navy.

Donald Moskowitz
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OBITUARY

Barbara G. Sublett, (Roberts)

Barbara G. Sublett, nee Roberts, 59, of Londonderry, NH passed away Thursday April 22, 2021 at her residence after a lengthy illness. She was born in Malden, Mass., Aug. 19, 1961 and was a daughter of Donald and the late Gail (Gillette) Roberts. Barbara was raised and educated in Malden, was a graduate of Malden High School and received her degree in Massage Therapy from Hesser College. Barbara lived in the Knoxville, TN area for many years and relocated to Londonderry in 2019.

Barbara served in the US Army and afterward worked as an esthetician and massage therapist. She was very passionate about skin care and cosmetics. Barbara also enjoyed gardening, movies and loved being with her family.

Members of the family include her husband Joseph Sublett, a son and his wife, Zeke Sublett and April Barker, a daughter and her husband, Julia and Andy Stephenson, two grandchildren, Cooper and Prudence Stephenson, three brother and their wives, Donald (Carolyn) Roberts, Douglas (Susan) Roberts and Dana (Teri) Roberts, two sisters Cindy Kelley and Jennifer (Rick) Wright, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Due to the current restrictions in place, after cremation, the family will hold services at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, MA/NH office, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Margaret V. Larkin



Margaret V. Larkin, 74, of Derry, NH, died Tuesday April 20, 2021 in the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. She was born in Malden, Mass. on Feb. 19, 1947, a daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Duffy)

McKenna. Mrs. Larkin had been a resident of Derry since 2004, formerly living in Billerica, and Salem, Mass for many years. She had been employed for many years as an Executive Assistant for Salem Hospital in Salem, Mass. Mrs. Larkin enjoyed sewing, quilting, and reading.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Larkin of Derry; two sons, Brian Sherry and his wife Megumi Fujita of Great Falls, VA, and Benjamin Sherry of Fall River, MA; her stepson, James Larkin of Derry; her stepdaughter, Julia Toronto of Hampstead, NH; two grandchildren, Kenshin Sherry and Kojiro Sherry; two sisters, Helen Payne of Northampton, MA, and Carol Mestas of CA; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours was held on Monday, April 26 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, April 26 in St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Due to State of NH guidelines, all guests are required to wear masks, minimize contact and maintain social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association of NH, 1661 Worcester Rd., Suite 301, Framingham, MA 01701.

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Zoning

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Nordstrom Associates was at the meeting representing the owners who said that their plan is to build a 3,900 square foot garage and an impound lot for his business he owns which is across the street.

Lopez explained that the site plan was originally approved in 2016 however, it expired due to the fact that no construction had been done on it.

"That's why we're here tonight," Lopez said.

He said that the owner Brian Bachman bought the property with the knowledge that the site plan had been approved before and they could modify it to meet his needs.

When they went to the planning board Lopez said that it then became apparent that there was never a vari-

ance approved for the original site plan that they were requesting.

Lopez said that they also met with the Heritage and Conservation Commission who were supportive of the plan but asked that they plant more trees and shrubs for the property.

"We will make the adjustments and add that vegetation," Lopez said.

Lopez noted that the main reason why they needed to seek a variance is because of the fact that they abut the Rail Trail which is considered residential property meaning that they are required to have 50 feet buffer of vegetation.

He said that other properties around them have either the same amount of vegetation buffer reduction and in one case a neighboring property has none at all.

He noted that the spir-

it of the ordinance is to diminish the adverse effects of commercial properties in residential areas but said that the Rail Trail is for recreational use only and no houses can be built there.

"One can suggest that the application of the ordinance to this property creates an unnecessary hardship not shared by the other properties in the C2 district."

The Board approved the variance request with a vote of 5-0 with the conditions that they follow the request made by both the Heritage and Conservation Commission to add additional trees and shrubs on the property.

