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Cookie Couriers

Local Girl Scout troop leaders spent a good part on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 9, sorting nearly 18,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies being sold to families in Londonderry and Litchfield this year. The boxes were delivered to Mack's Farm Stand and divided into about a dozen area troops for delivery.

Photo by Chris Paul

New Utilities Committee Gets Established By Town Council

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, Feb. 6, Town Council meeting, a number of community members were named to the newly formed Utilities Committee.

One of the community members who applied was Ray Breslin, a 50

year resident of the town he noted.

"I think it's very important we look at these things that affect the cost of the taxpayers and the property owners," said Breslin.

Breslin noted that many people are struggling with utilities like electricity and it's im-

portant to look at it.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, said he was a valuable member of the Energy Task Force.

"You give him a task and he follows through and he gets you all the details," Paul said.

Breslin was selected as an alternate member.

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Articles Remain Unchanged at School Deliberative Session

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the community made their way to the Londonderry High School Cafeteria on Feb. 10 for the annual school district deliberative session, to vote on whether or not warrant articles should be sent to the ballot and if any should be amended.

District Wide Infrastructure

One of the warrant articles that caused discussion was in regards to raising \$5 million for district wide infrastructure repair and replace-

ment, which would have an estimated tax impact of two cents.

School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, said it would give them a chance to update out of date furnaces, boilers, and other HVAC equipment.

She said if approved, it will take about three years to complete the eight projects part of the bond.

"In all instances they've been used long beyond their expected life," said Finamore.

Ray Breslin said "a lot of this is really important to get done,"

saying it is overdue.

He also asked how they got the estimates for the projects.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, said it came from one of their HVAC providers who have completed similar projects.

Finamore stated they would get estimates once the bond is approved.

"At that point we would bid it," said Finamore.

Kristine Perez said she was surprised to hear how long some of the equipment is past its

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Malaguti Gives State of the Town Address at Deliberative Session

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry held its 2023 Town Deliberative Session on Feb. 11 to discuss presenting awards to distinguished citizens of 2022 and the State of the Town Address.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, opened with a presentation of the Citizen of the Year award, given to Remi (Bill) Fortin for his leadership of the Alert Team, especially its role in helping with town elections.

According to Farrell, "running elections in today's environment in NH is challenging, to say the least. Moving people

into and out of our polls is something we get a lot of help with." He added, "the Alert Team is integral in making sure people can park, enter the polls, and get out safely."

The local Alert Team is comprised of volunteers, assisting the Police Department, Public Works, and Fire Department in emergency situations. He also noted that Fortin's family has been in Londonderry since the 1940s.

Following that, the presentation of the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Town Moderator, Jonathan Kipp, for his oversight role in voting conduct.

"At the end of the day, elections are led by the person, I believe, who has the most thankless job in the community," Farrell stated, thanking Kipp.

Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, then gave his first State of the Town Address since he took over from Kevin Smith last February.

Malaguti called his first 12 months of the job

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Zoning Board OKs Route 102 Auto Repair Shop Variance

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One of the cases that the Zoning Board of Adjustment heard during the Jan. 18 meeting was in regards to a variance request to allow a general automotive repair to be located in the Route 102 POD and C-I district, which is a prohibited use. The property is located at 107 Nashua Road.

The owner of the property, Karen Manelas, explained that there was an auto repair shop there before.

She explained that

since the previous business on the site went out of business the existing building has become in disrepair and they would be making improvements to the site.

"The building will be fixed and the grounds would be kept nicely," said Manelas.

Manelas explained to the Board that when they first bought the site they were under the impression they would be able to continue to operate there since there was an auto repair shop as the use previously.

Zoning Administra-

tor, Nick Codner, said the previous owners only had permission to do tire replacements and were never granted a variance to do auto repairs.

"There was no variance ever granted," said Manelas.

Manelas stated if they knew there wasn't a variance granted for the site then they wouldn't have purchased it.

"We never would've done it, but we were misled," said Manelas.

In addition to the property being previ-

ously used as an auto repair shop, Manelas said there is a similar business located next to their property.

Manelas said if the variance isn't granted then they will have to spend more money on renovating than they already put into the building

She added that if they aren't granted a variance they would have to use the site for a use in an area they aren't used to.

"We would have to pursue other permitted uses that we aren't nec-

essarily comfortable with," said Manelas.

Manelas explained that she also feels that by having an auto repair shop it would be beneficial towards the community.

"The benefit of an auto repair shop is that the citizens of Londonderry no longer have to travel outside to Derry or Manchester for their auto service needs," said Manelas.

In addition to the financial impact it would have for them if the variance isn't approved, Manelas noted it is diffi-

cult to find someone to rent or use it for other uses because of the way it's shaped.

"It's an awkward piece of property," said Manelas.

It was noted by Manelas they wouldn't be doing anything on the property that wasn't happening before.

"There's nothing that they did that we wouldn't be doing," said Manelas.

No one spoke for or against the application during the meeting.

The ZBA ultimately voted 4-1 in favor of the variance.

West Road Property Ownership Issue Raised at Town Council

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members were asked to address an ownership issue with a property on West Road at the Monday, Feb. 6, Town Council meeting.

It was explained by Tonya Christian, the

owner of 103 West Road, that when she bought her home it was her understanding that she owned more land adjacent to it than she does.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said her property is adjacent to a large wetland complex area, and from the West

Road fields.

He said that Christian is looking to complete a quick claims deed for the property adjacent to hers, which could be owned by the town, "but likely isn't," Malaguti said.

"We have been in discussion with her and

her attorney for some time," said Malaguti.

Malaguti explained that the issue came up when Christian tried to do work there.

"She proceeded to do some work over the property line and we told her and NH DES told her that we questioned if she owned that area," said Malaguti.

He stated that they engaged their legal counsel and did a search on the title and determined that it is "very unclear" who owns the adjacent parcel.

Christian explained that she bought her property originally when it was for sale by the owner. She explained that the owner told her that it extends to the brook.

Town Council Vice Chair, Joe Green, asked what her interest was

for having the extra land.

"The sunsets there," Christian said.

She noted that she would have to pay for the taxes on the property if she acquires the additional land.

"I would be paying the taxes on it," said Christian.

Christian also explained that she can't get permits for what she wants to build because of where the property line is.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, questioned how no one knows who owns the property.

"We don't know who owns this land at all? It strikes me as odd," said Paul.

Malaguti said since no one has had interest in it since it's wetland, it isn't as odd.

It was explained by

Malaguti that he wanted to know if the Town Council wanted staff to continue to determine what could be done with the property.

"Clearly there's some additional work that needs to be done," said Malaguti.

Green said he was okay with them exploring it more, but wants to know who owns the property.

"I'm okay with exploring it," said Green.

Town Councilor, Jim Butler, said the Conservation Commission would want to weigh in on it as well.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, added, "Let's take the next step and see how it goes."

