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**Budget Committee Discusses** 

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**Future Spending for Schools** 

Paul Conyers LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry **Budget Committee** met last week and prioritized the issue of where to prioritize school spending following the release of the Capital Improvement Program.

The issue of school debt was related to its expiration over the next few years. School District CFO, Peter Curro, stated expiring debt was not necessarily a good thing. Expired debt rep-

being spent on the meet enrollment and schools. While this removes costs from the town budget, it also raises questions regarding how money is being spent, especially with the recently proposed Capital Improvement Program.

"Good news is you don't have any debt to put in the budget" Curro said. "But you've also got the other set of the coin, which is the district managing, its facilities, and infrastructure so that it's periodically changes in technology."

He also noted that approving a bond is not equivalent to spending that bond money. Local taxpayers only feel an impact once the money has been used by the school or any public agency. Committee members expressed concern over whether school money is being spent in the right place, especially at Moose Hill School, where Curro identified one of the larger spending issues in the

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## resents bond money not updating its needs to **Role and Pay of Retired School CFO Questioned** CHRIS PAUL

LONDONDERRY TIMES

payment for services for retire School District Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Peter Curro, was questioned during the Public Comment section of the Tuesday, Aug. 2, School Board meeting.

Resident, Glenn Douglas, questioned the School Board on what the district will be paying Curro after learning during a recent Budget Committee meeting that he will be "staying on as a consultant."

Curro retired from the district in the beginning of July, after working for several decades

Douglas said he had The role and the school board asking about how much the district is paying Curro and who approved of the decision, but never received a response to his questions.

> School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, responded by saying there are certainly sensitivities around discussing personnel issues, but added that Curro does not have a contract with the district and is not receiving any pay.

> Douglas was a bit perplexed by the statement, "So when the CFO said he's staying on, he just made that up? Or is he staying on for free? He's not getting paid?"

Douglas also quessent an email to the tioned why Curro was presenting the 10-year plan proposal on behalf of the school district at last week's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting.

"I'm assuming a consultant gets paid. He's not just doing it for free, or does no one here actually know that?"

School Board member, Bob Slater, interject-

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Hometown Winner 2022 Miss Outstanding Teen, Corinne Kelly, left, and 2022 Miss Londonderry, Morgan Torre, crown the 2023 Miss Londonderry, Hayley Peters, on Saturday night at the annual pageant at the Londonderry Middle School. This is the second consecutive year that the Miss Londonderry crown went to a hometown contestant. Lara Finnegan, of Raymond, earned the title of Miss Londonderry Outstanding Teen that evening. Photo by Chris Paul

# **123rd Old Home Day Festivities** Begin on Wednesday, Aug. 17

CHRIS PAUL LONDONDERRY TIMES

The celebration of Aug. 17, with the annual will start at 7 p.m. senior BBQ and Bingo at

as well as a free concert Day on the Town Common.

Bingo will start at 4 Londonderry's p.m. and the BBQ will be 123rd Old Home served at 5 p.m. The will begin on concert, featuring Beat-Wednesday afternoon, les music from the '60s,

On Thursday night, the Lions Hall Pavillion, Aug. 18, the Old Home

"Battle of the Bands" will take the stage on the Town Common starting at 5 p.m.

On Friday night, beginning at 5 p.m., Police and Fire personnel from Derry and Londonderry will square off in the annual

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#### Budget

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future 2024 budget.

"Moose Hill has a real problem; it needs four regular education classrooms and money spent for leaking programs" according to Curro, who believed that such a problem needs to be

anticipated reconstruction of the High School.

Committee Chair, Steve Breault, briefly overviewed decisions recently made by the Capital Improvement Program Committee. The Program highlights essential investments

fixed within the next needed for Londonderry year, followed by the schools over the next 20 years as some improvements will receive present above others in the town budget.

He explained immediate student safety issues have the highest priority in the Capital Improvement Plan. Proposed designs already

"If we redesign these schools, it's going to be a safer design," Breault said. However, the Committee hopes to prioritize spending according to the value a school project has in budgetary terms. "What it comes down to is the question of cost-savings. If there's a cost-savings here, this is a higher priority." This means a desire to push back several urgent issues unrelated to safety in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Finally, Breault expressed his desire to give the Planning Board, along with the School Board, an opportunity to review spending priorities for the Capital Improvement Program.

The 2022-2023 Londonderry budget expects to take in more money than it spends. The current

have that safety in mind. spending plan is avail- budget until 2024. able online for public review and is still subject to further modification before final approval. Extensive spending in the proposed plan will not be included in the

The Londonderry Budget Committee has a two-day meeting scheduled for Aug. 24 and 25. The discussion for each day will begin at 6 p.m., each day.



The annual Old Home Day Parade will kick off on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10:15 a.m.

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#### **Old Home Day**

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Softball game. The game was played at the LHS varsity field last year, but this year, according to the town, the game will be played at the Matthew Thornton ball field.

That evening there will be a number of Food Trucks available from 6 -9:30 p.m. near the LHS Track and a concert featuring the Scott Spradling Band on the field will play at 7 p.m. followed by fireworks at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, the fun continues with the annual Baby Contest starting at 9 a.m. on the Town Common Bandstand.