Another variance request that the Board heard during the meeting was in regards to allowing William & Kate-Lyn Nette to build a shed on their property with a setback of only 10 feet instead of 15. Their pro-

posal was to build a 12x18 foot shed at their 22 Griffin Road property.

William explained that they needed to seek a variance because of the way the property is shaped and anywhere else they would put it would either require a variance or wouldn't be ideal for them or their neighbors.

For example he consulted with two site preparation professionals who both recommended that they didn't put the shed in the part of the backyard that they were originally looking at due to weather concerns.

Another part of the backyard that they were going to put in was a concern of one of their neighbors whose deck overlooks their backyard. The neighbor was concerned that if they placed the shed there then they would be over-

looking the shed and the property would lose value.

He said that they also looked at placing the shed in the middle of the yard which his neighbors had concerns about saying that by having it there the surrounding properties would lose value. He said that he also talked to a professional who said that sheds shouldn't be placed in litchfields which would've been the case if they placed the shed there.

Ultimately he said that the most reasonable place to place the shed would be where they proposed.

"This is the most reasonable and appropriate location for the shed," he said.

During the deliberation the Board agreed that it was a reasonable request and decided to grant the variance with a

vote of 5-0 with the condition that the shed built is 12x18.

The Board also approved a variance request made by Vine St. Rentals to build a single family home with no frontage at 22 Gerry Lane.

The variance was approved with a vote of 5-0.

In other news Town Council Liaison Deb Paul announced that she brought up to the Town Council and Planning Board that they should take a look at the chicken ordinances and sign ordinances since it comes up often at the Zoning Board meetings.

Her thought is that might help to alleviate those cases from coming to the Zoning Board on a continuance basis.

The next Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting is slated for Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

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Cub Scouts Lend a Hand in Beautify Londonderry Efforts



Members of Cub Scout Pack 901 gathered at the Town Common on Saturday morning to help with the efforts of the Beautify Londonderry group to clean areas along Mammoth Road in the Kent Allen Forest. The Beautify Londonderry group organizes groups of volunteers for this task each year and performs clean-up efforts over three weekends in the spring. The group is still looking for help for the next two weeks. Anyone interested can contact the organizers through their Facebook page. *Photo by Chris Paul*



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Girls Lacrosse Team Strings Win Streak Together

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After suffering two tough losses to start the season at the hands of the Division I title-holder, the Bishop Guertin Cardinals to start the season, the Londonderry High School Girls Lacrosse team has bounced back in a big way with three victories against Merri-

mack and Exeter High Schools.

In the first game, that took place last week on Monday, April 20 in Merrimack, the Lady Lancers were able to shake off the two opening losses to come away with a dominating 20-1 victory over the Lady Tomahawks.

This was the first win for the team this season

and the first victory for first-year head coach Kelly Gordon.

In the second game of the week, played in Londonderry on Thursday, April 22, it was another lopsided victory of the Lady Lancers who finish the game with a 15-2 onslaught of the Lady Tomahawks.

In the victory, top goal scorers were senior

Jenna Stowell and junior Caroline Leone, who each had five goals, senior Izzy Augusta put four into the back of the net.

The week was capped off with a close win against the Exeter Lady Blue Hawks at home on Saturday, April 24.

The 12-10 victory was accomplished with a solid team effort on attack.

Leone was top scorer with four goals, followed by Stowell and senior Emily Cowette with each getting two.

Senior goalie, Riley Walter came into the game in the second half and batted away seven shots on net. Sophomore Kathryn Martin had three saves in the



LHS senior Jenna Stowell had seven goals in two games last week. Photo by Chris Paul

first half.

The team will face the Lady Crimson Tide this week to try and keep the streak going at home and on the road.

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Lancers Boys Lax Squad Bounces Back With Two Wins



Zach Fawcett

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After suffering two tough losses to start the season at the hand of the Bishop Guertin Cardinals to start the season, the Londonderry High School Boys Lacrosse team bounced back with two convincing victories against the Merrimack Tomahawks.