The Town Council agreed to have Malaguti continue to look into the matter.

Musquash Field Day, Feb 18

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will host its annual Musquash Field Day event on Saturday, Feb. 18, this year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This popular family friendly event gives residents the opportunity to learn about Londonderry's Conservation Area.

People are encour-

aged to explore trails on sleds, skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes and see some local wildlife.

Hot dogs, cookies, cocoa and coffee will be served around the fire pit at "The Landing" during the event.

Access to the entrance to the Musquash Conservation Area is at the end of Hickory Hill

Road.

Visitors are asked to respect parking restrictions on Hickory Hill Road, dress warm (traction gear if it's icy and snowshoes if the area has had big snow) and have some winter fun.

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Town Deliberative Sees Very Few Residents or Changes

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry concluded its most recent budget season with the Deliberative Session, where members of the public expressed their opinions of the new budget and a number of Warrant Articles that will appear on the Town Ballot in March.

After several months of deliberation, the Town Council and Budget Committee approved a budget for the town of around \$40 million with a similar level of revenue.

Around \$21 million in property taxes will need to be collected over the next year to meet the

proposed budget.

The budget was open to questions from the public, but not many attended. Just over 60 voters were at the session, and most of the articles past without any amendments.

Londonderry resident, Daniel Bouchard, questioned the practice of leaving public positions empty to balance the budget in past years.

"When the Chief of Police makes a statement that he runs 7 vacant positions in order to balance his budget, that's wrong," said Bouchard. "If I'm a taxpayer and I want 60 police officers, I want 60 police officers."

While the current

level of spending will allow Londonderry to fill some empty spots, some worried that a major lawsuit could force cuts from emergency personnel funding in the future.

"The largest settlement cost that I remember was back in the late 80s-early 90s with Exit 4A," added resident, Tom Dolan. "That cost the town legal settlement costs in the millions. Those things do happen."

Councilors confirmed that Londonderry is legally represented by Michael Ramsdell of Sheehan Phinney with a dedicated account for legal fees.

The Town Council

and Budget Committee originally planned to send \$300,000 into the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, half the amount of the budget last year.

"With inflationary conditions hitting households the way that they are, we thought we could take a haircut on that this year," explained Town Manager, Michael Malaguti. Londonderry also received a one-time grant for road repair from the state.

However, a long list of backlogged roadwork led to a push for more spending from the public.

"I propose we add \$150,000 to this expendable trust fund, \$450,000

for roadway maintenance if you need that money now, pay it now, instead of putting it off and paying more later," said resident Ann Champa. "I think the roadways are very important."

Some worried more money might not pass a final vote as extra money would mean a slight increase in property taxes.

"I think the amendment is noble, but we've got maintenance trust funds for firefighters, emergency equipment, and police officers' gear. Are we going to add money to every one of them?" asked Budget Committee member, Tim Siekmann. "We spend months going over this

budget to get it balanced."

The amendment was eventually voted down after a lengthy debate.

A smaller article was about the addition of a full-time technician for the library. There's been an open position for a year and a half.

"I think the library is extremely important, the children benefit from it, the adults benefit from it, they do a good job," said Ray Breslin. "Adding another librarian is a nice thing, but we need to prioritize the building."

There will be 16 Town warrant articles being voted on during the Tuesday, March 14 Election.

Utilities

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Another member of the community that applied for a full membership position was Paul Ramsey who worked for Eversource for 43 years.

He stated he has a lot of knowledge in the regulatory process and has negotiated contracts for solar contracts, wood burning power plants, and other things.

Ramsey said he moved to town about six years ago and wanted to get involved and decided to submit his name.

Ramsey was selected as a full member.

Martha Smith, who also previously served on the Energy Task Force, said she is a retired attorney and has experi-

ence with utilities.

She was selected as a full member.

Anne Fenn, a member of the PFAS committee, said her experience includes working at the Environmental Protection Agency.

She was approved as a full member.

Jeff McGraw, who said he moved to Londonderry in July and has various experiences, including working for a year and a half as an engineer for a nuclear energy power plant.

"My background is mechanical engineering," said McGraw.

McGraw was selected as a full member.

John Ferreira, who served on various committees over the years, including the computer committee and fields

committee, said he brings an engineering background to the committee, and contracts.

"I do have an extensive background in contract negotiations," said Ferreira.

He was selected as a full member.

State Rep. Ron Dunn, who served as a member of the Energy Task Force, also applied for a spot on the Committee.

"I put my name in

because we had a really good team on the energy committee," said Dunn.

It was noted by Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, that if Dunn was to win a seat on the Town Council, then he wouldn't be able to serve on the committee.

Paul pointed out that when they made the Committee they originally made a liaison for a state representative.

Dunn was appointed

to that position.

Farrell said he thought it made sense to have Lynn Wiles as a member of the committee since he knows how they operate after serving on a number of boards and commissions.

"They're gonna have to elect a chair first," said Farrell.

Paul noted that she asked to be on the Committee although her name wasn't listed as a

candidate.

She said that she could attend the meetings without being on the Committee. The Town Council ultimately decided to keep two alternate positions open for now and would make a decision regarding Paul once her term on the Town Council expires.

Wiles and Mike Speltz were also appointed to the committee.

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Editorial

Presidents' Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From an early age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend as schools are closed to observe the holiday. Although the importance is taught in schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents' Day.

Two of America's greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures.

The main purpose of Presidents' Day focuses on the lives of past Presidents of the United States of America. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, in particular, are celebrated together each year in the month of February. Not just for their dates of birth, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history.

George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others". Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected, and trusted him nonetheless. Furthermore, Washington had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was, his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into

a poor family, but he fought and persevered until he became a country lawyer, and eventually President of the U.S. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

These two men served as examples for future generations, along with their actions and messages that should be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When Southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

It is sad that this holiday in honor of these two great men has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we believe that Presidents' Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Keep in mind that the day means so much more. "We The People"

Letters

Wake Up Londonderry

To the editor,
I am saddened by what is and has been happening to our great Town of Londonderry.

Incidents big and small are changing the make up of the town and the rights of its citizens.

We have a Community Room in the Police Department that is accessible from the lobby and does not interfere with Police workings in any way, yet only select community groups in Londonderry are allowed to use the room for meetings. This room was placed with lobby access deliberately so that it could be used by the "community". We all pay for this, yet some are not allowed. The Town Council and the Town manager may have the right to say no but it is just not right. We the citizens and taxpayers of Londonderry are also not allowed to use the rooms in the Town Hall. Why is that? Why are these decisions made? Who is really making them?

The Council also decided to put on the upcoming ballot being voted on, on March 14, that the Town Treasurer will be an appointed position instead of being elected by the voters. Why? There has never been a problem in that position.