300th year of Londonderry being established as a town and a few events will take place to acknowledge that.

oldest families will be behind the stone wall in

weekend.

Many of the family members will be on board a float during Saturday's parade.

Individuals invited to attend include: Andy Mack, Sr.; Reed and Phyllis Clark III; Forrest Pratt; Linda Harvey; Dan Hicks and the Connor-Hicks family; members of the Plummer family: members of the Merrill family; the Elwoods; Steven Young: Gerry and Van Van Greevenhoff; Tom and Harold Estey; and Anne (Pokey) Peterson.

The parade will begin at the Londonderry Middle School at 10:15 a.m.

There will be a num-This year marks the ber of activities available throughout the day starting at 11 a.m. on the Town Common.

The Kids Carnival Zone will be open to kids Some of the town's of all ages. Located on

honored throughout the Town Forest. Free games will be played: Sports Wheel, Golf Game, Plinko, Bottle Ring Toss, Skeet Roll, Ring Toss, All the Races, and Sombrero Toss. Free face painting.

Portsmouth Shipyard STEM will also be there. Small individual robots for kids to take home, as well as a bracelet activity.

The grounds of Morrison House Museum will feature its usual colonial era encampment all day long.

There will also be a Touch-a-Truck event taking place at the Moose up Saturday night with Hill School.

An Adult Den will be set up from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. near the Lions Hall. There will be hot dogs, burgers, sausages, and drinks will be served to support the Lions Club.

A 603 Beer Tent will also be available and a 603 Axe Play for ages 10 and over. A blowup axe play will be available for children under 10.

Life size Jenga and other games, will be held in front of the Lions Hall, along with New England Tie Dye, DJ Mike Perez, the Strongman Competition, and much more.

A number of performances will be taking place throughout the afternoon on the Town Common stage and will end with the Sunnycrest Apples Pie Eating Contest from 3:20 - 4 p.m.

Festivities will wrap the Boot Scoot and Boogie 5K Road Race and Beer Fest starting at 6:30 p.m. at the LAFA Complex on Sargent Road.

Please note: The places



Officer Ryan MacLean serves up burgers at last year's Senior BBQ.

and times of these events and the Old Home Day were provided by the town Committee.



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# Editorial

#### **Town Festival Time**

It's that time of year again, August. The flowers are blooming, the garden is producing, and fall sports becoming part of the routine. Yet there's still plenty of time to sit on the porch and enjoy the season.

August is the heart of summer even if you can't help but catch a glimpse of fall some evenings. This time of year also means it's town festival time.

It starts with Hampstead early on, next up is Sandown's Old Home Days on Aug. 13- 14, followed by Londonderry's 132nd Old Home Day celebration and 300th Birthday from Aug. 17-21, then Chester's Town Fair on Sept. 11. Chester who is also celebrating there 300th have had events all over town all year. Finally Derryfest on Sept. 17.

What's old to some is new to others, in New Hampshire as we cerebrate our history with classic games of tug of war and sack races, catching the attention of today's youngsters. The local historical societies make sure to bring us back with stories of the past and demonstrations. Whatever the date or the name of the event. you're treated to a back-to-basics festival with; parades, races, games of skill or chance, music, hearty food, displays of art and artisan wares, the newest emergency vehicles, old and new

friends sharing a laugh or a memory, and often fireworks to cap off the evening.

Regardless of the hectic life's we lead the rest of the year, the town festivals bring us together for a little relaxation and reconnections. They get us out of our homes and our backyards and into the town center, and slow us down to relax with our neighbors and appreciate what we have.

These celebrations don't come packaged and ready to go, they're the work of a multitude of volunteers and a variety of groups, all sharing a love of their original or adopted hometown, and a desire to make their town festival something everyone will want to schedule and come back to every year. That's the heart of what these old-fashioned summer gatherings are all about.

They're a great chance to get involved; without volunteers, the festivals will go the way of the dodo. While our weekdays often require long hours in another community or state, summer encourages us to enjoy where we live.

So, mark your calendars for your local festivals and plan to celebrate.

Make this the year to get better acquainted with your neighbors and your town history, as well as take part in a summer rite that is part of the heart of New England.

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# Letters

#### **School CIP Projects**

To the editor,

The \$286M Proposed School CIP Projects should have begun with "Dear Santa Claus"

Regarding last week's front-page article in the Londonderry Times about the School District's proposed projects, I observe the following:

The School District and their architect have devised a plan which purportedly covers the next 20 years, yet many of the improvements are set at "Priority Two", meaning they are necessary within three years. Still, some of the improvements have been deemed "Priority Four", meaning they can be held off for six years. The new SAU building is in that Priority Four category and I agree that this should happen. To continue to pay rent while a viable, permanent solution is apparent just makes sense. But it is when I read that an auditorium (and other things) at Londonderry High School is needed, that is when I apply the brakes.