In the first game, that took place last week on Tuesday, April 20 at home, the Lancers were able to shake off the two opening losses come away with a dominating 14-4 win against the Tomahawks to get their season record to 2-1.

Two days later, in Merrimack, the LHS team brought their record to the .500-mark

with another one-sided contest.

In this game the Lancers scored one more goal than the previous game and gave up one less for the 15-3 win.

That winning streak came to an abrupt end though, when they

faced a red-hot Exeter High School squad who wound up getting the season record up to 5-0 at the hands of the Lancer bunch.

In that contest, that took place in Exeter on Saturday, April 24, the Lancers were defeated in another lopsided

game, 21-8, leaving the Lancers contemplating a 2-3 season record.

Londonderry is hoping to right the ship once again when the face Concord High School for two games, one at home and one away.

Lady Lancer Tennis Team Runs Into Some Tough Competition

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After having to sit out the entire 2020 season last year due to COVID-19 the Londonderry High School Girls Tennis team has only managed to get on the winning side of the net in one of three matches so far this year.

They were swept in their first match of the season by Bishop Guertin, but came back with six wins against Manchester Memorial at home to start the season at an even 1-1 record with a 6-3 victory.

Last week's matches started at home, on Monday, April 19, and the Londonderry girls ended up on the wrong side of another 6-3 score.

The loss brought their season record to 1-2 at the early start of the spring season.



In the Lady Lancers fourth game of the season, at Goffstown High School, on Friday afternoon, April 23, the Londonderry squad was swept in all nine matches 9-0.

The girls had a week to recuperate during spring break and are scheduled to face Nashua South on May 3 and May 5 both home and away.

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Lady Lancer Softball Wins Three to Start the Season

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lady Lancer Softball team is off to a pretty good start under the new head coach Dave Johnson. In their first four games of the season, the team has had two close games against Merrimack sandwiched between two convincing victories on the road.

After the Londonderry varsity squads opening day 11-1, win over Bishop Guertin, the

girls had a home game against the Lady Tomahawks of Merrimack on Monday, April 19.

In that first home game in over two years, the Lady Lancer squeaked out a close 2-1 victory behind an excellent pitch performance by Freshman Olivia Cutulli and some well-timed defensive plays on the field.

All the scoring was done in the first inning during this game with Merrimack getting their only run in the top of

the inning, while Londonderry scored two, taking the lead and keeping the Tomahawks scoreless the rest of the way.

Makenna True had a huge homerun in the bottom of the first to drive in the only two runs needed for the victory.

Cutulli pitched the entire game and only gave up the one run while striking out five with three walks and allowing just three hits.

Offense was provid-

ed by True, with two hits. Sarah Frazier, Olivia Chau and Lauren Laudani each had one hit in the win.

In the second meeting between the two teams, the LHS squad wound up on the losing end of a 4-2 game when they traveled to Merrimack the following day.

In this game, Mya Gaspie got the start for the Lady Lancers and was doing well until reaching the bottom of the sixth, when she gave up three runs to

some tough hitters.

Gaspie pitched the entire game, striking out five, and not giving up a walk in the loss. Merrimack had 10 hits.

Chau drove in both of the Lady Lancer runs in the top of the fifth inning.

Her double drove in Frazier and Emily Rivera.

Londonderry had a total of five hits in the close loss.

In the team's fourth game of the young season, the Lancer girls

traveled to Bedford where they strung together 19 hits and managed a 15-5 victory over the Lady Bulldogs.

Once again, the coach called on Cutulli for the start, and she went four innings and only gave up one hit and one walk.

Chau was 5-5 at the plate with two RBIs. Rivera was 2-2 with three RBIs. Samantha Minton had three hits with one RBI and True had two RBIs with two hits.

Lancer Hardball Crew Starts 3-1 to Begin New Season

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After having to sit out the entire season last year due to COVID-19 the Londonderry High School Baseball team seems to be heading in the right direction to defend their 2019 Division I title.

