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## Late Arrival

The first significant snow storms of the winter arrived over the weekend, closing area schools for the first time this year on Friday and Monday and causing number of power outages due to the heavy snow on tree limbs.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Full Day Kindergarten On the School Board Agenda Again

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received an update regarding full day kindergarten from the Kindergarten Committee during their Jan. 17 meeting.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said over the summer they had about a 70 page powerpoint

when they made a presentation looking for support to begin the Kindergarten Committee. He said they have been working to condense the information.

The committee explained the main focus over the past few months has been on soliciting feedback from the community. Informa-

tion was attained by setting up a table at the Senior Expo on Oct. 16, presenting at the C3 Committee on Oct. 27 and having a table set up at the "Crafts Fair" in November at Londonderry High School.

One of the major questions that has been brought up, the committee

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## Associate Planner Dismissal Sparks Defense of Position

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Associate Planner position was recently eliminated by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, and the Town Council was asked for their approval of the decision at the Monday night, Jan. 23, meeting.

Before the board heard from Malaguti on the subject, a number of people spoke in opposition to the decision, including the Associate Planner, Laura Gandia, who was asked to leave her position on Thurs-

day, Jan. 19, and escorted out of the Town Hall. During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Gandia gave her account of how her position was terminated.

Gandia was visibly distraught, and still very shaken up by the decision as she explained how it was done.

She said that on Thursday evening, around 4:50 p.m., she was asked by Human Resources Manager, Tara Kosa, to meet with the Town Manager. During that brief meeting,

she heard for the first time that her position in the Planning Department was being eliminated through a Reorganization Plan that Malaguti would be proposing to the Town Council.

"Needless to say, I was taken back, shocked and hurt," Gandia said.

Following the meeting, Gandia asked if she would be allowed to gather her things, but was told no and was then escorted out of the building by Malaguti.

Gandia added that

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## \$5M Infastructure Bond Discussed By School Board

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board held a public hearing for their proposed bond of \$5 million dollars for district wide infrastructure repair and replacement on Jan. 17.

It was explained by Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, when they received the building needs assessment report back from the Trident Group, "It became clear it was going to be a long term plan. We weren't going to be able to get all these projects done at once."

She said they learned they have some mechanical and infrastructure needs that need to be

done prior to the building renovations being done.

McKenney explained they are looking to get a bond approved so the district can make the needed repairs before something major fails entirely.

"We're trying to be proactive here," said McKenney.

Some of the projects included as part of the district wide infrastructure repair and replacement plan are \$550,000 for the heating plant at the middle school and \$500,000 for ventilation at the multi-purpose room at South School.

\$170,000 is being budgeted for a pneumat-

ic replacement at the high school and \$1.3 million is being budgeted for the heating plant at Londonderry High School.

At Londonderry Middle School, \$325,000 is being budgeted for pneumatic replacement, and \$775,000 is being budgeted for ERU replacements at Londonderry High School. At

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# Class of 2027 Could Have New Graduation Requirements

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The School Board had a first reading of a policy that would change the graduation requirements for

Londonderry High School starting with the incoming freshman class of 2027.

It was explained by High School Principal, Jason Parent, currently the requirement is for

students to complete two science courses in order to graduate earth space science and biology.

“The Board is obviously well aware of the

emphasis on STEM education,” said Parent.

Currently, the district offers over 20 science courses.

As part of their research curriculum, Coordinator, Shawn Flynn, said they looked at what other area schools have for

requirements.

He said that Alvirne High School, Bedford High School, Pinkerton Academy, Salem High School, and Windham High School all require three years of science.

Flynn pointed out that most state colleges require either three

years of science in high school or strongly recommend it.

For the University of NH and Plymouth State University, three years is required and at Keene State College, two years are required and three years are recommended.

“As we look ahead at the collegiate level our own flagship institution UNH requires three years of science courses,” said Flynn.

It was also noted by Flynn they already have a large number of their students who are enrolled in 3rd or 4th year science classes.

He said that it wouldn't impact the overall number of credits students need to graduate.

“This would not impact the overall 24 credit requirement for graduation,” said Flynn.

The school administration pointed to a number of benefits and outcomes they feel would be achieved by having a third year of science requirement.

It includes students having the opportunity to take additional science classes and have a variety of science experiences, allowing more students to be better prepared for college admission, and having students be better prepared “for 21st century demands.”

The Board ultimately voted in favor of sending the proposed policy to a second policy reading.

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## OBITUARY

### Thomas R. Duxbury Sr.



Thomas R. Duxbury Sr., 75, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Tuesday Jan. 17, 2023, surrounded by his loving family in Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH. Tom was born on Dec. 8, 1947 in Syracuse, NY, a son of the late Charles and Alyce (Arney) Duxbury.

Throughout his life, Tom was an avid traveler who loved to take photos of all the places he visited. While working for Millipore, he had the opportunity to live in Paris, France, leading him to take many glorious adventures (and photos) throughout Europe. Upon retirement, Tom took to spending more time at his beloved camp on Lake Winnepesaukee, where he would boat and fish with his grandchildren, celebrate evenings next to the fire with friends and family, and enjoy the quiet times with his wife Ida. Tom was kind man, who was always ready to lend a hand to those in need. But above all else, Tom cherished and loved his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Ida (Celia) Duxbury of Londonderry; one daughter, Dr. Melissa Duxbury, MD and her husband Dr. Nathan Blow PhD, of Litchfield, NH, three sons, Mike Perry and his wife Ami of Barnstead, NH, Steve Perry of NH, and Dr. Thomas R. Duxbury Jr., DPT and his wife Kayla of Epping, NH; eight grandchildren, Ryan and Alyce Blow, Shawn Perry, Mikey and Matthew Perry, and Ava, Thomas and Landon Duxbury; two great grandchildren, one sister, Jane (Duxbury) Atwater and her late husband Ralph of Baldwinsville, NY as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by one brother, Charles Duxbury, formerly of Syracuse, NY.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Jan. 21, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Cremation followed. Burial will be in the spring in the Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

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# Planning Board Approve Eversource Plan on Brewster Road

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board held a public hearing recently regarding an application for a conditional use permit for 1,800 square feet of temporary wetland impact, 3,996 square feet (wet) and 4,331 square feet (stream) of temporary wetland buffer impact for the proposed Scobie Substation.