I feel that this is the beginning of taking away our rights. The Treasurer now, then the Budget Committee, then the Town Clerk? Will we eventually lose any say in who is running the affairs of the Town? The right to vote is protected in the NH Bill of Rights, Article 11, but we must stand up to make sure that we continue to have a say on what and who we can

vote for.

Several weeks ago, a 7+ year, highly respected employee of the Town in the Planning Department was called into the Town Manager's office and was told she is being fired, let go, no longer needed, her position was being eliminated, whatever you want to call it! She was escorted out of the building without the courtesy of collecting her own personal belongings. She was told that it was because of "reorganizing". A "Reorganization Plan" that had not yet been reviewed, presented, or approved by the Town Council! Then the "Reorganization Plan" was voted on and approved by the Town Council on Feb. 6, 2023, after dozens of people who knew or who had worked with Laura or were past or present town employees stood up asking for this injustice to be rectified. It is interesting that this position was the only one eliminated in this new Plan... What departments are next? Or was this just personal? Something is wrong with this whole scenario. What kind of leadership is running our town? Are decisions being made in this best interest of the Town?

It is time for change! We need to wake up and stand up for and defend our rights as taxpayers and citizens and put into office those that will defend our values and bring the must need transparency that appears to have been eliminated. Those that actually try to defend these rights are shut down over and over again at every level in this Town. NO MORE!

State Representative
Kristine Perez
Londonderry

Change is Needed

To the editor,

I attended the Town Council meeting held on the evening of Feb. 6. There was a lengthy public comment and deliberation by the council concerning the reorganization of the current structure of the Planning Department and the elimination of the position of the Assistant Planner, currently held by Laura Gandia. This reorganization plan was submitted to the town council for consideration by the current Town Manager, Michael Maliguti. Ultimately the Town Council decision to approve the reorganization plan was passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

The majority of the councilors supporting the Town Manager's reorganization plan fell back on an excuse that the Town Charter prohibiting them from interfering in the management of the town. I went home and looked at the town charter. It clearly gives the power to the Town Council and the Town Manager to reorganized Town Agencies. However, if section 8.10 of the charter that speaks to the reorganization by the Town Manager it clearly states that any reorganization plan by the Manager must be submitted to the Council for approval.

Why would this provision of approval by the Council be included in the Town Charter if it was not to give the Town Council the right to approve or disapprove the plan? Recently, the town hired a Town Planner. Soon after the Town Planner was hired, although new to the town's employ, this person was

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100 Days In

A number of South Elementary School students celebrated the 100th Day of School by dressing up as 100-year-olds. This has become an annual tradition as well as taking part in a number of classroom activities.

Photos by Chris Paul



Letters

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elevated to the position of Assistant Town Manager and Director of Economic Development. Now the Town is again advertising for a new Town Planner position. Laura Gandia has held the position as Associate Town Planner for approximately 17 years. The Town Council meeting room was filled to the max with Londonderry residents, developers and former employees of the Planning Department all saying how helpful, knowledgeable, professional and excellent Laura had been in executing the duties of her position.

Why would the Town Council approve this reorganization plan when there is currently no Town Planner? Until the Town Planner position is filled, why not have the

very qualified Assistant Town Planner stay in her job, particularly since so many people agree that she was doing such a great job. Perhaps even offer her the promotion? The town leaders are so interested in economic development why would they agree to cuts in the planning department?

Troubling is the way this particular termination was carried out, very abrupt, discourteous, and confusing. Why was Mrs. Gandia abruptly escorted out of Town Hall on the day she was told her position would be terminated. Why did both Laura Gandia and her husband, Chris Gandia, former Police Captain in Londonderry, get served with no trespass orders, to keep them away from any town buildings in Londonderry. This whole situation is fishy. I am disappoint-

ed that our present Town Councilors, with the exception of one, would go along with this plan. Our Town is better than this. Please pay attention and come out to vote in the upcoming March election. Some change is needed in our current leadership.

Martha Smith,
Londonderry

Faber for Council

To the editor,

I am writing to announce my candidacy for the Londonderry Town Council. I am a proud resident of Londonderry and am committed to making it a vibrant and thriving town that offers the best quality of life for all residents.

Recently, there has been concern over the elimination of the Londonderry associate planner position held by Laura Gandia. As a Town

Council candidate, I believe in the importance of transparency in local government. The termination of a public employee's position, especially one as prominent as a town planner, calls for an explanation and a clear understanding of the circumstances behind the decision.

I understand that personnel matters can be sensitive, but it is crucial that the community receive a clear and honest

explanation. This will increase transparency and help restore public trust in the Town Council's decision-making process. I respectfully request that the Town Council provide a public statement clarifying the reasons for Laura Gandia's position being eliminated and assuring residents that the decision was made with the best interests of the community in mind.

With my background

as a software executive in the private sector, I bring a fresh set of eyes and a different perspective to the Council. I have been keeping track of the happenings in our local government and have built an understanding of the financial, operational, and organizational challenges facing our town. I am confident that my new ideas and innovative approach will help address these

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life expectancy.

"I am amazed that we have equipment between 13 and 30 years past its life expectancy," she said.

She made a motion to amend the warrant article to \$0 noting that she was concerned that voters wouldn't approve a bond.

"You're not going to be able to pass a bond in this town," said Perez.

The amendment failed and the original warrant article was sent to the ballot.

Operating Budget

One of the items discussed in regards to the proposed \$85,436,043 operating budget was about enrollment.

Superintendent, Dan Black, explained they have had stable enrollment the last couple of years and are projected to have about six students less next year.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, asked if they considered the 500 apartments expected to be built in town.

"That has the potential of bringing in a lot of students," said Paul.

Black said enrollment is hard to project, but the biggest increases usually happen for kindergarten, 1st grade, and 9th grade. While the future apartments weren't factored into the enrollment projects.

Paul said the apartments are going to begin getting built in the next year.

"If each house had one child, you're talking an extra 500 kids," said Paul.

Nancy Hendricks, said sometimes they see shifts in enrollment at the elementary school level and asked if they had room in the budget to add another teacher if needed.

"We don't have the room to just add another teacher in this budget," said Black.

He said they could potentially use fund balance if needed.

The warrant article was sent to the ballot. The estimated tax impact is \$12.35.

Custodial Contract

A warrant article that will ask voters to approve a contract between the school district and the union that represents the custodians was sent to the ballot.

The agreement would be a three year contract, which is expected to cost \$160,486 in year one, \$140,189 in year two, and \$141,735 in year three. The estimated tax impact is expected to be 3 cents each year.

Federal Funds

The warrant article which allows the school district to accept federal funds for the school lunch program and for federal projects was sent to the ballot. The funds would be a total of approximately \$3.4 million.

District Wide Safety

A warrant article that will ask voters to approve \$350,000, which would allow for the district to move forward with the door locks at the high school, middle school, and South School and also allow for the emergency alerting system at the other five schools, was sent to the ballot without any amendments. The estimated tax impact is 7 cents.