Wait, what? An auditorium? Did not the residents of Londonderry time and again reject this proposal as an unnecessary "want" as opposed as a "need"? Is this issue supposed to be a carnival style "shoot 'til you win" contest? NO! We, the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Londonderry, spoke loudly and clearly and said, NO, we neither need nor want an auditorium! And remember, a capital asset like an auditorium in far from maintenance free. It's like the gift that just keeps on giving (actually taking taxpayer dollars).

better. The plan now calls for an additional gym at LHS. Huh? We need another full-fledged gymnasium in additional to the one we already have? Recall that the school's current, stand-alone gym was added some years after the high school was first built, in order to make it a separate space. And now that is not enough? Will yet a third and fourth gymnasium be needed a decade from now? Where

does this end? I understand that it is easy to just sit back, relax and watch this play out but the reality is in your next property tax bill and those property tax bills to follow in the years ahead. It is equally easy for the powers that be to simply say: "It's not us, it is the school district's (hired) project engineer who is making these recommendations". Well actually, it is the Londonderry School Board who will advance these and other recommendations. But in the final analysis, who pays for all of this? Who pays for all of these wants? The School Board? The hired engineer? Is it Santa Claus? No, of course not. That's right, as usual, it's me and you, the Londonderry taxpayer who

ps: No disrespect intended towards Santa Claus.

pays the freight!

Respectfully, Robert R. LeBreux Londonderry

#### Friends, Neighbors & **Citizens of Londonderry**

To the editor,

tell you what I am working on currently as your elected state representative. At this time I am on

Oh wait, this just gets the state and federal Veterans Affairs Committee. Our veterans are near to my heart, and I am dedicated to helping those that have served. One topic that is top of mind is opioid abuse. Sadly, this is on the rise and our veterans and active military have a high incidence of abuse. Because of my desire to help. I drafted HB247 which is currently in the study committee. This bill is an opioid reduction act. It is essentially alternative care for chronic pain. This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to create a voluntary non-opioid directive form which may be used for non-opioid treatment options for pain. This bill also establishes insurance coverage for such treatment options. This bill is so important for not only our great heroes but for our NH friends and neighbors. Recently Governor Sununu said "NH's fight against illegal drugs has taken 'drastic turn", https://tinyurl.com/58694vr5.

The committee will meet this summer to hopefully bring this bill to vote in the next session. I am proud to work with both republicans and democrats for the betterment of our great state and for our neighbors. I have always worked across the aisle to garner support from my democratic constituents. As a result. I have received cooperation from the other side. If I have your support, hopefully we can pass this bill.

As I stated in my last I feel it is only right to letter to the editor, it is my intention to run for another term as your representative for the

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#### School CFO

**Continued from page 1** ed, "I think he was there because he submitted the paper work back in June, before his retirement started. I think he was there as a courtesy, because he was the one that filled those documents out."

Douglas still ques-

tioned whether board understood what was happening in regard to Curro "staying on." Adding that at the Budget Committee meeting Curro stated he would be covering a number of vacant positions this spring.

Douglas also questioned why the School Board had not given an

opinion on the nearly \$300 million 10-year Plan proposal deliver to the CIP Committee.

Douglas said, "The plan is being proposed by a company that builds schools." He added, "If you got a hammer, everything looks like a nail. In my opinion, it's the residents that are getting hammered right now with no opinion from the school board."

To those comments Slater responded, the

district hired the architectural company for \$150,000 and they did an assessment of the overall conditions of schools in town. Saying that nothing is set yet to move forward and when they are ready to move forward, the school board will give their opinion and there will also be plenty of opportunity for public comment.

He added that the district will need com-

munity support to get recovers. She cited the these projects done, so we want all the questions answered to do it.

Resident, Laura El-Azem, also addressed district's future plans saying that she would like to see plans be put off a few years, at least until the economy

tax increases residents recently received after the latest assessment increase saying, "These tax increases are unsustainable."

The board did not respond to El-Azem's statement.

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town of Londonderry and I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote. If you trust me again with your vote, I will be the representative who continues to listen to you and continues to work to solve the challenges that we face because YOUR voice matters. I will continue working to restore NH to the way life should be. Again, I firmly believe that the people of NH are worth fighting for.

Thank you for your consideration and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding my positions.

David Lundgren NH State Rep. District 5 Londonderry

#### The Race Between Morse and Bolduc To the editor,

The U.S. Senate Pri-

to be between Chuck Morse and Don Bolduc.

Morse is apparently getting endorsements from Republican establishment politicians. (As well as Kevin Smith) Given the poor track record of establishment candidates winning against Democrats here in NH, and knowing the strings attached to candidates, too closely tied to the establishment, isn't it time elect a Candidate that will put NH and America before before Party Politics?

There is a reason extreme left donors, donate to Morse and Smith. They know they are weak and we will lose to Hassan.

Don Bolduc is running for Senator under the Republican banner but is not tied to the GOP apron strings. Don Bolduc will not be afraid to

mary race is shaping up call out the RINO Senators that put their own power before doing what is right for the Country.

Bolduc has become fully versed on the issues and the voting record of Maggie Hassan. He is ready willing and able to take out Hassan and return that Senate seat to Republicans.

This is probably one of the most important Primaries in the nations history. It is imperative that Republicans take back the House and Senate. It's time to elect those willing to put People before Politics. Don Bolduc is such a candidate.