Scott Egan, who was representing Eversource, explained they were looking to replace structures along the existing Transmission Line Right of Way for 5 Brewster Road.

"The project is part of a bigger initiative by Eversource to replace structures," Egan said. He added that they are replacing wooden structures throughout the state that have issues.

He explained they would be replacing 10 laminated wooden structures that will be replaced with weathering steel. The new structures will be replaced within a few feet of where the old structures were and will be three to five feet taller, in order to be in compliance with the current standards.

"It's a pretty straightforward project," Egan

said.

He said only six of them are actually in Londonderry.

"The site is located on the Derry-Londonderry line," said Egan.

A question on how they would notify the people who live in the area about what is happening was asked.

Ashley Friend, from Eversource, said the abutters would be sent out notifications via mail before work is done in the field, which has already happened. New letters are also sent out regarding the pre-construction and a final letter is sent out after all

the work is completed.

It was explained by Director of Public Works and Engineering, John Trottier, they often get calls from residents who didn't read their mail about what is happening and they are explained what is happening.

Egan told the Planning Board they are hoping to start in the middle of April and it would take about eight weeks to complete.

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Economic Development, Kellie Caron, said the Conservation Commission had voted to recommend that the Plan-

ning Board approve the conditional use permit during their meeting the night prior.

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

The Planning Board unanimously approved the conditional use permit.

Also at the meeting, members discussed a proposed change to the scoring criteria for the Capital Improvement Plan.

It was explained by Comprehensive Planner, Amy Kizak, the school district asked they review the criteria so it

would be even for both the schools and the town.

As part of that, she said the CIP Committee reviewed different languages and came up with a recommendation for emergency needs.

The original language stated, "Addresses an emergency or public safety need."

The language that was recommended by the CIP Committee is, "Addresses an emergency, public safety or school safety need."

The Board voted in favor of the change to the scoring criteria.

## Planner

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she has been employed by the town for over seven years and has served a critical role in the Planning Department, explaining that she has a vast legal knowledge on land use and uses that help guide the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Heritage Commission.

Gandia also stated that the elimination of her position will leave a large void in the department and will wind up costing more in the long run due to the fact that many of her duties eliminate the need for legal advice outside of town staff.

She finished by asking the Town Council to not approve the proposed Reorganization of the Planning and Economic Development De-

partment and asked to be returned to position.

A line of people braved the icy roads Monday night to speak on behalf of Gandia, including fellow staff members, planning and zoning board members, historians, residents, and business owners.

They all spoke of how helpful and courteous Gandia has been in her role.

Zoning Board member, Chris Moore, spoke on how helpful she has been in understanding his job on the board and said the board has already experienced a large void during their recent meeting, where Gandia was not present.

Former payroll clerk, Amanda Longo, who's position was recently terminated, spoke about morale at Town Hall.

"Morale for the town of Londonderry is at an

all-time low," she stated.

She added that employees at Town Hall fear retaliation for speaking on the fact that they don't feel town leadership is fair.

The town's Land Use Assistant, Beth Morrison, also spoke in defense of Gandia, saying her role is "immeasurable." She added that Londonderry will suffer without the Associate Planner.

During the portion of the meeting that the proposal was discussed,

Malaguti explained to the council that in his opinion, the Associate Planner position is unnecessary and duplicative. Eliminating this position would make the Department more efficient, and improve the delivery of services to the public at a significant savings for the taxpayers.

He said eliminating the position would save the town approximately \$145,791.48 per year, which includes a salary, retirement, and FICA/Medi-

care cost of \$100,919.44, estimated overtime of \$7,000, and a benefits package costing the town \$37,872.04.

There are redundancies in the support functions performed by the Associate Planner and administrative duties for which the Town Planner is responsible.

According to the town website, the town is currently looking to hire a Town Planner.

After Malaguti's proposal, the Town Council went into a non-public

meeting to discuss the matter. Gandia asked to be included in that meeting, but was told no, because it would pertain to the position, not the employee.

After the private meeting, the council was unable to make a decision on the proposed reorganization, saying they will be seeking legal advice on what they are allowed to do.

The discussion was scheduled to continue at the Town Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 6.

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# Editorial

## Playing An Active Role In How Your Money Is Spent

The deliberative sessions are almost here. This is a time specifically set aside to discuss and potentially change warrant articles. Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve the warrant article at deliberative session, they vote instead on whether or not to place the warrant article on the ballot as written. This means that you can make some changes like the dollar amount, but you cannot change the intent of the article.

Depending on who's in the audience and school budget articles, for example, can be amended up or down before they go to the March ballot. That's why you often hear the fear that some groups will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else.

It's up to whichever registered voters show up. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. It's all in the hands of the voters who attend.

To participate, all you need is to be a registered voter, to attend deliberative, pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit us where we live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes. The articles that we vote on in March and come out of deliberative session are not necessarily the ones that were on the warrant before the session begins.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important to not only attend, but also to stay for the whole deliberative session.

In the grand scheme of things, it's not much of a time consuming commitment to make. A deliberative session can last anywhere to an hour or as long as four to five hours depending on involvement.

