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## Collecting Sweets

Eric Turcotte was busy on Monday collecting maple sap for boiling into syrup during Maple Weekend. Turcotte operates the Peterson Sugar Shack on Peabody Row and is inviting the public in this weekend. See more page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Fire Department Gets OK for \$173K in Equipment Needs

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Fire Department went in front of the Town Council during their March 6 meeting to discuss a request to use funds from their capital expenditure account in order to purchase equipment.

Deputy Chief, Bo Butler, said they were looking for a “significant” amount of money from the fire equipment capital reserve fund.

“For a list of needs and not wants,” Butler said, noting it’s what is needed at a minimum to protect property and save lives.

He explained that anytime they are looking to spend taxpayers dollars, he believes it’s important to be transparent about it.

The total request the department was looking for was \$173,293.88.

Butler said the department did an inventory

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## Town Council Looking Into New Growth Management Ordinance

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, March 6, Town Council meeting, Town Councilor, Jim Butler, raised the possibility of having a growth management ordinance in town reinstated.

He said they had two previous ones, with the latest one being in 2017.

“We do not have a growth management ordinance in this town,” Butler said.

Butler explained that one of the areas they

look at is whether or not they can absorb growth for their police department, fire department, and the school district.

“Can we absorb the growth, that’s key,” Butler said.

He explained that each morning he looks at the police reports that are online and he has seen an increase in the number of police calls to multi-family developments.

“I have some concerns now,” said Butler.

Butler pointed to a

number of units expected to be built in town and is concerned that emergency responders are already strained. With more units built, he’s afraid it may begin to impact response times for emergency responders.

“I hope not,” Butler said.

He said they also have vacancies in different departments, which means they are short handed and have to look at overtime in order to provide the services

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## Resident Accuses Council Chairman of Electioneering

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry resident, Jonathan Esposito, has been very vocal over the past several weeks with a number of concerns he has with the various branches of local town government, and a recent letter he sent to a Town Councilor on comments he made at the Town Council meeting is the focus of his most recent complaint.

Esposito registered a formal complaint against Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, of electioneering in a letter he sent to Town Moderator, Jonathan Kipp, and Town Manager, Mike

Malaguti.

In the letter he states: “It has come to my attention that Londonderry Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, has been using his official position to engage in prohibited behavior that would be defined as prohibited electioneering, (NH RSA 659:44-a)”

He explained that emails he sent to the Town Council and Manager regarding contentious dialogue between this private citizen and the town, have been forwarded from Farrell’s official email, and sent out via the Chairman’s personal email address to a number of undisclosed recipients.

He said, “These emails contain libelous statements, which falsely attribute the behavior of a private citizen to a Town Political Committee. These emails also disparage Janet Huttula, a private citizen who was a past officer of the Town Political Committee in question.”

He added “This practice was aided by Council

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# West Road Property Ownership Revealed to Council

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last month, during the Feb. 6 Town Council meeting, resident, Tonya Christian, the new owner of a property located at 103 West Road, said it was her understanding when purchasing the parcel, that she owned more land adjacent to the property than she actually does.

Essentially she was looking for a quick claims deed to be completed for the property adjacent to hers, which she thought was owned by the town, “but likely isn’t,” Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said.

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.

After some research was done, it was 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 and the owner told her that it extends to the brook.

The Town Council

agreed to have Malaguti continue to look into the matter before any decision was made regarding the land.

Fast forward to the March 6 Town Council meeting, where lifelong resident, Kitt Plummer, came before the Council to help give historical context on what he believes happened to the parcel.

He said in the 1600s in Europe, there was a big demand for beaver hats.

“They basically became exterminated through trapping,” Plummer said.

With a need to still produce them, they

looked to North America. By the 1700s they were trapped in NH, and at the same time New England was being settled for farming.

“The most conducive place to get hay for livestock was by going down to the meadows. While it wasn’t the best quality, it was all they had at the time,” Plummer said.

Plummer said as the farms were deeded to the original settlers the parcels of the meadow were sectioned off in order to grow hay. However, Plummer said others were going to Londonderry to take the hay.

“Basically they were kidnapping people and

taking them away because they didn’t want them cutting the hay in these meadows,” Plummer said.

Once the land in town became more clear and hay was able to be grown more, Plummer said the meadows became less valuable.