Phillip Pane, Londonderry

#### **Consider Me for State Rep** To the editor,

As the State Republican Primary on Sept. 13 draws ever closer, I wanted to reach out and ask for your vote once again. The last two years have been historic, unique and productive.

After being privileged to win your support in 2020 and become the newest member of the NH House of Representatives from Londonderry, I was further honored to be appointed the Vice Chairman of the Election Law Committee. There, in conjunction with several of my colleagues, I fought the never-ending battle for election integrity, which means so much to us all. Perhaps the best piece of legislation we were able to pass and have the Governor sign, was the requirement that voters who produce no proof of identity or citizenship must do so within seven days of voting or their ballot will not be counted.

I was also privileged to serve as the Clerk of the

House Special Committee on Redistricting, which redrew the new districts for the state house, state senate, state convention delegates, executive council, county commissioner and congressional dis-

Finally, I served on the Speakers Advisory Group, which addresses internal problems that occasionally arise with House members.

Serving on three committees as a freshman enabled me to have a significant impact on all legislation. Other than election law matters, I was proud to support successful efforts to cut taxes, send \$100 million dollars to the cities and towns for local support, ban the teaching of critical race theory, ban mask mandates, ban vaccine mandates and much

Thank you for elect-

ing me in 2020. I had worked for the NH Department of Health and Human Services for 23 years, investigating and prosecuting over 2,000 cases of welfare fraud. Public service is very special to me. It has also been a high honor to engage in public service as your state representative and it always will be. Again, I respectfully ask you for your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

> Wayne D. MacDonald State Representative Londonderry

#### **Londonderry Residents Nice to Meet You**

To the editor,

When I was told that "door-knocking" would be essential in my campaign to be your next State Rep, I balked. This is definitely not within

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# School Board Offers \$500 Bonus Amidst Support Staff Shortages

PAUL CONYERS LONDONDERRY TIMES

School debated a chronic shortage of support staff in a number of areas throughout the school district during its Tuesday evening, Aug. 2 meeting.

A recent survey, cited by the district, found that fewer special education aids, custodians, and dining employavailable, despite job openings. The consensus is that a flat salary during inflation has made it harder for support staff to meet their day-to-day expenses on current salaries, leading to problems related to employee retention.

"One specific piece stop

gle to be fully staffed" The Londonderry according to board Board chair, Amy Finamore. Adding that support staff shortages "caused difficulty in daily operation throughout the district and for the past few months we have been having open dialogues in meetings to determine how to address it."

In response, the School Board proposed a one-time, \$500 retention payment to members of the support staff willing to commit to work through at least the 2022-2023 school year. The bonus draws funding from unassigned money in the annual budget. Members emphasized that the retention payment is a that these people are gap of feedback that was intended as a temporary asked Londonderry resi-

continue to look for a long-term solution. All support staff will be eligible, including nonunionized cafeteria employees.

Several members of the public noted that while the bonus proposal is welcome, it was not nearly enough to meet expenses. Speakers expressed frustration at budget cuts during the pandemic combined with flat pay since the union signed the last labor contract over two years ago. Some support employees currently make less than \$15 per hour, despite the rising cost of food, rent, and

"How did it happen measure being paid so little?"

served to us was a strug- solution. The Board will dent, Christine Perez. "I can go to Walmart and make more money, and I'm not responsible for the education and safety and growth of children," Perez questioned why union representatives and Board members have taken so long to agree to a pay increase.

"We're going into negotiations entering our third year, with the support staff on a threeyear contract that was agreed upon with the union and the support

staff, we have a lot of wheels in motion" stated board member, Bob Slater. "We'd like to get some input from the committee of support staff, and our committee to start working towards a solution." He also warned that the Board was limited in what it could do in the shortterm, hoping to get more feedback directly from the support staff over the next few weeks, acknowledging "the pay scale has changed dratwo years."

Any extensive change to the school budget beyond the unassigned education fund will require additional discussion and public approval. As such, no action was taken beyond approving the \$500 retention bonus.

The Londonderry School Board will hold its next regular meeting at 7 pm on August 18 at the Londonderry High School café.

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#### Letters

Continued from page 6 my comfort zone! But now. I'd like to sav Thank You to those of vou I've met for making the experience a very pleasant surprise.

People tell me they are most concerned about the state of the economy and the impact of soaring costs on their family budgets. While it's true that inflation I know that's how you and fuel prices rest primarily on federal policy, we've seen how state legislators can mitigate there's a good chance I'll deleterious effects by leaving as much as pos-

sible of your hardearned money in your own pocket. That means keeping NH income-taxfree, accelerating the planned phase-out the Interest and Dividends tax, and returning all surplus revenues to the local level. As a matter of principle, if elected as your State Representative in Concord, I will shepherd your taxpayer dollars frugally because approach your family budget.

If we haven't met yet, be in your neighborhood in the coming weeks.

And, I hope you'll stop by the Republicans' booth at Old Home Day and say hello. Happy 300th Birthday, London-

Laura El-Azem www.Laura4Londonderry.com

Londonderry

#### **Vote Doug Thomas** To the editor.

I would like to recommend a vote for Doug Thomas to represent Londonderry in this year's upcoming elections.