Plan to attend and play a role in one of the participatory forms of democracy alive today. We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic all we want; if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

If you want to play an even more active role, school district deliberative is Friday, Feb. 10, at 7pm and town deliberative, is Saturday, Feb. 11, 9am. The final day to file to run for elected school board or town office is Jan. 25, thru Feb. 3 at 5pm.

Go for it!

# Letters

## School Budget

To the editor,

On Jan. 3, the School Board and Budget Committee heard from the School District Office about the proposed budget and the default budget. Voters will go to the polls on March 14 and vote for one of two options; the default budget, or the proposed budget. This year, the proposed budget is \$85,436,043 million compared to a default budget of \$85,037,434 million. Both budgets are large, but the \$398,000 difference includes services and benefits that many in Londonderry value.

It keeps three teachers, which would allow us to maintain our current classrooms at South School, keep current academic programs at the middle school and

offer math classes at the high school that serve students' interests and schedules. The \$398,000 also means that North School will continue to have a dedicated space for music next year, rather than move to "music on a cart". It means keeping our beloved M sports at the Middle School, including M Football, where interest was high enough to warrant three teams- and it means keeping our academic interventionists who support our students as they master new content. In short, while a default budget will allow school to operate, it will mean laying off teachers, increasing class sizes, cutting Middle School sports and offering fewer supplemental opportunities for students to master academic content.

We know that inflation has hit our households- we only need to look as far as the grocery store or our heating bills to see this- and it's hit our schools as well. This year, the School Board returned \$133,605 to taxpayers, which has helped reduce the tax rate by three cents.

We are lucky to have strong schools, thanks to our teachers, support staff, administrators, custodians, dining service workers and countless others. Voters will make a decision on March 14 and we encourage you to help keep our schools strong and vote for the proposed budget. If you have questions, please email [schoolboard@londonderry.org](mailto:schoolboard@londonderry.org).

Amy Finamore  
Londonderry School  
Board Chair

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## Kindergarten

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tee members said, in regards to the financing.

Black explained that when they opened up Moose Hill about two decades ago full day kindergarten wasn't considered necessary. However, he said research has shown that full day kindergarten has a lot of benefits to it.

In their presentation to the School Board the Committee pointed out that research shows that having all day kindergarten can "maximize the brain's growth and development to build the critical foundations children need for later learning."

It would also help them "close achievement gaps in literacy,

math, and social and emotional skills that can be identified as early as kindergarten and first grade," and "ensure that children have what they need, including becoming proficient readers, to continue to be successful as they move into the later elementary and middle school grades."

During the meeting, it was also pointed out that full-day kindergarten isn't required in the state of New Hampshire, although many communities offer it.

The committee told the School Board that next steps include releasing the frequently asked questions document to the community, and going back in front of the School Board on Feb. 24 to share the overall feedback that

they have received.

"I think we'll be ready by the end of the week," said Black.

They also hope to develop a Phase I and Phase II plan for Moose Hill and present it by the Spring.

In terms of the financial aspects of it, Black said it is too early to tell at this point.

"Right now it's too much of a guess," said Black.

It is expected later this Spring that the committee would recommend to the School Board whether or not they should move forward with a Phase I and II "Bond approach" and put it on the ballot next March.

"We're obviously many steps and many decisions away from that," said Black.



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# Budget Committee Reviews on Town Warrant Articles

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Budget Committee met last week on Monday, Jan. 18, to discuss and make recommendations for the various warrant articles that will be on the Town Ballot at the March election.

One of the warrant articles that was debated by the Budget Committee was in regards to an additional position at the Leach Library, which would come with a total cost of about \$108,000.

It was explained previously by Library Director, Erin Matlin, they

have many patrons that use the library for different programs and that the position would be needed to continue them. In December she told the Town Council that in the last seven months they had 156 programs and over 6,000 patrons. She added that they also get many requests for more programs.

Some of the committee members explained they felt volunteers from the community could be used to help fill the voids, instead of adding an additional expense.

Committee member, Lynn Wiles, said there are some concerns with

having volunteers, noting they wouldn't be required to attend, unlike paid employees.

"I fully support the library," said Wiles.

The Budget Committee voted 6-1 to not recommend the warrant article, with Wiles voting in favor of the warrant article.

The rest of the warrant articles came without much debate during the meeting. The Budget Committee voted 7-0 in favor of recommending a number of the town warrant articles including a charter change to make the Town Treasurer position an appoint-

ed one instead of an elected position, which is the case currently.

The town's operating budget received a vote of 7-0 to recommend by the Budget Committee. The proposed budget is a total of \$37,598,371.

On the school side of the warrant articles, the Budget Committee voted 7-0 in support of the general operating budget, which is a total of \$85,436,043.

The warrant article to ratify the tentative agreement between the school district and the custodial union also received a 7-0 vote in favor of recommending

the warrant article. The financial impact would be \$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.

A warrant article that would help to improve school security for a total of \$350,000 was given a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee as well as a warrant article for \$250,000 for the purchase of computer devices for students.

School Board member, Bob Slater, who was in attendance for the meeting, said the district

was happy with the feedback they received from the budget committee during the process.

"Your opinions were well valued," said Slater.

Town Council member and liaison for the Budget Committee, Chad Franz, said, "What you guys do is super, super important," noting that the members of the budget committee advocate for the community and look at things from a different view.

Franz before being elected to the Town Council last year served on the committee.

"Thank you for your service," said Franz.

## \$5M Bond

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South School, \$575,000 is being budgeted for the heating plant and district wide, \$300,000 is being budgeted for the Pump House.

McKenney noted that the repairs would likely create some savings. For example, the Middle School Heating Plant

would mean a projected savings on energy by \$20,000.