One of the meadows belonged to the Plummer family, he said.

It was explained by Plummer that once the land flooded again his great uncle told him that he wasn’t being taxed on

the land anymore and assumed it was taken back by the town.

Plummer stated that he thinks it’s the same parcel that is in question. He added that he took his uncle to the location.

“He pointed it out to me,” Plummer said.

Plummer said he thinks they should add it to the list of properties in town that are used for conservation purposes.

“After 300 years let the beavers have it again,” Plummer said.

## Fire

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ry of what the minimum amount of equipment was needed for all the different engines they have.

“This was very time consuming,” Butler said.

He said as part of that process they let the leaders of each of the engines help to determine what is needed.

“The troops in the trenches are always the best people to solve the problems,” Butler said.

He said they also looked to make sure they were in compliance with all of the National Fire Protection Association standards, especially when it comes to the hoses.

“That’s very impor-

tant because hoses are truly the lifeblood of what we do,” Butler said.

As part of the process, Butler said they also came up with a vendor form for the vendors saying they wanted to come up with “crystal clear expectations.”

About \$52,000 was needed to get the right equipment for the different engines Butler said.

“Again a huge number for us and fall on us to prove and support it,” Butler said.

Another approximately \$69,000 was allocated for two different kinds of hoses.

Butler said the fire hoses get tested annually by a third party company and for the first time in a long time he

said they know where all the hoses are and what passed or not.

He noted they would be testing the equipment before accepting it.

Butler said they used to test their own hoses, which they could do when they were a smaller community, but because of the size of their community now it’s more difficult to do.

As part of the collective bargaining agreement between the union and the town, each member needs to be issued their own regulator, which allows them to breathe in a smoked filled environment. That accounted for \$31,500.

Town Councilor, Chad Franz, said it was about saving lives.

“At the end of the

day having the right tools saves lives. We’re not here to play nickels, we’re here to save lives,” Franz said.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said he agreed with the withdrawal request.

“We should be damn proud of this fire department and I’m happy to support you,” Farrell said.

Butler reiterated that the equipment they are looking for is needed, and isn’t a wish list.

“I want to reiterate this is for needs, this is not for wants or wishes or desires. We need this equipment to affect the mission that the taxpayers have given us,” Butler said.

The Town Council unanimously approved the request.

## OBITUARY

### Iris Anita (Webster) Hammond



Iris Anita (Webster) Hammond, 87, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday March 9, 2023 at her residence after a lengthy illness. Iris was born June 14, 1935 in Blue Hill, ME. And was a daughter of the late Everett and Jennie (Hooper) Webster. She attended George Stevens Academy, the University of Maine and Boston General Hospital where she received her Nursing degree and met her husband, Sidney Hammond.

Iris was employed as a Registered Nurse and worked in many establishments and capacities over the course of her career. Iris enjoyed travel which started when her husband was in the Air Force. They lived in Japan for a time, where both of her sons were born. She also lived in many other places including GA, VT and NY, finally coming to NH to be near family. Just like the flower, Iris symbolized the beauty of family and friendship. She brought so much into the lives of friends and family, and will be greatly missed.

Iris is survived by two sons, Victor Hammond and his wife Linda and Alan Hammond, five grandchildren, Kyle Hammond, Brent Hammond, Christine Rizzo, Angela Tucker and Adam Rizzo, seven great grandchildren, Kaylee, Tasha, Aidan, Avery, Owen, Emma and Ava, her sister, Mabel Damert and her partner, Monte Magoon and two nieces, Alicia Eubanks and Christine Gavery. Iris was predeceased by her husband Sidney E. Hammond in 1994.

After cremation, funeral services will be celebrated Saturday March 18, at 10 a.m., in the Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A spring burial is planned for the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, VT. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Manchester VNA, 1070 Holt Ave., Manchester, NH 03109, or Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting with arrangements.

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# Londonderry Police and Fire Respond to Severe Accident

CFHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Litchfield Road was the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident on Saturday afternoon, March 11, and two of those involved needed immediate medical attention according

to town first responders.

About 11 Londonderry Police Officers and a number of Fire Department personnel were dispatched at 3:38 p.m. on Saturday to a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles.