He is a republican who adheres to republican principals of low taxes and controlled spending, which is easily checked out by looking at the record.

In my opinion, the overwhelming reason to support Doug is the fact that he truly has his Londonderry constituent's interests foremost when in Concord. He is Vice Chairman of the Science and Technology we want to share infor-

Committee but I have seen him at local and state meetings for water, power, education and roads, speaking up when our concerns are discussed. In simple terms "he's there when and where we need him".

No one knows how many people we help who may have some hang up with government red tape. Recently I had someone approach me at the gas station telling me what a big help Doug was dealing with a problem he had with a state run around. So I also know first-hand that Rep. Thomas does his share for his constituents.

Please consider voting for Doug, he knows his job and does it well.

> Thank you Betsy McKinney Londonderry

#### **About the CIP**

To the editor,

From the School Board,

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mation about the Capital Improvement Plan and Facilities Master Plan with the community. Many of you have likely seen the total price tag and rightly, feel anxious or concerned.

We know that we have a tremendous amount of square footage across our six schools, and that most of our schools are on the older side- with parts Matthew Thornton being 70-years old. As a first step in understanding where we stood, in November 2019, school board hired a firm to go through our schools and assess where we are today and identify our most pressing areas of need and recommend priorities.

We learned that while many of our mechanical and electrical systems are near end of life, they would have reached their end-of-life years ago if it weren't for the amazing work of our facilities and custodial teams across the district. We also learned grandfawhile thered, parts of our buildings no longer meet current building code, impacting our ability to do certain renovations. Additionally, our building and learning happens- such as insufficient lab, art and library spaces as well as interior classrooms that lack access to natural light.

We also want to share what this plan is and is not-this plan is not a work order and it is not a project plan. Any large scale planned improvement goes to voters for their approval or denial and this is no different. While a CIP plan covers municipal buildings, in many ways it is similar to how any of us might look at our homes and think we want to add a garage one day but we need to prioritize replacing old windows instead- this plan identifies wants needs, and is the first step in providing the entire community the information we need to have informed conversations and make informed decisions

You can learn more about the Facilities Master Plan by going to the Londonderry School District website, clicking on "community" then "committees" and finally on "facilities study".

> Thank you, **Amy Finamore** Londonderry School Board

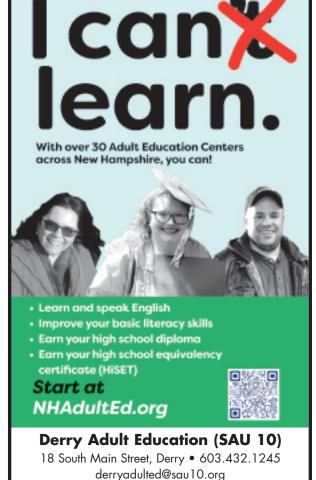


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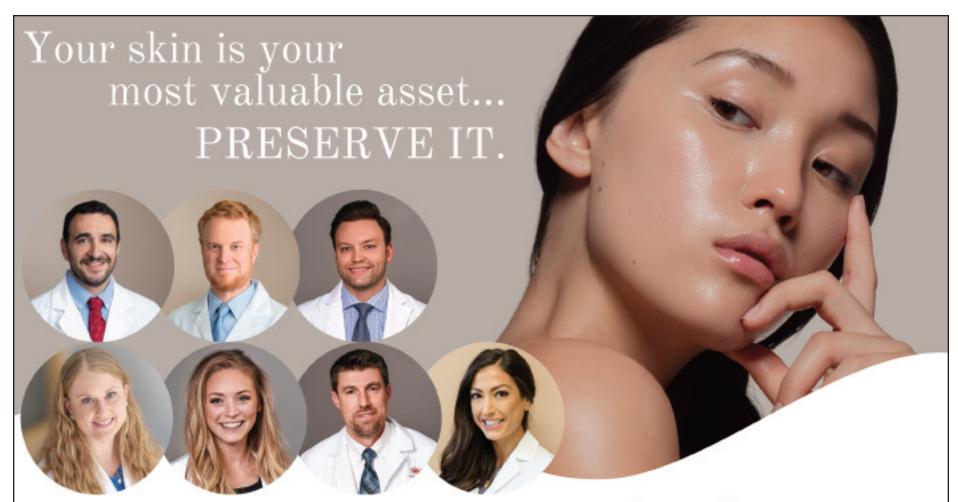
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# **Police Chief Officially Retires with Ceremony at LPD**



Londonderry Police Chief, William Hart, officially retired on Friday afternoon, Aug. 5, with a small ceremony at the Police Station. Deputy Chief, Kim Bernard, will be taking over his duties and he ran the event, starting with officers lining the walkway to the station and ending with lunch and recognition inside the station. Hart was presented with a number of gift as he retire. A print with his licence plate and badges signed by officers, a statue of an eagle from Manchester Airport and a medal from the Sons of the American Revolution. Hart was Police Chief for 13 years and was recently nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as the Granite State's U.S. Marshal. *Photos by Chris Paul* 

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

# Three Lancer Seniors Help to Win Maple Shine Bowl

CHRIS PAUL **NUTFIELD NEWS** 

Three 2022 Londonderry High School graduates the Division I Championship team played over the weekend at the Sugar Bowl.