She said they have about \$505,000 in contingencies built into the budget for the bond already, noting that it was strongly recommended by the Trident Group.

She said the list of projects is the bare minimum of what they need

to get done. "We believe we need to do all of them at this time," said McKenney.

Generally, McKenney said that the projects they are looking to complete with the bond funds would help to replace infrastructure that is 20 years past its useful lives.

One question asked during the hearing was

what the bond rates are expected to be.

McKenney said that they budgeted at 4%.

Budget Committee member, Jonathan Kipp, asked what would happen if the bond doesn't pass.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said the issues they have wouldn't go away.

"We have a problem.

We have deferred maintenance for a really long time," said Black.

He said they would likely try to get the bond passed again.

"These issues aren't going away," said Black.

School Board member, Bob Slater, said that although it seems like a lot of money, it will save the school district some

money down the road especially with interest rates going up.

"I think it's needed. I hope the voters will help us," said Slater.

The School Board ultimately voted 4-0 in support of the bond.

In order for the bond to be approved two thirds of voters need to vote in support of it.

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# School Board Candidate Meet and Greet Scheduled for Feb. 20

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 10 School Board meeting, Superintendent, Dan Black, announced they would be holding a “meet and greet for candidates” event this year.

He explained it would be a way for people in the community to learn about the different candidates running for School Board.

“What we want to have is a forum where anyone from the community can learn about anyone running for school

board,” said Black. Black said the plan would be to work with the different staff members, PTAS, to generate questions for the candidates along with input from the general public.

“I’m excited about the collaboration with the PTAS and the LEA and the community at large,” said Black.

Black said he envisioned that each of the candidates would be asked the same questions and he said he also envisions the event being recorded so those who can’t attend will be

able to watch. “We just want to make sure the community is very informed with all the votes they’re taking when it comes to school board members when it comes to what’s on the warrant,” said Black.

While the details aren’t finalized, Black said the plan would be to have the meet the candidates event on Feb. 20 and would likely have it in the high school cafeteria starting at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the meet the candidates

event, Black stated that they would be working with the communications committee to be able to get information out to the community regarding the different warrant articles. He added that it includes making a series of videos.

“We have fully operationalized Londonderry Hollywood studios,” said Black.

He explained they would also be creating one page documents to outline how the budget works.

“These videos and 1-

page documents will be pushed out on our Blog, Emailed to Parents, and Social Media and are meant to be shared as much as possible and help the dialogue with Londonderry about our goals and needs in the Budget,” Black said in a memo to the School Board.

Black explained the plan would be to release the videos and other materials regarding the different warrant articles throughout the next couple of months.

For example, the first one likely to be released would be in regards to

the operating and default budget where they would be able to explain their “goals and focus” as well as what would happen if the default budget is approved.

Another area that is expected to be highlighted is in regards to the Deliberative Session, where it will be explained what the purpose of it and to also encourage more participation the memo said.

It is also expected that they would create materials explaining the importance of voting on Election Day.

# Pickleball Discussed by Senior Resources Committee

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After members of the committee expressed interest in having pickleball in town, the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee received an update regarding the possibility of it coming to town during their Jan. 17 meeting.

It was explained by Town Councilor, Joe Green, who is the liaison

for both the Recreation Commission and Senior Resources Committee, that he recently met with Recreation Director, Art Psaledas.

Green said that Psaledas was supportive of it and said he was looking to do more than the committee originally thought.

“He thinks it’s a good idea,” said Green.

Green stated he wants to look at building, the courts, and nets

and to try to get funds from the town or through raising funds.

“He’s not thinking small at all,” said Green.

One of the issues that Green pointed out is that the tennis courts are being used by the high school teams, along with people in town saying they are heavily used.

Green said they would be looking at the schedule for when the

courts are used to see when they would be able to use it for pickleball. He indicated that they don’t know if there will be much time when the courts would be open for pickleball.

“That’s really the issue,” said Green.

Long term, Green said they may need to look at expanding courts to accommodate both tennis and pickleball.

“The Rec department likes the pickleball idea; they want to go bigger because they see that we need more courts,” said Green.

He said he wished he was able to tell the committee they could get the paint ready and could start getting the courts ready already.

“I wish I could tell you good news,” said Green.

Green said one thing the Recreation Committee noted is they don’t want there to be issues with the times being scheduled for both activities.

He explained that even when tournaments or matches are canceled, other teams may use it for tennis, which is what it is reserved for.

“Just because the court is open doesn’t mean it’s not being used,” said Green.

He said ultimately they want to come up with a schedule for when it can be used for pickleball.

“Where is there a slot that we can reserve and use those tennis courts for pickleball?” said Green.

No timeline was given during the meeting for when pickleball may be available in town.

The next Senior Resources Committee is slated to take place on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

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# Few Comment During Public Hearing on Town Warrant

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council held a second public hearing for the 2023 budget and warrants. The meeting was intended to get feedback from the public on current proposals. Members of the public had a few questions about the finer details of the budget.

"I just wonder what the increase is for this year," asked resident, Kristine Perez.

Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, replied that "we're actually showing a decrease, it's a small decrease." He estimated that if the proposed budget passes, Londonderry is likely to spend about \$10,000 less compared to 2022.

Several items in the hearing involved putting money into several Londonderry trust funds, notably the Road Main-

tenance Expendable Trust Fund, which will have \$300,000 deposited into it under the current budget. These required a slightly higher impact for property taxes and raised a view question from the public.

"I'm just wondering if we need to put in this much money this year," said Perez. "If this is something that can be put off, I know it doesn't seem like a lot, but every penny counts."

Councilors approved the changes despite the concern, citing a need to cover rising costs.

Other items on the list were the expansion of Pillsbury Cemetery, the addition of a new library technician, and the approval of a new agreement with the Londonderry police union.