The team started the season with a solid 7-2 victory in their home-opener against Bishop

Guertin and then went on to win two against the Merrimack Tomahawks both home and away.

Unfortunately for LHS though, they came up one run shy against the Bedford High School Bulldogs to finish last week's set of games with a 10-9 loss.

In the first game against the Tomahawks last week, on Monday,

April 19, in Merrimack, the Lancers had a 5-3 victory with senior Owen MacDonnell getting the victory with six innings pitched, no runs and just five hits on the day.

The Lancer pitching staff had 15 strikeouts in the win.

Zach Smith went 3-4 at the plate with the Londonderry boys producing 14 hits on the

day.

The second game against the same team, this time at home on Tuesday, April 20, the game ended with a far greater margin of victory for the LHS squad.

The 10-0 shutout victory had Zach Smith on the mound for six innings of dominating pitching. Smith had 13 strikeouts and just two

hits in the win.

Smith was also strong at the plate with three RBI's and a double.

Jack Marshall was 2-3 and had four runs and an RBI and Ryan Killelea added two doubles at the plate.

Three days later, on Friday, April 23, the team hosted the Bedford Bulls and fell one

run behind the visitors.

Jake Marshall Smith, Adam Wholley all pitched in with RBIs in the close contest.

This week the Lancer hardball squad has games on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will play Concord High School (4-0) twice and Windham High School (2-2) once.



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Lancer Track and Field Competes in Merrimack Event

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys and Girls Track teams competed in their second meet of season last week and the men wound up with their second win, while the girls suffered their second defeat.

In the meet that took place at on Tuesday, April 20, the Lancer boys beat the Tomahawks 70-53, while the girls team was outpaced by the MHS squad 7053.

GIRLS

In the 100-Meter run, Ashley Griffin, finished at 14.34 for third and Madeleine Plante was fourth at 14.69.

In the 200-Meter race, Erica Waters was the top Londonderry contender with a time of 30.10 for second place. Julia Donovan was fourth (32.18).

In the 400-Meter race, Londonderry's Grace McDonough, was first

with a time of 1:05.06.

In the 800-Meter race, Londonderry's runners took the top three spots. Maura O'Shaughnessy was first (2:46.99), Gabby Page - second (2:47.37) Amara Williams third (2:55.87). Katie Kraft was fourth (3:02.79).

In the 1,600-Meter run, Lancer runner Katiana Chylinski was second at 6:27.87.

In the 100-Meter Hurdles, Nikki Longua, took first at 17.70.

In the 4x100-Meter Relay, the Lancer team of Fawcett, Griffin, Hagymas and Waters finished at 53.95 for second-place. The team of Brito, Longua, Plante and Robinson were third with a time of 55.68.

In the 4x400 Meter Relay, Londonderry finished first. Fawcett, McDonough, O'Shaughnessy and Page had a time of 4:44.72. Merrimack's team finished at 5:24.08.



Sean Clegg and Matt Griffin
Photo by Chris Paul

In the High Jump, Amanda Robinson, tied for second with a leap of 4'1". Virginia Brito also had a jump of 4' 1" for fourth place.

In the Women's Pole Vault, Ashley Griffin took first at 9-feet. Sophie Hagymas finished sec-

ond at 8-feet.

In the Long Jump, Erica Waters had a leap of 14'5.25" to finish in second. #31 In the SHOT PUT, Sage Matzker finished in third with a distance of 26'4.50".

Phoebe Bartlett, was fourth at 25'5".

In the Women's Discus, Lancer Lauren Ponto was first with a throw of 81'2".

Phoebe Bartlett threw 70' 4" for third place.

In the Javelin, Sage Matzker was the winner at 72'1".

BOYS

In the 100-meter Dash took to of the top three spots. Andrew Kullman was first (12.09) and Sam Street was third (12.47).

In the 200-meter, Andrew Kullman took second (26.04) while Anthony Amaro came in at third (26.34).