The shine Bowl pits All-Star senior players from New Hampshire and Vermont and was played over the weekend, on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Castleton University in Vermont.

Aiden Washington, Grady Daron, and Matt Hampshire team down Jasper represented the Lancer squad this year in the game. Washington

and Jasper were cap- 30-yard completion into tains on the Granite State team. Washington was the starting quarterback, Daron started at wide receiver and Jasper was a starting guard for the east.

contest with the New Hampshire squad winning 7-0 on an extremely hot day for football.

The only touchdown in the game was scored with four minutes left in the second quarter. Washington led the New the field from deep in their own territory to

the end zone to Kevin Kolodziej of Sanborn High School.

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Football Game motto is, "Strong Legs Run So That Weak The game came Legs May Walk" is the annual Shrine Maple down to the final sec- motto of every Shrine onds of a back-and-forth Football Game and it can be seen every summer as 76 young men from New Hampshire and Vermont play their hearts out for the benefit of the children in the Shrine facilities. The Shriner's Hospitals provide care for children up to the age of 18 with special health care needs, and conduct research to finish the drive with a discover new knowledge



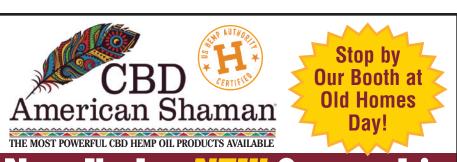
Lancer football graduates Matt Jasper, Grady Daron, and Aiden Washington represented Lononderry at this year's Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl in Vermont played during the past weekend. Courtesy photo

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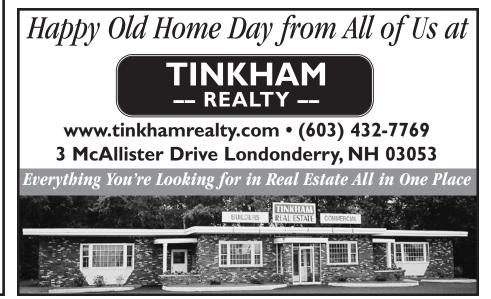
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The musical takes

place in the roaring twenties of Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a atre Company is looking faithless lover and convinces her hapless hus-Chicago: Teen Edition, a band, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Awaiting trial in prison, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search

of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, acquittal.

Londonderry's Nicole Raza (Mama Morton) audience challenges members to "look for all the individual people in the ensemble doing their tricks and their dances because it's amazing." Windham's Rvan Kaplan has worked on this show before, but notes "especially having an older

cast has allowed a lot of the intricacies and the nuances to come to light in this production."

Chicago: Teen Edition features a talented cast drawn from towns far and wide. The creative team is Director Meg Gore, Music Director Kevin Fisher, Choreographer Bethany Cassidy and Stage Manager Tim Gore. The cast includes Chloe Ferraro, Katy Gore

Lynch and Nicole Raza of Of New Boston and Maxi-Londonderry, Emma Cate, Michael Hughes, Evelyn Morin and Zoe Sternberg of Hampstead, Adam Furgal of Auburn, Debrah Hernandez of Chester, Ryan Kaplan of Windham, Samantha of Salem, Rapaport of Scali Katherine Sandown, Seanna Kelly of Manchester, Jordan Delage and Emma Durand of

(Dance Captain), Colby Hudson, Matthew Ardita milian Yakubovich of Hooksett.

Chicago: Teen Edition will be presented starting on Friday night, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 13 at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Arts Academy of N.H. (19 Keewaydin Drive, Salem). For tickets and information go to: OvationTC.com.



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## **Fun Continues at Concert on the Common Music Series**







Another large crowd made their way onto the Town Common last week to enjoy the country music sounds of Raquel and the Wildflowers. This week also featured some acrobatics by some young members of a local dance group.

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#### **Concerts on the Common**

The Londonderry Arts Council's Concerts on the Common presents Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the Londonderry Town Common. Band members are experienced musicians of today's generation dedicated to preserving the memory and fan culture of The Beatles generation. In case of bad weather the location will move to the Londonderry High School cafeteria..

#### **Oktoberfest**

For friends, members, and affiliates, the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) is having its 3rd Annual Oktoberfest, Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 -7 p.m., at Londonderry's American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd. Along with the Oktoberfest bratwurst meal there will be music, special speakers, and introductions of available General Election Republican Candidates. This fun and celebratory from 6 - 8:30 p.m., in the

event is only \$25 per person with children 12 and under free. Levels of sponsorships are available that include acknowledgements and event tickets. Walk-ins are welcome. Yet pre-registration will assure accommodation. Pre-Register on line at Londonderry-GOP.org For more information contact Janet Huttula at 603-432-7368.

#### "Library After Dark"

A Movie Night will be held on Friday, Aug 26 Leach Library. Showing a 2018 superhero film (rated PG-13) along with refreshments and raffle prizes. PJs and costumes are welcome. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Aug. 19 at 9 a.m.