Reserve Funds

The warrant article that will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$445,000 for

the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve fund was sent to the ballot. The estimated tax impact is 9 cents.

A special warrant article that would ask voters to sign off on raising and appropriating \$125,000 for the District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund was sent to the ballot. The estimated tax impact is 2 cents.

A warrant article to use \$80,000 from the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year for the equipment capital reserve fund and a warrant article to use \$73,000 from the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year for the vehicle and machinery capital reserve fund were also moved to the ballot without any amendments.

Technology Devices

A warrant article that would use \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance at the end of the year to purchase Chromebooks also drew some discussion. It was explained previously that it would allow for all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to be able to have their own Chromebooks. Currently 1 to 1 devices are only at the high

school level.

It would also allow for the purchase of 50 devices at the elementary school level.

Perez asked if the warrant article passes if it would allow them to have Zoom classes when there isn't school, due to things like snow days.

Black said it wouldn't be enough for all kids to have one at the elementary school level, but would allow it for the high school and middle school level.

The warrant article was sent to the ballot.

The Town Elections will take place on Tuesday, March 14.

Malaguti

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"the longest, and shortest of years," citing a need to cut discretionary spending with concerns of a recession. The Manager reiterated his "commitment to fiscal restraint while holding ourselves and our staff to the highest standards" as Londonderry ended 2022 with a budget surplus of \$1.5 million.

With the end of budget season and a slightly more optimistic economic outlook, Malaguti proposed ending the long-standing practice of leaving positions unfilled in the police department to balance the budget while covering basic maintenance to

roads, emergency vehicles, and buildings.

"We have covered these necessary expenses by leaving positions unfilled in our public safety departments, mostly in the police department," said Malaguti. "Robbing Peter to pay Paul, is the opposite of budget transparency."

The 2023 proposed budget will cover four police patrol positions that have remained empty for years. He still expects Londonderry to retain a balanced budget.

Savings will come from a decision to take a year off from funding the Master Plan Capital Reserver, while making cuts in several areas deemed unnecessary. This will include almost

\$40,000 in cuts from the Cable Department.

The redevelopment will be another goal, as Malaguti touted redevelopment plans to divert part of the tax burden to businesses instead of residents. He also announced plans to secure \$4 million from Concord to expand sewer lines in south Londonderry.

Malaguti also promised to make tough decisions, even those that would inevitably make some people unhappy, promising to make decisions in the best interest of everyone.

"The state of the town is strong, and the future of Londonderry is bright." The town budget still requires final approval from voters.

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Letters

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challenges effectively.

I am committed to working collaboratively with Council members, town staff, and community organizations to promote accessibility and responsiveness to the needs of all residents. I am also dedicated to promoting transparency and accountability in government, and I will work tirelessly to ensure the town's finances and operations are managed in an open and responsible manner.

I hope that all residents of Londonderry will support my candidacy on March 14. With my experience, dedication, and commitment to our community, I am confident that I will bring positive change to the Town Council and help ensure that Londonderry remains a great and affordable place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for considering my candidacy,
Shawn Faber
Londonderry

Amendments Make a Big Difference

To the editor,
By the time this is published, we will have completed our Deliberative Sessions. It's also very unlikely that what I am about to say will have any effect on the future. None the less, it's an opinion I wish to express and I hope readers will think about it. I fully support the Editor's viewpoint, expressed on Feb. 9. Amendments do make a big difference. There have been a few times in the past when a minority interest has hijacked the meeting, enabled by low

turnout. There are many reasons for low turnout but apathy is often a very significant part of it. There is another reason that I will speak to.

I have attended Town Deliberative Session and, before that Town Meeting, every year. I used to attend the School equivalents when I first became a registered voter. The difference now is that School Deliberative Session is held in the evening. Advancing age and deteriorating health make evening meetings, that are likely to last several hours, an impossibility for me. I doubt that I am the only elderly person unable to handle evening meetings and we are probably not a large group but I do feel disenfranchised by our school system.

We used to have the School and Town meetings on successive Saturday mornings. As a percentage of the total voters, the attendance at both meetings was much higher then than it is today. A lot of that was undoubtedly because the Town's governance was different then. (We voted to pass or reject each article at the meeting.) But maybe some of it was because it is much more realistic for some of us to handle a few hours on a Saturday morning than it is to handle an evening meeting that is likely to run until 9 or 10 o'clock or even later.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Running for Council

To the editor,
My name is Ron Dunn and this letter is to officially announce my candidacy for Town Council

here in Londonderry. I am running in this election because I believe that I can be a strong representative for this community. I am starting my campaign by reaching out to you, my community, to ask for your support.

I am currently one of your State Representatives in Concord and am an elected member of the Londonderry Budget Committee. I have a BS in Business Administration from the University of NH and am currently studying to complete my MBA. My Wife, Cara, is my rock that keeps all the moving pieces together. We have two wonderful dogs, a Great Dane named Moose and a Bulldog named Tank.

Inflation has hit our community hard causing economic instability. As a tax paying citizen, I know the importance of keeping the property tax low. Many in our community are struggling and having a large tax bill only adds to the pain. We must reduce spending to reduce the tax burden.

The PFAS issue has personally affected myself and my family. We are one of the many households that are on bottled water here in Londonderry. Unfortunately, many still are not aware of the serious health issues surrounding PFAS. In speaking with other residents, not enough of our community is aware of the PFAS issue and how it impacts their health. This issue is finally being addressed after much delay, but it is important for the entire community to be aware of the issue. I will bring new fresh ideas to the council and will ensure that the entire community

knows about the important issues that affect their health and economic situation. I will seek out all State and Federal grants that would allow us to expand our water system without the entire burden being placed on the Londonderry Taxpayers.

I will be out door knocking and I am looking forward to meeting many of you. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I humbly ask for your vote on March 14. I appreciate your time and support.

Let's Get It "Dunn" Together!

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Jealousy Fuels Hatred

To the editor,
Various fabricated comments and beliefs of hatred are expressed, but the primary reason groups of people and some organizations are hated is jealousy by others. The jealousy can be related to the successes of the targeted people or organizations.

The New England Patriots football team was hated by fans beyond New England due to its successful seasons. The New York Yankees baseball team has been hated by fans of other baseball teams.

Successful people are hated by those who are less successful. Various races, ethnicities and religions in the world are targeted with hatred, some because of their high success rates in fields of endeavor. In the US Asian and Indian (from India) Americans have experienced hateful acts and speech by jealous people. Jews have been the recipi-

ents of hatred over the ages due to jealousy of their successes. Successful Christians have experienced physical violence and hatred in Muslim countries.

Many haters have had failing experiences, such as bad childhoods, or failed marriages, or sexual inabilities, or poor performances in school or their work, or financial difficulties.