According to a press release issued by Londonderry Battalion Chiefs, Jeff Anderson and Bruce Hallowell, Londonderry Fire Telecommunications Operators received multiple 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle accident with entrapment and ejection in the area of 34 Litchfield Road.

Upon receiving those

calls, Engine One, Rescue One, Medic Three, and Battalion Four were dispatched to the scene. Medic Three arrived on the scene within three minutes.

A Paramedic on the scene reported two vehicles with heavy damage and upon evaluation of the scene, one patient was entrapped in a vehicle, and a second subject was ejected. Due to the severe nature of the injuries, two additional ambulances were requested. Londonderry Medic Two and Derry Medic One were dispatched to the scene.

Londonderry Rescue

One and Engine One arrived and began removing one of the victims from the first vehicle. The individual that was ejected from the second vehicle was transported by Londonderry Medic Three to the Londonderry Middle School, where a Boston Medflight Helicopter was waiting to transport the patient to Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts.

A second helicopter, requested through Boston Medflight, was also dispatched to the Middle School, that patient was also transported to the Middle School landing zone, but

due to the patient's condition, Londonderry Medic Two ultimately transported them to Elliot Hospital where a trauma team was subsequently activated.

The DHART helicopter was then released from the landing zone.

During this incident, two other medical calls occurred in Londonderry that were handled by Derry, Windham, and Litchfield. Derry, Litchfield, and Hudson covered Londonderry Stations.

The Police Department is handling the accident investigation.

## OBITUARY

### Barbara E. McGrath "Nana B"



Barbara E. McGrath "Nana B", 85, of Londonderry, NH, passed away after a short illness on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in her home surrounded by her loving family. Barbara was born on Dec. 30, 1938 in Exeter, NH, to Glendon and Grace Stevens Emerson, the second of five children.

Barbara graduated from Hampstead High School in 1956 and married William Komenda. She grew up in NH and raised her family there. She worked for many years part time in the Hampstead and Timberline school districts. She had a successful career spanning 22 years of combined federal government service with the US Air Force, Army and Farmers Home Administration, she retired in 1997 from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) in Burlington, MA. Upon retirement, she married David T. McGrath and moved from Massachusetts to their beautiful lakefront home in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Barbara and David enjoyed their retirement traveling the world as well as enjoying all that Charleston and the Low country have to offer. They loved sharing these experiences with their children and grandchildren. Their home was always considered the "Happy Place" for all who visited.

Barbara enjoyed much of her time sewing for the Charleston Stage Company costume shop with her good friend Barbara and volunteering for East Cooper Meals on Wheels. Her greatest passions included flower gardening, reading, sewing and being entertained by her two ragdoll cat's antics.

Barbara moved back North to Londonderry, NH in 2017 to be closer to her family.

She was a role model for her grandchildren. She sparked their desire for traveling the world, taught them the importance of making their own decisions, always reminded them of how proud she was of each of them. They describe her as generous, supportive, resilient and determined.

She is survived by her kitty, Ore; her daughter, Diane Komenda of Londonderry; two sons and their wives, Brian (Jayne) Komenda of New Boston, NH, and Daniel (Sue) Komenda of Sandown, NH; their father; William Komenda of Sandown, NH; five grandchildren; Danielle Komenda, Rachel Komenda, Dan Komenda Jr., Amy Gamanche and Jesse Komenda; two great-grandchildren, Lilly and Hunter Gamanche; two brothers and their wives, Neil (Sandra) Emerson, Richard (Carole) Emerson of Hampstead, NH, two sisters and their husbands; Nancy (Walter) Zwearcan of Hampstead, NH, and Glenda (Bob) Blomquist of Sarasota, FL. She was predeceased by her husband, David T. McGrath in July of 2016.

We will miss you today, tomorrow and every day until we meet again!

Following cremation, the family will hold a private Celebration of Life at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:

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## Growth

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people in the community expect.

"Well that becomes budgetary," Butler said.

In addition to the number of emergency response calls as of recently, Butler pointed out that during the budget period, the school district talked about looking to renovate and add classrooms. He added that even though they have had a decline

in enrollment, the school district still has needs.

Butler said he thinks they should consider looking at an ordinance before it's too late.

"I think we really need to have an open discussion about providing a new growth management ordinance in this town. We need to control it," Butler said.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, said it has to start at the Planning Board and they

would have to follow the criteria from the state.