The 400-meter race had Sean Clegg finishing first (53.96) and Tyler Kraft taking second (56.59).

In the 800-meter, Will Plante won the race (2:08.98) and Nick Borovicka finished number two (2:11.50).

The 1,600-meter run was all Londonderry, with Ryan Young finish-

ing first (4:29.78), Matt Griffin second (4:42.83) and Ryan Fortin was third (4:57.40).

In the 110-meter Hurdles, Colby Ramshaw was the winner (18.70) and Jaydon Navarro came in second (20.21).

The Lancer team of Amaro, Street, Ramshaw and Kullman won the 4x100-meter Relay with a time of 45.51 over Merrimack at 47.88.

Londonderry also took first in the 4x400-meter Relay. Griffin, Clegg, Kraft and Young had a time of 3:38.35 over Merrimack's 4:04.49.

In the Long Jump, Colby Ramshaw finished first with a jump of 18'6.25".

In the Shot Put Jaydon Navarro was first (38'5.25") and Zach Lindholm was third (31'4").

In the Discus event, Donovan Gannon had a throw of 92'7" to win and Zach Lindholm finished third at 81'11".

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Do Your Perennials Need Help?

Now that spring is finally here, you may have notice that many perennials in the garden are in

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convenience, to divide those perennials that need a little help this spring. We will then take the surplus plants to be potted and prepared for our first annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 5. Please

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Leach Library Browsing Appointment

Starting the week of May 3, Leach Library will transition to offering browsing appointments on Saturdays.

The new browsing hours will be Thursday 4 - 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Drive-Thru Service will continue to be available by appointment Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the library at 432-1132.

Church Rummage Sale

Victory Baptist Church at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry, will have their annual rummage sale to benefit the Teen Life Leadership Program on Saturday May 1, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Monday - April 19
12:55 p.m. Drug Offenses reported on Cata-mount Road.

4:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Litchfield Road at Lane Way. Alex Andrada Muela, 26, of Manchester charged with Controlled Drug Possession: Schedule 1-4.

4:39 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated at Macgregor Cut Apartments Clubhouse on Stonehenge Road.

8:43 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Pine Hollow Drive.

9:17 p.m. Burglary investigated by seven officers at Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road

Tuesday - April 20
8:19 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigation results in subject being taken to Family/Guardian on Lane 4 at Whispering Pines Trailer Park Laundromat.

12:02 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated at Londonderry High School.

3:18 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Industrial Drive.

3:45 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace

on Pillsbury Road.

8:54 p.m. Welfare Check being performed by 11 officers results in the transportation to a hospital from Bayberry Lane.

Wednesday - April 21
4:48 a.m. Search Warrant served and performed by 13 officers on Lantern Lane.

9:05 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mammoth Road.

4:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Boyd Road at Ridgemont Drive.
9:48 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

Thursday - April 22
9:47 a.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Baboosic Lake Road in Amherst. Devon Crawford, 34, of Amherst, charged with two counts of Criminal Mischief; and Duty To Report Oil Spillage.

10:50 a.m. Shoplifting investigated at Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive.

1:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Boyd Road.

4:23 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Mammoth Road.

5:34 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Winding Pond Road.

5:47 p.m. Four officers investigate a sudden death on Severance Drive.

8:34 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers at Bacon Barn on Rockingham Road.

10 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for an Overdose on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

Friday - April 23
1:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated by five officers on Litchfield Road at Misty Lane. Samantha Adams, 28, of Londonderry charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment - second.

6:10 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road. Building Checked/Secured.

8:38 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Fieldstone Drive.

11:09 a.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Mammoth Road.

12:25 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Londonderry High School.

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Around Town

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Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short presentation and introductions with lots of time for lively discussions with like minded Republicans. Learn about some exciting upcoming Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) events. There will be door prizes. The Long Blue Cat offers award winning beers and excellent food for those want to partake. For more information, contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603)437-6090, eathomas@comcast.net. The event is free; but a RSVP is appreciated. Sign up on our website at londonderrygop.org.