Maybe the jealous people should stop trying to lift themselves up by putting others down; and work at improving their positions in life.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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70th Anniversary



The family of Al and Phyllis Giguere recently honored them with a dinner party at Luciano's, in Londonderry NH to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. They were married on Jan. 31, 1953 at Our Lady of Sorrow Church in Hartford, CT.

Al and Phyllis are the parents of 6 children: Shelly (Dave), Dave (Jill), Kathy (deceased), Stephen, Joe (Barb), and Jim (Karlene). They also have 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. They were foster parents to 13 babies and Al and Phyllis opened their home to many more people over time that needed a place to stay. This included family, friends, and even a family from Romania that were in this country seeking medical help for their blind daughter. It didn't matter if the stay lasted weeks, months, or years, they were always welcoming. Their Catholic faith was a constant throughout their married life and they both spent many years teaching CCD classes for their church.

They made their home first in Hartford, then in Newington, Wethersfield, and Bristol, all in CT. They moved to Londonderry NH in 1986. Al and Phyllis were always there for their children, providing beautiful homes, lots of activities and a stable home life. They enjoyed a nice balance of hard work and fun times. Together they played in many bowling leagues, were season ticket holders to the old New England Whalers hockey team, enjoyed the local sports teams, especially the Boston Red Sox and hosted countless gatherings. They were very fortunate to be able to travel extensively and visit many parts of the world.

Al served in the Army, worked for the Post Office and for many years worked in the exterior siding and roofing business. Phyllis was an LPN for many years. She was also a prolific knitter, generously sharing her gift with many loved ones and charitable causes. Helping those less fortunate was her calling and still is. For nearly half their years together Al and Phyllis not only lived and vacationed together, they also owned Countryside Florist in Londonderry, NH working side by side everyday.

They have not only taught us, but showed us, how rich life can be by serving, praying, working, loving, and laughing a lot!

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100th Day Brings Zero the Hero to Moose Hill School



Kindergarten students at Moose Hill School celebrated the 100th day of school with “Zero the Hero” on Wednesday, Feb. 8. The youngsters day started with counting to 100 with exercises led by Zero followed by activities involving counting in each of the classrooms. Zero made the rounds over the course of the day to explain the power of zero.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Girls' Basketball Get Fourth Straight Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the winter sports regular season heads into its final two-weeks, the Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team made good use of a short, one game week and was able to extend

its winning streak to four games as they defeated the Winnacunnet Warriors 40-29.

The victory on Friday night, Feb. 10, put the Lady Lancers season record at 8-6 and the evening also served as the team's Senior Night, giving some of the grad-

uating players, who don't normally get a lot of playing time, a chance to see some time on the floor.

The Winnacunnet High School squad was looking for its second win of the season, beginning the night at 1-12, but despite the record, the match-up made it very difficult for LHS to put up baskets through the tall Warrior defense.

The Londonderry offense began quite slow, hitting on just four baskets by four players and missing the two free throws they were given, but led 8-4 by the end of the first quarter.

The second period was even more dismal for the Lancers, putting up just four-points, as the tall Warrior defense seemed impenetrable. The LHS girls finished the half, trailing by one, with a score of 13-12.

Londonderry started to gain momentum in the third quarter equaling what they had scored in the first half and having success at the foul line.

Starting the fourth quarter with a 24-20 lead, the Lancers created a number of

turnovers and out-scored Winnacunnet 16-9 for the victory.

Seniors Cassidy Dillon, Izzy Pucillo, and Emily Smith all had baskets in the final quarter, elevating the noise of the large crowd that attended the Senior Night event. Pucillo's was a three-pointer and Smith had one from the foul line.

Regular starting seniors Jordon Furlong and Shannon Ball played all four quarters with Ball getting a bucket and Furlong scoring six-points. Senior Emma Arnott also saw playing time.

The Lancers top scorer, freshman Sammy Sullivan, who was coming off an illness, scored 16-points including two three-pointers and six free-throws.

Sophomore guard, Kate Sloper, finished with six-points.

The team will try to continue its winning



Emily Smith heads to the basket in the final minutes of the team victory over Winnacunnet.

Photos by Chris Paul



The size of the Warrior defense gave the Londonderry seniors a hard time scoring last week.

streak on Tuesday night, home game against the Feb. 14, in Windham Goffstown Grizzlies (10-3) on Friday night starting at 7 p.m.

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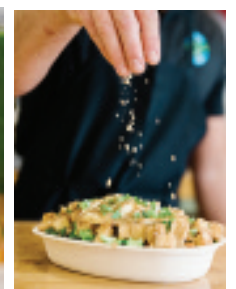
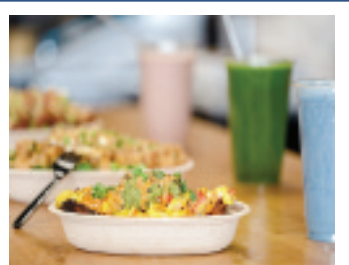
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Lancer Wrestlers Take Care of Nashua Before States

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the high school wrestling season heads into its final two events of the year, the Londonderry High School Wrestling team hosted its final dual meet of the season and won that match in a convincing manner.

The evening also served as the team's Senior Night, where each of the 2023 gradu-

ating team members were honored.

Londonderry welcomed Nashua North High School on Wednesday night, Feb. 8, winning 10 of the 14 weight classes for a 55-28 victory. Two of those losses were given up as forfeits by Londonderry.

The matches began in the 160-pound weight class, where Nashua led with a 14-5 major decision win over Lancer

sophomore Finn Millis. Millis was stepping in that evening to cover Chase Prado's usual spot as Prado was sidelined due to illness.

Later in the week, Millis took first-place at the Junir Varsity State Championships.

The next four matches all went Londonderry's way. At 170-lbs., LHS junior Patrick O'Connor pinned Cole Doyle at 2:53 for the teams first win of the night.

At 182 lbs., junior Owen Rondeau had a very tough back and forth match against Ruben DeJesus, but eventual held on for a 6-5 decision win.

Lancer junior Andreas Taliadouros (195 lbs.) was able to pin Connor Smith in 39-seconds for another six-points for the team.

At 220 lbs., senior Christopher Gear added another six-point through his forfeit win.

Nashua's Reid Lavoie (285 lbs.) overpowered junior Lancer Kyle

Jasper with a fall at 27-seconds.

Lancer junior Nikki Stylianos (106 lbs.) received a forfeit win and tacked on another six team points.

The 113 and 126 pound weights were both forfeited by LHS, but sophomore Jake McClory was able to get a pin victory over Arturo Romero in between the two losses.

Londonderry finished the meet with four straight wins starting at 132 lbs., when senior Nicolas D'Alessandro made short work of his match with Hayden

Durocher by pinning him in 49-seconds.

Then, sophomore Emanuel Perez (138 lbs.) captured a fall over Trevor Rivard at 3:22 in the match.

Senior Michael Palma (145 lbs.) received an 11-3 major decision win over Demetri Moreno.