"I'm all for it," Farrell said.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said they would need to get legal advice to learn what their options are.

"We would need some legal advice before we would proceed on anything like that," Caron said.

Councilor, Deb Paul, said she agreed with Butler completely and noted that the growth

management plan can include infrastructure, sewer, water, and traffic. She added that if those areas aren't addressed they'd be allowed to continue it.

Farrell said he agreed with expiring it, but they need clear direction from their attorney.

"It should be something we're working on," said Farrell.

The next Town Council meeting is slated to take place on March 20 at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## Let the Sun Shine In “Transparency”

March 12th - 18th is Sunshine Week, to coincide with the National Freedom of Information Day. A reminder that all government business should be conducted in the open, this is at the heart of a democracy.

If we don't know what our officials are doing, then we don't have the information to hold them accountable. That being said, the more information we as citizens have, the better decisions will be made on all the people's behalf.

The motto of Sunshine Week is, “Your Right to Know”. This is the heart of what government is all about. Your elected officials have an obligation to conduct their business and discussion in the open-public, except for some carefully spelled out specific situations. It maybe a lot easier for officials to discuss public business in private, but being in public office isn't supposed to be easy. Citizens have the right to know how their government operates, and how they got to a decision.

“Open and transparent government”, is a longtime battle cry of this community newspaper along with other papers. It is what we want to see in our government; after all, that's what the public deserves from local, state, and national levels of government. Providing all the information about the doings of government at the local

level is a job this newspaper takes very seriously.

It is said that knowledge is power, and that knowledge/power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs to everyone, especially to those who pay for it. We vote politicians in office and then depend on and trust them to make the correct choices for us; we can only hope that they do listen to the will of all the people. It would be nice to see how they got to their decision on our behalf in a healthy discussion done in the public.

The key, of course, is open access to all meetings and records. It's epically important at the town and school level, where decisions have more immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives. Newspapers, if they're doing their job, should not be feared, government should have only thanks to a newspaper in helping get the information out to the masses. Newspapers act as watchdogs, asking the often-uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. If documents and videos are not readily made available, then the state's right to know process is at the ready for anyone to use.

That's why we report the details of what's been discussed. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

# Letters

## Allow me to be clear, Town Manager and Council Members;

To the editor,

This is a first amendment challenge to the town of Londonderry and not a matter of personal opinion in correspondence. Your refusal to append citizen correspondence to minutes that specifically request it, correspondence that is reasonable in scope and volume, and not otherwise profane prohibited or unlawful, I am arguing is a violation of taxpayers freedom of speech and our fundamental rights to a transparent and inclusive town council and municipality.

As you are aware, mental health is a big issue in our society, and written correspondence entered to the record is an easy accommodation for citizens who do not feel comfortable standing up in the citizen averse environment that you folks have created in the moose hill council chambers, with the town council sitting above and apart from us as if they are judge, with you and your assistant playing court recorder and bailiff. Therefore, I also make the contention that the towns refusal to include otherwise not prohibited correspondence with town council meeting minutes is declining to provide reasonable access and accommodation to other than abled citizens.

I will state for the record that you are factually incorrect in this statement that you have drafted. I will be more than glad to cite dates and times in which the

town council and chairman have introduced correspondence favorable to them, but declined to introduce correspondence or attempted to disallow correspondence to be read from citizens during public comment, such as with the Laura Gandia matter at a February meeting of the council I attended.

I will also note that SAU12 the Londonderry School District makes a regular habit of appending parent correspondence, both positive and negative, to the school board meeting minutes, so while you may be correct in that there is no statute ordinance or policy requiring it,

It must be equally stated that there is no statute, ordinance, or policy against it. The public has a vested interest in being privy to correspondence that is shared with our elected officials and our public servants such as yourself, especially when the intent of such correspondence is to be introduced into public record, which is quite the opposite of attempting to interact with government from the shadows.

You need to relax your tone Mike. You are not the sole arbiter under the Town charter on whether or not the town will continue to reply to a matter. The correspondence of citizens, no matter how superfluous you may feel such correspondence to be, is inherently more important than your petty, un-asked for personal opinion.

I am not content with solely reintroducing the

matter during public comment, although I will be glad to do so as an additional resolution step.