There will be a likely hiring freeze for new police officers in 2023,

though members clarified that such a halt to hiring is a short-term measure designed to clear debt and maintenance issues from the department.

"I do not want the impression that we are eliminating anything," clarified Malaguti.

Article 15 will ask residents if they support upgrading Londonderry's drinking water system. Funding such a proposal would raise property taxes significantly but is on the warrant as a nonbinding to get public feedback.

"Based on that feedback, we rewrote the article to provide two different options," said the town manager. The Council hopes to apply for state and federal funding.

Councilor Jim Butler, suggested "breaking the proposal down" to focus

on finding an engineer and getting a more accurate cost estimate. Even nonbinding, the current proposal indicates that research might be expensive. Some have worried about possible contaminants in some local water supplies. "The longer we push this out, the more it will cost."

"This thing with the water is nothing new, I can go back to 2013, 14, 15, 16...it's gone on for 10 years, it has to do with a lot of things," said resident, Ray Breslin, in public comments. "We need to have a plan, as to where we're going to proceed with this." He asked for a solid plan beyond the existing, nonbinding article.

"The Budget has not changed since our last meeting," said Finance Director, Justin Campo, referring to the pro-

posed amount of new spending. He added that any changes will be discussed at a deliberative session of the Town Council on Sat. Feb. 11.

The next meeting for the Londonderry Town Council is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## OBITUARY

### Ronald W. Francis



Ronald W. Francis, 60, of Londonderry, NH passed away after a short battle with Cancer surrounded by loved ones in his home of twenty-eight years. He was born at The Virginia Naval Base Norfolk, VA Jan. 11, 1963 to the late Eleanor Buswell. Ronald lived in CA., FL., and MA., before settling in Londonderry, NH in 1992. He was a heavy equipment mechanic by trade, an avid car and motorcycle enthusiast, loving Husband, Father, and Papa.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Laura Francis, Step-Father David Buswell, sons Kyle Francis, Joshua Francis and his wife Alyssa Francis, two grandchildren Falynn Francis and Levi Francis as well as a large extended family.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, from 3 - 6 p.m., J.N. Boufford & Sons Funeral Home, 110 Bridge St., Manchester. Burial will take place in the spring. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Ronald's name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at [www.danafarber.org](http://www.danafarber.org).

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# Planning Board Gives OK on Rockingham Road Gas Station

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After being continued during their previous meeting, the Londonderry Planning Board had a formal review of a site plan amendment for the construction of a proposed 6,000 square foot convenience store with a drive through along with a gas station with 16 fueling stations and three diesel fueling stations. The meeting took place on Jan. 11.

The property is located at 174 and 178 Rockingham Road and the plan was given a conditional use permit.

The main issue that was discussed during the previous meeting was in regards to traffic, specifically how traffic would flow in and out of the site. At the previous

meeting John Trottier, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services said that they weren't recommending approval because the issues with traffic needed to be sorted out.

The biggest question that Karl Dubay, the third party traffic engineer assigned to look at the plan, pointed to was how it would work with people coming in from two different driveways. The other issue is when it comes to traffic from the drive through.

Another issue that needed to be sorted out was the number of "stacking spaces" for the site.

During the previous meeting Assistant Town Manager Kellie Carron, said that as part of the third part review one of the things that is looked at is the number of

stacking spaces a site has for the drive through as well as how those cars would navigate on the site.

She said ultimately while they may have the 10 spaces required there are other factors that need to be looked at. Since the December meeting an analysis was done at the intersection which showed the same results that the applicants previously indicated.

Trottier said that they also monitored three different sites, which was the Irving Station, Honey Dew and the Mobile at Exit 4 to see how long the queue lengths were.

"They did take a look at all those sites," said Trottier.

Trottier said that the results showed that the

maximum length of 11 or 12 cars is 30 seconds or less.

He said that based on that 10 stacking spaces would be enough.

"They did conclude that 10 cars should be adequate," said Trottier.

It was also noted that they would have additional pavement in the parking lot that says

"do not block the intersection."

Ari Pollack, who was representing the applicant, said that the signage plan that they submitted to the Planning Board would be something they would be able to approve without needing a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustments. He said

that if they were looking for more signage that didn't comply with the zoning ordinance then they would seek a variance from the ZBA.

"Your file will indicate compliance," said Pollack.

The Planning Board ultimately voted in favor of granting conditional approval.

## 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 we've had big snow) and have some winter fun.

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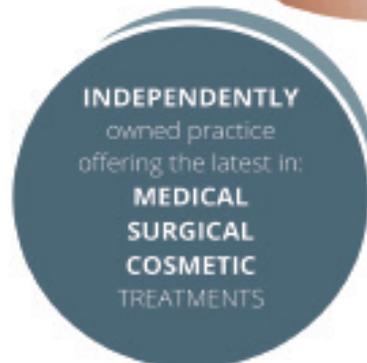
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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Wrestlers Have Successful Week Despite Illnesses

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team had a successful week in Dual Meet competitions at home and away, beating five of the six opponents they faced.

On Wednesday night, Jan. 18, two Manchester teams visited the Londonderry gym and both were handed significant losses.

In the first meet of the week, against Manchester Memorial, LHS had fall wins in all, but four of the weight classes for a 54-21 victory.

In the second meet of the evening against Manchester Central, the Lancers had a clean sweep, winning 70-0, with just six matches being wrestled.

Against Memorial, LHS winners were: Jake McClory (120 lbs.) over Stella Connors with a fall at 1:34. Nicolas D'Alessandro (132 lbs.) over Caiden Wyman with a pin at 1:36. Emanuel Perez (138 lbs.) over Connor Houston with a fall at 1:56. Michael Palma (145 lbs.) over Christian Kuilan with a pin at 5:50. David Pento

(152 lbs.) remained undefeated this season with a pin of Michael Goodwin at 0:37 in the match.