The 152-pound LHS sophomore wrestler David Pento Jr. remained unbeaten in Division I with an 11-second pin over Elfried Djossou.

Pento's one and only loss this season came in an out-of-state tournament against a Rhode Island opponent.

The team did not have a tournament over the weekend, but three JV Wrestlers placed in the States. Millis took first place, Jonah Tillman was a second-place finisher and Dakota Shaffer had a fourth-place finish.

This week, the team was preparing to host the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's (NHIAA) Division I Championship on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The top finishers will advance to the NHIAA Meet of Champions at Bedford High School on Saturday, Feb. 25.



Senior Michael Palma was an 11-3 major decision winner against Nashua North last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry Gymnastics Team Takes Fourth in State

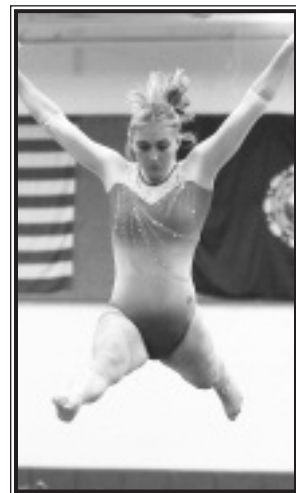
CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team placed fourth in the state over the weekend at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association State Championship.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, the Lancers competed against teams from across the state and put up enough points for a fourth-place overall finish.

Pinkerton Academy finished in first, scoring 139.975, Bishop Guertin was second with 134.35, Goffstown High School placed third with 132.275, and Londonderry scored a 127.775.

The Lancers teams



Ava Ruppel

her score of 9.0 and freshman Cailee Anderson scored an 8.9 to take the seventh-place spot.

On the Floor, senior Ava Ruppel had Londonderry's best result with an 8.5. Freshman Alex Pena scored an 8.35 and senior Peyton Beirne got an 8.3.

On the Beam, Ruppel was Londonderry's top competitor, with an 8.25, but out of placing, and senior Jess Bolduc scored an 8.225. Senior Lili MacDonald scored an 8.1.

On the Bars, Ruppel finished in 18th with a 7.45 and Beauregard scored a 6.75.

Ruppel's overall score of 32.85 gave her a 12th place spot in All-Around.

best results were on the Vault, where they placed second with 35-points. The Astros had 35.3-points in that event. LHS sophomore Sophia Beauregard finished in a tie for sixth-place with

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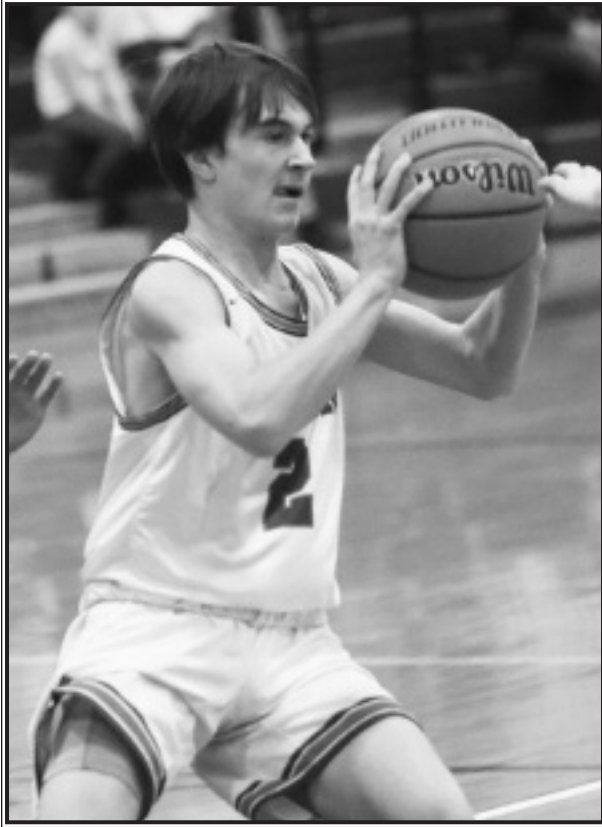


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Boys' Basketball Squad Beat the Owls, Fall to Warriors



Lancers sophomore guard, Jameson Seaman registered seven-points against the Owls.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team continued its season of growth under the leadership of first-year head coach, Jaryd Piecuch, last week and getting a win and a loss after two more road games.

The Lancers started the week, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in Plaistow, against the Timberlane Regional High School Owls, where LHS was looking for its third win of the season and Timberlane was hoping to win its fourth.

The Londonderry squad was coming off its second win of the season, beating Merrimack 63-58 a week earlier, and was able to continue

that momentum with a 70-63 victory.

Sophomore guard, Mason Paquette, had a stand out performance, scoring 27-points and getting 10 defensive rebounds. Paquette was three for nine outside the arc on three-pointers and was four for ten at the line.

Senior center, Trevor Edmonds, finished with 15-points in the game. He was six for nine shooting field goals and was a perfect three-for-three at the line. He also brought down nine rebounds.

Fellow senior, Kevin Rourke, added 12-points to his team's total, including making two-of-six three-point attempts.

Sophomore guard, Jameson Seaman, had

seven points and sophomore forward, Matt Luongo, finished with five-points.

Three nights later, when the boys traveled to the seacoast to face the Warriors at Winnacunnet High School, LHS suffered their eleventh loss of the season, when they were outscored by ten-points during a 67-57 loss.

Paquette continued to lead the LHS team in scoring, getting 16-points on four of nine three-pointers and four free throws.

Rourke was able to get 13-points on four three-pointers and one basket from the line.

Edmonds continued his good work under the

basket with nine rebounds and six-points.

Senior Kyle Rondeau and junior Ryan Williams each tallied five points in the game.

The Lancers have just two-weeks left in the regular season and they will be facing three teams with losing records.

On Tuesday night, Feb. 14, they played their toughest opponent, Windham, who stands at 9-5. On Friday night, they play Spaulding High School (1-14).

The final week of the regular season features two games with Manchester teams. Central has won two games and Memorial has five victories this season.

Lancer Indoor Track Teams Compete at States

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track and Field teams competed at the Division I Championship on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Dartmouth College where one member proved to be the fastest in the state in one of the events.

Lancer senior runner, Sean Clegg, had a time of 1:23.42 in the 600-Meter Run for a first place finish, just three-seconds off the Division I state record. He was nearly four-seconds faster than

his nearest competitor.

In the 55-Meter Dash, fellow senior, Anthony Amaro, had a time of 6.75 to take fourth in the event. He also had an 11th place finish in the 330-meter dash with a time of 38.54.

Senior Ryan Fortin placed second in the 3,000-Meter Run with his time of 9:01.47, less than two-seconds behind the winner. He also placed fifth in the 1,500-Meter with a time of 4:20.77.

The team of Amaro, Clegg, Donovan Gannon and Jon Inglese, finished the 4x200 Relay at 1:39

for a sixth-place finish.