Republicans Meeting

On May 20, Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., at American Legion, 6 Sargent Rd, join the Londonderry Republicans to learn the latest happenings on issues important to you and your quality of life. Hear from State Legislators and officials on legislation, Londonderry's water quality, CRT, NH Advantage Coalition, and the forensic analysis of Windham's 2020 voting discrepancies. Learn about some exciting upcoming Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) events. Get your

questions answered and join in the lively discussions. Please note the change in location for the May meeting. For more information about out meetings and events contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas (603)437-6090, eathomas@comcast.net.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. Dinner on April 30 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Breakfast on May 1 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on May 9 from 2 - 2:30 p.m., at Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS); Breakfast on May 15 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., at St. Thomas Parish; Lunch on May 15 from noon - 12:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Church, drive around to back door; Dinner on May 28 from 5 - 6 p.m., at First Parish Church, drive up to side door; Lunch on May 30 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's Parish; Sonshine Soup Kitchen - Will Be Serving Drive By To Go Meals On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, And Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.

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7:50 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

Saturday - April 24

2:19 a.m. Disturbance on Adams Road results in the transportation to a hospital by three officers. **4:44 a.m.** Disturbance investigated by four officers on Mill Road results in the transportation to a hospital.

2 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Thornton Road.

3:51 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at O'Reilly Auto on Garden Lane.

3:54 p.m. Warning issued after a Shooting Complaint on Wiley Hill Road.

4:42 p.m. Services Ren-

dered for Structure Fire on Ridgemont Drive.

4:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Route 93 at Southbound On Ramp - Exit 4. Paul Costello, 40, of Auburn charged with two counts of Driving After having License Revoked/Suspended; Driving an Unregistered Vehicle; Misuse of Plates; and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

6 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at McDonald's on Nashua Road.

Sunday - April 25

12:09 a.m. Overdose investigated on Buckthorn Street.

9:17 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Planeview Drive at Alcumet, Inc.

10:01 a.m. Suspicious

Giant Spring Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions Club Giant Yard Sale Sat., May 8, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lions Hall Mammoth Rd. No Early Birds. COVID 19 protocols will be obeyed per LFD. You may donate goods starting May 1 up to day before the sale at the Lion Club Pavilion. To rent a space please contact Beth at 603-820-1085.

Voter Information

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the voter checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering. The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Londonderry will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, as well as accepting applications for new voter registration, requests for the correction of the checklist, and changes of political party affiliation on the following dates: Monday, May 17, from 6 - 8 p.m., Saturday, June 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday,

July 13, from 6 - 8 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Applicants who do not possess proof for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not bring proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Activity leads to an arrest made at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Alieu Serray Sie, 32, of New Castle, DE, charged with two counts of Forgery - Government Instrument (Check, Etc); and Prohibitions (Re: Drivers License). **10:07 a.m.** Assault investigated by three officers leads to an arrest at Alcumet, Inc. on Planeview Drive. Myles Kantor, 18, of Merrimack charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury); Unlawful Activities (Litter Control); and Criminal Mischief.

3:53 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Manter Mill Road.

5:51 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Whittemore Road.



Bags for Benches

The Green Team of Londonderry was at their site on Pillsbury Road collecting used bags for a community-recycling project at the Butterfly Garden. The group hopes to collect 500 pounds of shopping bags by Aug. 14, and they need the communities help to reach this goal. Residents are asked to drop off plastic bags in the blue bin in front of Matthew Thornton School, or bring them to the Butterfly Garden on Pillsbury Road across from the Morrison House on Saturday, May 1 and Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. until noon.

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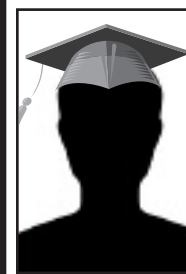
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