Chase Prado (160 lbs.) had a fall over Leon Sibomona at 0:35, Patrick O'Connor (170 lbs.) Fall at 1:24 over Cameron Gerardi, Christopher Gear (220 lbs.) over Jack Paradis with a fall at 1:04 and Nikki Stylianos (106 lbs.) had a pin over Rebekah Sanborn at 2:32.

The Lancers followed that win up one over Manchester Central, getting pin victories in all but one match.

Jake McClory won the first match with an 18-5 major decision over Ian Maguire at 120 lbs.

The other five wins went to Nicolas D'Alessandro (132); Emanuel Perez (138); Chase Prado (160); Patrick O'Connor (170); and Christopher Gear (220). The remainder of the matches were won by forfeit.

At the Merrimack Hall of Fame Duals, at Merrimack High School on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Lancers team went 3-1 and took third place at the event.

Londonderry was able to fight through a number of adversities related to injuries and illness, which took a number of key LHS wrestlers out of competition.

Londonderry had a 48-36 win in the dual against St. Johnsbury Academy of Vermont. Lancer winners were: Perez (154) Fall at 2:51; Pento (152) Fall at :48; O'Connor (170) Fall at 3:14; Owen Rondeau (182) Fall at 2:25; Christopher Gear (220) forfeit; Kyle Jasper forfeit; Brendan Egan (132) Fall at 4:22; and Lucas Palma (138) Fall at 1:38.

Londonderry also had a 54-27 win over Noble High School of Maine, tallying nine match wins, eight by pins.

Lancer winners were: Perez (138) Fall at 0:39; Palma (145) Fall at 0:32; Pento (152) Fall at 0:48; Chase Prado (160) Fall at 3:03; O'Connor (170) Fall at 0:49; Rondeau (182) Fall at 5:04; Andreas Taliadouros (195) fall at 3:56; Christopher Gear (220) Fall at 3:21; and Kyle Jasper (285) with a Fall at 3:02.

Against Alvirne High School, Londonderry dropped just three



Lancer Nikki Stylianos had a pin for the team's final points in their win over Manchester Memorial last week. Photo by Chris Paul

matches and had a 57-13 team win.

LHS Winners were: Stylianos (106) forfeit; 120: McClory (120) Fall at 1:47; Palma (132) Fall at 3:54; Perez (138) Fall at 2:44; Pento (152) Fall at 2:07; Prado (160) Fall at 1:13; O'Connor (170) got a 7-2 decision; Tali-

adouros (195) Fall at 0:14; 220: Gear (220) Fall at 0:13; and Kyle Jasper (285) with a forfeit win.

The Londonderry team's only loss of the week went against Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School of Massachusetts, with LHS losing 45-22.

Londonderry had four weight-class wins. Perez (138) had a 20-10 major decision; Pento (152) won by fall at 2:50; Rondeau (182) had a fall win at 0:55; and Gear (220) won by forfeit.

David Pento is currently undefeated this season at 29-0.

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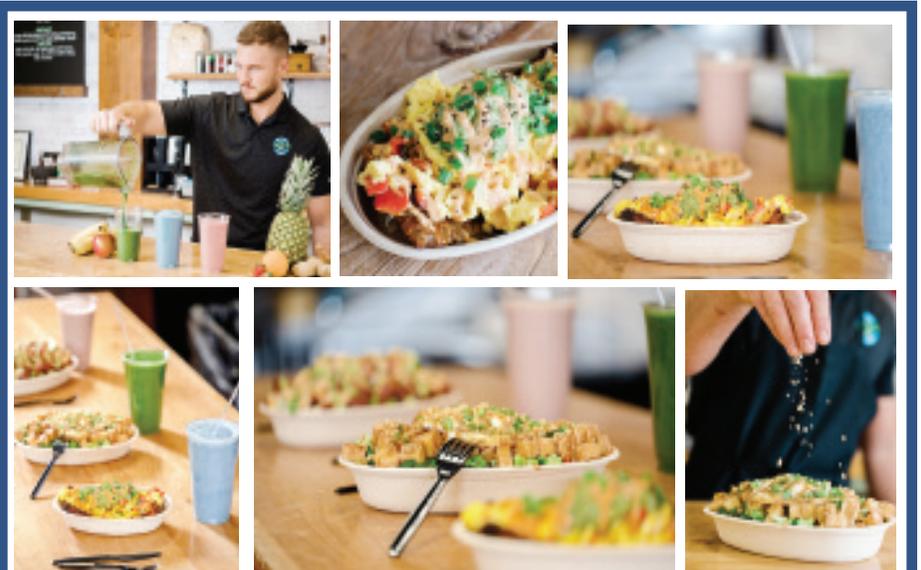
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# Londonderry Swim Teams Have Some First Place Finishers at Home

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School swim teams recently competed in a home meet that involved five other teams and a number of the Lancer swimmers finished with the fastest times.

The girls' squad went head-to-head with four other teams, while the boys faced three on Friday night, Jan. 13.

The girls' team won against Campbell and Concord High School, but fell to Bow and Merrimack, while the boys came up short against Concord, Bow, and Merrimack.

In the individual races for the Lady Lancers, the 200-Yard Medley Relay team of Caden Thomas, Kyra Courtemanche, Lexi Apholz, and Ali Von



Lexi Apholz



Jimmy Cooper

Pichl had a time of 2:15.65 and finished in second place behind Bow's time of 2:08.22.

Londonderry's best finish in the 200-Yard Freestyle was Leah Margaret Doherty at 3:22.45 and seventh place.