#### **Pizza Party & Carnival**

A Young Adult Pizza Party & Carniva will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 4:30 p.m. Young adults entering grades 6-8 can join for a fun afternoon of pizza and carnival games in the Leach library meeting room. Registration is required and opens on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 9 a.m.

#### **Craft Day**

On Monday, Aug. 15, paint your own suncatcher keychain at the Leach Library. Sessions are available for ages 0-5 at 10 a.m., ages 6-11 at 1 p.m., and ages 12-18 at 4 p.m. Registration is required and

main reading room of the opens on Monday, Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.

#### **Tennis Camp**

Londonderry Tennis Camp will be continuing lessons into the fall beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 and running for 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Participants, ages 7 and up, will be grouped by age and/or experience to fit their individual skill levels. The cost of the fiveweek program is \$150 with an early bird special pricing of \$135 if you register by Aug. 31. If you have any questions or want to register your child contact Londonderrytenniscamp@gm ail.com.

#### **Burbine Tennis Tourney**

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#### **Republicans Meeting**

On Thursday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at 78 Litchfield Rd. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome to come and share their perspectives on today's topics of concern. Learn

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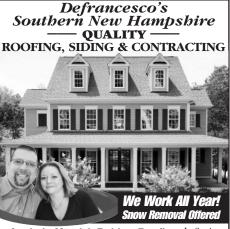
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11:09 a.m. Assault investigated on Wilson Road.
12:31 p.m. Three officers investigate an assault at Market Basket on Michels Way.

**2:17 p.m.** Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Cimmaron Circle.

**3:23 p.m.** Burglary investigated by six officers on Mammoth Road.

**3:48 p.m.** Four officers respond to an assault at Billy Goat Tattoo on Mammoth Road.

**6:46 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for a disturbance at the NH Liquor Store on Rockingham Road

**7:20 p.m.** Four officers respond to Neighborhood Disputes at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

7:53 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief Hampton Drive on Kendall Pond Road. 9:44 a.m. Re

**7:56 p.m.** Services rendered Domestic Disturbance on King Charles Drive. Janja Josic, 50, of Londonderry charged with Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

**9:32 p.m.** Services Rendered by four officers at a Disturbance at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

**Tuesday - Aug. 2 8:59 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services Rendered on Route 93 at the Route 102 Northbound Exit Ramp.

1:57 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on America Street in Cranston RI. Michael Anthony Wells, 59, of Cranston, RI, charged with Conduct after an Accident.

**4:19 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at House of Samurai on Buttrick Road.

**9:36 p.m.** Five officers respond to an Business Alarm on Crosby Lane.

Wednesday - Aug. 3 12:47 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated on Fieldstone Drive. 6:17 a.m. Services Rendered for a complaint at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

**8:41 a.m.** Auto Theft investigated by four officers at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

**9:24 a.m.** Disturbance reported at Alltown on Hampton Drive

9:44 a.m. Recovered

Stolen Motor Vehicle behind Family Dentistry on Nashua Road.

10:46 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Hampshire Lane. 11:40 a.m. Two arrests made after a report of Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Olympia Sports on Michels Way. William Sylvia, 31, of Somersworth, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$0-\$1,000; Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000); arrest on a Warrant: and Bench Warrants. Maria Mendez, 47, also of Somersworth, charged with Disobeying an Officer.

**5:10 p.m.** Four officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Hovey Road. **6:55 p.m.** Keep the Peace investigated on Apollo Road.

**10:54 p.m.** Welfare Check made at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Thursday - Aug. 4
11:48 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**12:11 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**12:47 p.m.** Four officers serve a Restraining Order at the Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

**3:54 p.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made on Raymond Road in Candia. David Nason, 28,

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#### **Around Town**

**Continued from page 13** about upcoming events to support the election of Republican candidates in the 2022 election cycle. For more information: https://Londonderry-GOP.org, or contact Chairwoman Janet Huttula at Huttula7@comcast.net.

#### **Free Block Party**

LifeWay Church is hosting a Free Block Party for all ages on Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at MacGregor Park Derry Food, attractions, games, raffles, music, household giveaways, goods, gently used clothing and more. For more information call 603-845-6601 or visit lifewaychurch.net

#### **Open Board and Committee Positions**

These Londonderry boards and committee currently have open positions: Conservation Commission - Two Alternate Positions. Heritage Commission - Two Alternate Positions. Senior Resources Committee - Two Alternate Positions. Recreation Commission - One

Full-Time Position and one alternate position. To find more career opportunities in Londonderry go to: www.londonderrynh.org/h uman-resources/pages/employment-opportunities, www.londonderrynh.org/fire-department www.londonderrynhpd.gov

#### **Women's Scholarship**

The Londonderry Women's Club offers an annual scholarship to any woman seeking to improve her education. The scholarship is open to all women in Londonderry and surrounding towns. The scholarship value is \$1,000. To be eligible, the female applicant must meet the following requirements: Be at least 23 years of age or older, Be a current resident of Londonderry or an adjacent community, Be currently enrolled at an accredited post-secondary institution, Have completed a minimum of half the time or credits required for your degree, certification or licensing program, To apply the applicant will need to submit: A college or institute transcript, Cover letter with statement about your

reasons for returning to school, One personal recommendation, Activities, work experience and essay mentioned on application form. Applications must be received by Sept. 30. No late applications will be considered. All finalists might be notified for a personal interview. Recipient will be announced before Dec. 1. The award will be made payable to the recipient. Applications are available at the Leach Library, the Derry Public Library and can be found and downloaded from our website at londonderrywomensclub.org.