In the 4x800 Relay, Jack DiBuono, Alexander Labrecque, William Buckley, and Aiden Oljey took eighth-place with a time of 9:28.54.

Overall the Boys' team had a seventh-place finish with 25-points. Bedford finished

first with 60-points and Pinkerton took second with 44.

The LHS Girls' team had some notable finishes also.

In the 55-Meter Hurdles, Jaylin Galeaz had a time of 9.32 for seventh-place and the team of Madeleine Plante, Meghan Daileanes, Amanda Fawcett, and Jaylin Galeaz had a time of 1:55.92 for 11th in the 4x200-Meter Relay.

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Athlete of the Week

Week of Feb. 6

**Sean Clegg, Senior,
Indoor Track & Field**



This season, Sean set a new school record in the 600m run, and last Saturday, Sean won the 600m at the Division 1 Championship meet.

**Alex Peña
Freshman, Gymnastics**



Alex has been consistently competing all around for LHS this season, not easy as a freshman. She recently competed new skills on bars which helped with a second place finish over Timberland.

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Vote for Green

To the editor,
Serving the community as a Town Councilor is an honor I always cherished during my tenure over 20 years in that role. Tough decisions were the order of the day, while maintaining the trust of our citizens. Many issues were confidential especially complex personnel and legal matters. I always had confidence in Councilor Green's strength and decision-making. He has been a long standing volunteer in Londonderry youth sports putting smiles on the faces of our young ball players. Councilor Green has also been a dedicated servant of the seniors in town. I recommend you return him to the Town Council as a trusted pub-

lic servant. I trust him.
Tom Dolan
NH Representative

Amy Finamore for School Board

To the editor,
I first met Amy Finamore on election day in March 2020. A friend introduced us and suggested I support her run for the School Board. After learning about her thoughts on education, I decided to give her my vote and she won the seat. A week later, the COVID-19 pandemic hit home and remote learning began, turning our worlds upside down.

We all know that the last three years have been challenging for our students and schools. Like many of you, I closely followed how our schools managed the crisis. I was impressed by Amy as she worked with the board

and administrators to navigate the obstacles and uncertainty. Over the past three years, Amy has demonstrated perseverance and a commitment to advocating for our schools. She has ensured that our teachers and staff have the resources they need to provide a high-quality education.

With over 10 years of experience in higher education, research, and data analysis, Amy brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. She understands the complex challenges facing our schools and has a proven track record of addressing them effectively. Her dedication to education and her commitment to improving the lives of our students is evident in everything she does. She has a history of working with parents, teachers, administrators, and community

members to find solutions to the challenges facing our schools.

I encourage all members of the community to vote for Amy Finamore in the upcoming election. Her passion for education and commitment to our children's future make her an ideal candidate for this important position.

Sincerely,
Lisa St. Hilaire
Londonderry

Confidence Lost

To the editor,

In my opinion, the Londonderry Town Council has failed to act in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayer of the town.

During the Monday night, Feb. 6, Town Council meeting, where the chair and fellow council members listened to a large group of citizens express their dissatisfaction with the Town Manager's Reorganization Plan, they voted in favor of the plan, and failed to follow the wishes of not only the citizens of Londonderry, but also the expert testi-

mony of highly qualified Town Planners from both Salem and Manchester.

From what I can tell, we have a systemic problem within the town government, which needs to be identified and addressed.

When citizens voted for these candidates that ran for the a seat on the council, they expected those individuals would perform for the people who voted for them and make proper judgments and to make resident's concerns and directives a priority.

When the state of New Hampshire government, the governing body over all cities and towns within the state, directs the town to perform certain functions, it is the responsibility of the town to carry out those directives and to assure the town is working in the best interest of its citizens.

One such objective is for every town to revise their Master Plan periodically. The Londonderry Master Plan was last completed in 2013.

Subsequent plans to implement this master plan where canceled by the chair of the Planning Board and as a result, the wishes and vision of the town citizens has in many cases not been addressed.

Unfortunately, some of the most critical items called out in the master plan have still yet to be properly addresses. One such item is the water and sewer infrastructure in town.

Instead of focusing on items that are critical to the health and welfare of our citizens, the Town Manager has been directed by the Town Council to address Economic Development instead.

When the council voted 4-1 in favor on an ill-advised Planning Department's Reorganization, I for one, have lost confidence in the Londonderry Town Council's ability to perform their sworn duties to uphold the concerns and wishes of its citizens. Remember that when voting in March.

Ray Breslin
Londonderry

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Lenten Retreat

Saint Jude Parish in Londonderry will host a four-session retreat to begin the season of Lent, the six weeks of prayer and charity in preparation for Easter, from Feb. 25 - March 1. Benedictine Father John R. Fortin, O.S.B., of Saint Anselm Abbey will lead the retreat at Saint Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. All are invited to any and all of Father Fortin's retreat presentations. For more information, contact the Saint Jude Parish Office at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, or call 603/432-3333.

To Tell the Emet

The Etz Hayim Never Ready for Prime-Time Players invites you to "To Tell

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Veteran Credit Renewal

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ing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV

On Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., the Etz Hayim Synagogue will present How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV, presented Ra'anana de Haas, JFNH Israeli Shaliach. Learn about the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot

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The Block by Block Coding Club

This Leach Library club offers tweens and teens the opportunity to learn coding skills on and off-screen with games and activities one Wednesday afternoon a month, this month on Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the main circulation desk or call the library.

Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 16. To register, please visit the chil-

dren's desk or call the library.

Theodore Roosevelt and the Last Frontier

On Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., Dr. Kurk Dorsey, Professor of History and Liberal Studies at the University of NH, will present a talk on Theodore Roosevelt. The presentation will explore several international disputes that were shaped by Roosevelt's presidency, as well as their implications for the conservation movement. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 16. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Come to the Leach Library on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join the library staff for a showing of the 2016 award-winning biographical drama based on Margot Lee Shetterly's bestselling book (rated PG), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Feb. 17. To register, please visit the main desk

Game On

After school on Friday afternoons, teens are invited to stop by to try out a board game at the Leach Library. Each week, one game will be set up and ready for students to come and play. All board games are for in-library use only and may be used during library hours. Games are located in the young adult section of the library. For more information about this and other teen activities, check out the Teen Program Guide available on the library's website or at the main desk.

Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. for a new Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 16. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Vacation Week Activities

During Winter Break
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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 6

9:12 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Wimbledon Drive.

10:14 a.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Button Drive.

11:19 a.m. Peace restored by six officers after a Disturbance on Pillsbury Road.

7:26 p.m. Peace restored at a Domestic Disturbance on Lance Avenue.

Tuesday - Feb. 7

3:22 a.m. Arrest made by three officers after suspicious activity on Litchfield Road. Alana Wyatt, 20, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and two counts of Transporting Alcohol By a Minor.