Ali Von Pichl had a time of 2:53.41 in the 200-Yard Individual Medley, for a third place finish in that event.

The Lancers had a one-two finish in the Girls 50-Yard Freestyle with Apholz, getting a time of 27.40 for first and Courtemanche finished in second at 28.36.

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Apholz's time of 59.88 was good for third place in that race.

Londonderry's Von Pichl was four seconds faster than her nearest

competitor in the 500-Yard Freestyle for a first place win at 6:41.13.

In the Girls 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the team of Courtemanche, Thomas, Von Pichl, and Apholz finished with a time of 1:56.74 and took second place.

The 100-Yard Backstroke race had Thomas finishing with a time of 1:21.42 for seventh.

Courtemanche was able to get a second place finish in the 100-Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:19.44.

For the Lancer boys, which is a very much smaller team this year, Jimmy Cooper and Sam Munsey were the team's only place finishers.

Cooper had a first place finish in the 200-Yard Freestyle with his

time of 2:27.41. His winning time was 12-seconds faster than his nearest competitor.

Cooper had the third best time in the 500-Yard Freestyle, finishing with a time of 6:39.94.

Munsey finished the 100-Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:25.80 and was able to get a third place result.



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# Injury Cuts Lancers Basketball Dual Against Astros Short

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Basketball squads headed into Derry for the annual Ball Family Trophy double header against rivals Pinkerton Academy on Friday night, Jan. 20, but the game was cut tragically short after one of Londonderry's junior guards suffered what could be a season ending injury.

The game was off to a good start for the Lancers, who were desperately in need of a good game to lead to

their second win of the season.

The Lancers led 12-9 with about three minutes left in the first and tied at 18, three minutes into the second.

The undefeated Pinkerton squad started pulling away midway through the second quarter to lead 46-27.

After the half, just seconds into the third quarter, LHS junior guard, Conor Williams, went up to defend the Londonderry basket against PA junior big man, Jackson Marshall, and came crashing down on the court

where he instantly fell unconscious.

The crowd fell silent as Pinkerton Athletic Trainer, Amanda Murphy, rushed to the court quickly, administered medical assistance, stabilizing Williams' neck and head until paramedics arrived.

The game was then conceded by Lancers head coach, Jaryd Piecuch, with the score 46-27.

The game involving the girls' team, which was scheduled to be played following the boys contest, was postponed indefinitely.

The following day Piecuch took to social media to let those concerned know that Williams had been released from the hospital and was home with his family resting.

He also thanked Murphy and the Pinkerton players for their help in the unfortunate ending to the game.

The two teams will resume their schedule this week against Alvirne High School and Nashua North. The girls will play both games at home on Tuesday and Friday night while the boys will be on the road.



Londonderry junior guard, Conor Williams, was seriously injured last week. Photo by Chris Paul

# Lancers Hockey Get One Goal Win Over Blue Devils



Lancer senior captain Ben Padykula

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Ice Hockey squad got its fourth win of the season, but then suffered its fifth loss, putting their season record at 5-4 as they hit the halfway point in the season.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Lancers headed to the Salem IceCenter where they faced the Salem Blue Devils and exacted a little revenge after falling in the season's home opener 2-0, but during the two teams second meeting, Londonderry was able to come away with a 3-2 win.

This was Londonderry's first time experiencing back-to-back wins this season and they only gave up four goals in capturing those two victories.

The success was short-lived, when three days later, at home the LHS squad wound up falling 8-2 against the Windham High School

Jaguars.

Windham was riding a four game winning streak and the win over LHS put the teams record at 5-3, just one ahead of Londonderry. The Lancers will try to turn things around on Wednesday, Jan. 25, when they face Pinkerton Academy for the second time this season.

Londonderry fell 8-2 in the first meeting when they played host. The PA squad has one less win than the Lancers.

Following the Wednesday afternoon game, the Lancers will face Trinity High School on Saturday night at 7:50 p.m.

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## Republican Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, NH. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. We will be discussing upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, [www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP](http://www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP), or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at [lrc@londonderry-gop.org](mailto:lrc@londonderry-gop.org)

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## 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](mailto:dpaul@nutpub.net).

## Free Meals

Lunch To Go, on Jan. 21 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from noon - 12:30 p.m., drive around to back of church; Breakfast on Jan. 22, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Rd., Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m.; Dinner To Go, On Jan. 27, at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., parking lot at back door; Breakfast Delivered to you, on Jan. 28, at Mercurio Family, Masonic Lodge, 58 East Broadway, Derry, from 10 - 11 a.m. Sign up ahead at [smecurio@clmnh.org](mailto:smecurio@clmnh.org) or call 603-475-3852; Lunch To Go, on Jan. 29, at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

## Red Flags in Child Development

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is offering "Red Flags in Child Development" a parenting workshop on child development 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.

## Meet and Greet

Please join, Kristine Perez and Ron Dunn, your newest State Representatives, for a second "Meet and Greet" at the Leach Library, Jan. 31, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. They would like to take this opportunity for constituents to get to know them and offer their thoughts on how best they can serve.

## Tu B'shevat Children's Activity And Seder

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the Etz Hayim Synagogue invites children to participate in a Parsley Planter Painting Project. All are then invited to a Tu B'Shevat Seder presentation of "The Lor'etz of Derry" - a melodramatic Seder, based on Dr. Seuss' The Lorax, celebrating Tu B'Shevat - The New Year of Trees. The children's activity begins at 4 p.m. They will

paint flower pots and plant parsley and radish seeds to grow in time for Passover. At 4:45 p.m., Rabbi Levy and Amy Dattner-Levy will lead us in a Tu B'Shevat Seder, highlighted by a variety of fruits and hearing the lessons taught in The Lorax. The event is free and open to all, however, RSVPs are required by Jan. 29: Children's activity - RSVP to Jay Madnick at [jay@madnick.info](mailto:jay@madnick.info). Seder - RSVP to [Rabbi@etzhayim.org](mailto:Rabbi@etzhayim.org). They ask that you also sign up to bring a fruit to share at [www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4bafaf2ea13-tubshevat/6663053#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4bafaf2ea13-tubshevat/6663053#/) or go to [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) for the sign up link. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Rd, Derry, NH.