#### **Voter Information**

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Aug. 31, from 6 - 7 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 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 possess 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.

#### **Spartans Summer League**

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be hosting their Annual Summer League Session at the Derry Sports Center. Games will be played Tuesday through Thursday evenings from Mid-June to Mid-August. All practices are held on Friday nights. For more information visit www.nhspartans.com website. contact Chris Coates at CoatesNew@Hotmail.com. or call 603-926-2276.

#### **Saturday Drop-In Activities**

Stop in the Leach Library Children's Room for something fun going on each Saturday through Aug. 6. Every week there will be a different activity to complete at your own pace while the library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In July, look forward to scavenger hunts, movies, craft projects, and a special Shark Week celebration. Registration is not required for drop-in activities.

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#### **Derry Homegrown**

The Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market is now open every Wednesday, Rain or Shine at 1 West Broadway, Derry. Close of Season is Sept. 28. For more info, contact Derry Homegrown at: info@derryhomegrown.org, 603-479-5918, derryhomegrown.org, facebook.com/derryhomegrown or instagram.com/derryhomegrown

#### **Women's Club**

Looking to join a club? The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together, creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining this wonderful group, check them out on Facebook, visit our website at www.londonderrywomensclub.org or email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

#### **Need a Tutor?**

Work one-on-one with a volunteer tutor. Free Tutoring for a variety of programs including Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, and English as a Second Language at Derry Center for Adult Studies. Cover a variety of content areas, Flexible days and hours, Sessions held via Zoom and/or inperson. If you are interested in receiving tutoring services, please email kcapistran@sau10.org for more information.

#### **Free Meals**

Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by togo meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 -5 p.m. Please join us for free, family-friendly meals.

#### GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. We invite you to attend a GriefShare support group taking place at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. Choose between an IN PERSON daytime session which meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., or an evening ONLINE session meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m., beginning on Jan. 31. Register at www.orchardnh.org. For more information, contact Lynne at lynne@orchardnh.org.

### **Police Log**

Continued from page 14 of Candia charged with Criminal Mischief.

**5:18 p.m.** Warrant served and an arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Devin Tuttle, 29, of New Ipswich, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact); Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon; and Theft By Unauthorized Taking of over \$1,501.

**6:09 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by five officers at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

**6:37 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Lawson Farm Road at Nutfield Drive.

**8:51 p.m.** Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Winding Pond Road.

**10 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Winterwood Drive.

Friday - Aug. 5 12:16 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Cross Road

**6:46 a.m.** Arrest made after a Disturbance at the Londonderry BP on Mohawk Drive. Four officers assist with charging Christopher Plummer, 57, of Londonderry, with: Disorderly Conduct; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Resisting Arrest/Detention; Reckless Conduct; Breach of Bail; and Obstruction of Government Administration.

8:27 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Red Deer Road

9:33 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

6:10 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane. **9:49 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire De-

partment with trans-

portation to a hospital from Wiley Hill Road.

Saturday - Aug. 6 **5:11 a.m.** Overdose transported to a hospital from Hardy Road.

9:55 a.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Wilson Road.

11:58 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

12:54 p.m. Warrant served and arrest(s) made on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments. 3:30 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace

on Hardy Road. Sunday - Aug. 7 2:42 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on

Boulder Drive. 5:17 p.m. Four officers restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Whittemore Road.

9:31 p.m. Peace restored after a disturbance at the McDonalds on Nashua Road.

#### **TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD OF** ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

August 17, 2022 - 7 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road

I. Draft minutes to approve: June 15, 2022

II. Report by Town Council liaison

III. Regional Impact Determinations

IV. Public hearing of cases:

A. CASE NO. 08/17/2022-1: Request for a variance from LZO 4.3.3.B.2.a to encroach 30 feet into the 50 foot landscaping buffer, 15 Rockingham Road, Map 13 Lot 99, Zoned C-II. Alfred Pittore (Owner & Applicant)

B. <u>CASE NO. 08/17/2022-2:</u> Request for a variance from LZO 4.6.1.3.B.12 to allow parking and other site improvements in the 100 foot conservation overlay district which is otherwise prohibited, 15 Rockingham Road, Map 13 Lot 99, Zoned C-II, Alfred Pittore (Owner & Applicant)

C. <u>CASE NO. 08/17/2022-3:</u> Request for a variance from LZO 4.6.1.3.B.12 to allow parking and other site improvements in the 50 foot conservation overlay district which is otherwise prohibited, 15 Rockingham Road, Map 13 Lot 99, Zoned C-II, Alfred Pittore (Owner & Applicant)

V. Communications and miscellaneous:

VI. Other business

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