10:19 a.m. Removed Hazard from Down Wires on Horizon Drive at Mohawk Drive.

12:35 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments. Laurel Bernier, 47, of Londonderry, charged with: Criminal Trespass; Theft by Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000); Bail Jumping; and Bench Warrants.

2:08 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Londonderry Middle School.

2:39 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Tinker Avenue.

10:51 p.m. Suspicious activity results in vehicle being towed on Hemlock Street.

Wednesday - Feb. 8

1:59 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:58 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Auburn Road. Time: Taylor Wilson, 34, of Londonderry, charged with Stalking; Domestic Violence; Order.

2:24 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Tinker Avenue.

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Notary Service at Library

Now offering limited, free notary services to users when a notary is available during operating hours. The Leach library's notary service is intended for simple documents and is limited to three documents per person per visit. Please contact the library for more information and availability at (603) 432-1132.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Feb. 22, from 6 - 7 p.m., &

March 4 from 10 - 11:30 a.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.

Musquash Field Day

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will be holding its annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This popular family friendly event gives residents the opportunity to learn about Londonderry's Conservation Area. People are encouraged to explore trails on sleds,

skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes and see some local wildlife. Hot dogs, cookies, cocoa, and coffee will be served around the fire pit at "The Landing" during the event. The New England Mountain Bike Association will be sharing an introduction to Mountain Biking in NH at 11 a.m. where attendees can check out some cool mountain bikes. Access to the entrance to the Musquash Conservation Area is at the end of Hickory Hill Rd. Visitors are asked to respect parking restrictions on Hickory Hill Road, dress warm (traction gear if it's icy and snowshoes if we've had big snow) and have some winter fun. For more information contact Marge Badois at 603-770-4690.

Digging With Friends

All are welcome to attend the GREEN Team's first 2023 meeting on Feb. 9, at the Keller Williams office, 50 Nashua Rd. [102 - the Clock Tower] starting at 6:30 p.m. The Green

Team of Londonderry brings like minded neighbors together, bringing awareness to the environment, and sustainability, building friendships through a common bond along with encouraging community involvement through volunteerism making our town a great place to live. If you would like more information about the Green Team or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, see the groups Facebook, or email dpaul@nutpub.net.

Red Flags in Child Development

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is offering "Red Flags in Child Development" a parenting workshop and understanding children's behavior. This class is facilitated by Pam Miller Sallet and Donna Cavalieri. Parents and caregivers can discuss typical development and when there may be a need for additional

support or assessments. This workshop is FREE and invites anyone caring for young children to participate. Join in Feb. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. via ZOOM. To register call 603-437-8477 x 122.

Kindergarten Registration

For the 2023/2024 School Year (Children born between 10/01/17 and 9/30/18) You Do Not need to register your child if they currently attend Moose Hill. Registration begins Jan. 23. Complete the Kindergarten Registration Packet. <https://londonderryorg-my.sharepoint.com> (Single sided printing for drop-off is also acceptable). Please check for accuracy, and sign where applicable. Submission of paperwork takes place AFTER you have connected with the registrar to request a list of required documents needed for submission Paula Gosselin at 603-432-6920 ext.1103. Do not email or drop your packets off until you have connected with the registrar.

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

Book Sale Extended Hours

Thanks to many generous community volunteers, the Leach Library Book Sale located on the lower level of the library is now open more hours: Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursdays 6 - 7:45 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. - noon. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Donations of gently used materials are accepted any time during library operating hours. Please check the Materials Donations Guidelines on the Leach Library website or call the library with any questions at (603) 432-1132.

Police Log

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dered for Complaint at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

3:13 p.m. Services rendered for Disturbance at Londonderry North School on Sanborn Road.

4:55 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for Motor Vehicle Check at the Park & Ride North on Symmes Drive.

9:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road at Otterson leads to an arrest by three officers. Fredy Pascual, 33, of Manchester, charged with operating a vehicle without a license.

Thursday - Feb. 9

12:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest at the Bank of America on Mammoth Road. Shawn Joseph Hunter, 30, of Lowell, Mass., charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

6:50 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance for on Liberty Drive.

9:46 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, near Manchester town line, leads to an arrest made. Jariel Lafontaine, 32, of Manchester, charged with: Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon.

1:33 p.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check on Lawson Farm Road resulting in transport to a hospital.

1:56 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Mammoth Road.

4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Michels Way at Market Basket leads to an arrest. Karl Miller, 57, of Wilmington, Mass., charged with Drive after Revoked/Suspended License.

8:29 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Charleston Avenue.

8:42 p.m. Four officers restore peace after a Domestic Disturbance on Wedgewood Drive.

Friday - Feb. 10

12:59 a.m. Arrest made after a Domestic Distur-

bance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road. Lauren McFarland, 37, of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence; Simple Assault; Physical Contact.

10:13 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

2:17 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

5:48 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:13 p.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Mammoth Road.

11:08 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Londonderry Police Department. Daryl Mitchell, 37, of Nashua, charged with: Stalking - Placing an Individual in Fear.

Saturday - Feb. 11

12:29 a.m. Arrest made after a Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Rd at Harvest Moon Road. Hai-

ley Laskiewicz, 18, of Derry, charged with: Transporting Alcohol by a Minor; and Transport Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

9:16 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Mammoth Road near St. Mark's Church.

11:03 a.m. Nine officers assist in investigating a Bomb Scare at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:34 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Pine Hollow Drive.

1:26 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

3:02 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at Sanborn Crossing on Sanborn Road.

5:15 p.m. Pedestrian Check at At&T Wireless Services on Nashua Road results in an arrest by six officers. Steve Potter, 33, of Brookline, Arrested on a Warrant.

5:23 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

8:56 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Act-

ivity on Independence Drive at Liberty Drive.

Sunday - Feb. 12

4:19 a.m. Suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Rockingham Road Taken/Referred to Other Agency.

3:24 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

4:32 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious

Activity on Holmes Street. **8:33 p.m.** Trespassing investigated at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

9:36 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at UPS on Pettengill Road.

9:51 p.m. A Domestic Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive leads to an arrest made by eight officers. Gabriella Milliard, 26, of Manchester, charged with Disorderly Conduct.

OBITUARY

Jack E. Lasser



Jack E. Lasser, 77, of Londonderry, NH, died Friday Feb. 10, 2023, in his home. He was born on Sept. 6, 1945, in Chicago, IL, a son of Harry Lasser and Claire (Everett) Lasser.

He is survived by his loving wife, Regina (Chamberlain) Lasser; three sons, John Lasser, Andrew Lasser, and Scott Lasser; three daughters, Kimberly Lasser Chere, Kelly Lasser, and Courtney Lasser; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held for the family in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association New England Affiliate 260 Cochituate Rd., #200 2nd floor, Suite 200 Framingham, MA 01701 or the American Legion Post #9, PO Box, E. Derry, NH 03041.



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