## Block by Block Coding Club

This Leach Library club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. This club offers tweens and teens the opportunity to learn coding skills on and off-screen with games and activities one Wednesday afternoon a month. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the main circulation desk or

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Jan. 16**  
**1:19 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Red Deer Road.

**7:42 a.m.** Wires Down at Londonderry South School on South Road.

**11:02 p.m.** Complaint received from the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road results in transport to a hospital by three officers.

**Tuesday - Jan. 17**  
**10:43 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**10:43 a.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Charmar and Row.

**3:26 p.m.** Violation of Protective Order investigated at Creative Little Angels on Mammoth Road. Anya Cunningham, 21, of Allenstown, charged with Violation of a Restraining Order.

**4:04 p.m.** Three officers investigate Criminal Threatening on Hall Road.

**6:11 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Auburn Road.

**8:45 p.m.** Runaway Juvenile investigated on Gregg Circle.

**Wednesday - Jan. 18**  
**12:24 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**1:15 a.m.** Motor Vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Horizon Drive. Eric Hah-

nl, 31, of Nashua, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Speeding 25 mph over the Limit of 55 or Less; and having an Open Container.

**10:11 a.m.** Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Kimball Road.

**10:30 a.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Londonderry School District at Kitty Hawk Landing.

**4:24 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by five officers on Whittemore Road.

**5:38 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Metal Works on Industrial Drive.

**5:47 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest made at the Macgregor Cut Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road. Five officers charge Gregory Laughlin, 42, of Manchester with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Driving Under the Influence Second - Impairment; Open Container of Alcohol; and Criminal Mischief.

**11:18 p.m.** Shooting Complaint reported on Devonshire Lane.

**11:41 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Wilson Road.

**Thursday - Jan. 19**  
**12:08 a.m.** Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on West Road.

**10:29 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Kimball Road.

**11:30 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Kimball Road.

**11:48 a.m.** Building Checked/Secured after Suspicious Activity on Old Nashua Road.

**12:40 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

**12:41 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Sunset Drive results in transport to a hospital.

**5:50 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest made by three officers at the Starbucks on Nashua Road. Nicholas Loomis, 33, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Aggravated Passenger under 16.

**Friday - Jan. 20**  
**2:14 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance on Dianna Road leads to an arrest made by seven officers. Nicholas Martin, 40, of Litchfield charged with Criminal Mischief.

**3:35 p.m.** Four officers assist with Wires Down on Peabody Row.

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## Around Town

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call the library.

### Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 14, a story time program for

babies 0-18 months old at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration

is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

### Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 15, story time for preschool-

ers ages 3-5 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games at the Leach Library. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is re-

quired and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

### Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10:30 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 14, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

### 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.

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

Friday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the Leach Library's main reading room, for a showing of the 2022 film based on the bestselling story of the Marsh Girl (rated PG-13), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Jan. 20. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

### Be Kind - Do Good

The Sunshine 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

## Police Log

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ed after a Complaint at CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

**9:55 p.m.** Trespassing investigated at the Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

**Saturday - Jan. 21**

**7:54 a.m.** Disturbance investigated at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

**10:46 a.m.** Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Sanborn Road.

**11:48 a.m.** Assault reported on Constitution Drive leads to an arrest made by six officers. Arthur Batalogianis, 37, of Londonderry, charged with: Second Degree As-

sault - Strangulation; Domestic Violence - Obstructing Report of Crime/Injury; and Domestic Violence - Simple Assault - Physical Contact.

**2:51 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on at the Brentwood Jail. Raheem Nathaniel Watson, 38, of Brooklyn, NY., charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking of \$10,01 to \$1,500.

**5:30 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop at Route 93 on Rockingham Road at leads to an arrest made by four officers. Mary Ray, 53, of Londonderry, charged with: Drive after Revoked/Suspension - Driving Under the Influence; and Drive after

Revoked/Suspension - Subsequent.

**7:16 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident on Perkins Road at Stonehenge Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Kyle Redder, 28, of Coarsegold, CA, charged with two counts of: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and two counts of Conduct After an Accident.

**7:23 p.m.** Motor Vehicle stop at Buttrick Road on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Jermaine White, 41, of Nashua, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving after Revoked/Suspension.

**9:12 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on

Mayflower Drive.

**Sunday - Jan. 22**

**12:39 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made at Checkmate Pizza on Gilcreast Road. Bryan Forbes, 45, of Derry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**1:29 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road at Woodhenge Circle. Jeffrey Ralph, 38, of Derry, charged with: and Driving after Revoked/Suspension; and Breach of Bail Conditions.

**6:53 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for an Auto Theft on Winding Pond Road.

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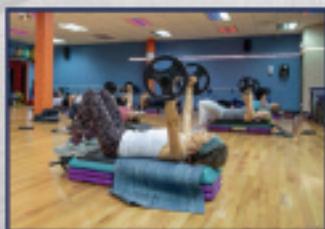
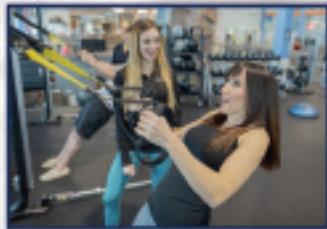
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