I would like to request a formal sit-down meeting with the next session of the Town council after election, to discuss this matter further.

I await your reply as to when such a meeting can be arranged

Jonathan Esposito  
Londonderry

## Counterfeit concern: Stop using children for your hidden agendas

To the editor,

I am disheartened to see some of the signs on display in Londonderry ahead of our town's elections. The signs simply state, “she masked your kids” with an arrow pointing to a candidate for the Londonderry school board. The sign was paid for by “Concerned Citizens of Londonderry” according to writing in the small hand-written text on the sign. As “Concerned Citizens of Londonderry,” your concern for the health and well-being of our district's children seems performative, and intended to drive political agendas.

If you genuinely cared about Londonderry's school-aged children you could have used the money you spent creating these signs to pay off school lunch debts to help those who are food-insecure in our town. According to Feeding America, one in 11 children in NH faces hunger. Over 40% of households receiving SNAP benefits in the state have chil-

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# Voters Brave Nor'easter to Vote at Local Elections



Voters travelling to the Tuesday, March 14, Town and School Elections were hampered by the biggest snow storm of the season. A number of area towns postponed their elections, but town officials in Londonderry decided Monday to move ahead. As of 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 1,574 ballots were cast, including 473 absentee votes. There are well over 15,000 voters in town. Because of the snow, candidates were allowed to hold signs inside the LHS gym. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Lot Line Adjustment Waiver Stalls at Planning Board

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board held a scheduled public hearing on March 8 as part of its regular meeting to discuss a previous request for a lot adjustment plan at 7 Chartwell Court and 11 Greeley Road. The request was originally made by lot owner, Diana Wolters, in November and has been ongoing for over four months.

Mark Sargent, a Land Surveyor from Concord's Richard Bartlett & Associates, was at the meeting to make a presentation for both parcels

of land on behalf of Mrs. Wolters. Both pieces of land have separate family homes.

"The lot line adjustment before the Board this evening is to annex 2.25 acres of 11 Greeley to 7 Chartwell," said Sargent. The move would shift roughly a quarter of the Greeley lot of the Chartwell property. He also asked for a waiver that would require lot redevelopment around a small rise for a driveway. There is no plan for new buildings on either lot.

The waiver was a source of contention over safety concerns.

"When you're driving down the road, we want 250 feet of space to stop in case a kid jumps out after a ball," explained Director of Public Works, John Trottier. Londonderry staff members expressed earlier opposition to the waiver and hope Wolters will act to fix the problem, although Sargent defended the waiver request, citing the cost of construction.

"We don't think we need to do that, Mrs. Wolters' driveway is a considerable length, and the end of the pavement just rises up a lit-

tle, reconstruction would mean ripping up and repaving the driveway," said Sargent. "The cost alone would be prohibitive. The amount of traffic in that area is minimal." He also noted that the driveway had no prior safety issues.

Board Chairman, Art Rugg, confirmed that no alternative remedy was likely under the current zoning law, and the Wolters Lot would need a waiver to move forward.

"If we say we don't support this waiver, we're telling this homeowner they need to re-engineer an entire street

for a lot adjustment," said Board member, Jake Butler. He expressed strong support for the waiver and opposed the recommended rejection. "I certainly don't want to say no to them over this."

Several other board members were sympathetic, especially after looking through pictures of the driveway in question.

"We want to remain consistent in what we do and do not support, and in the past, we have not supported waivers such as this," said Town Planner, Kellie Caron. She

broadly agreed with opposition to the waiver on engineering grounds and didn't want to see the same problem come up again later. "It'll happen in the future also."

There was no public input on the proposal. Several Board members all felt asking for new construction was excessive, and others wanted more information regarding the cost to reengineer the driveway. Unable to agree on the waiver, the Planning Board voted to get more information and come back to the lot readjustment on April 12.

## Letters

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dren – and families receiving these benefits just experienced a dramatic decrease this month.

Next time you want to put your money where your concern is, maybe research to see where it is best spent. Let's invest in our community, instead of attacking a fellow citizen, elected into a volunteer position, who recommended following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Con-

trol [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html).

Ella Schwotzer,  
Londonderry

### Councilor Deb Paul

To the editor,

As a mother, and taxpayer, I can say how truly blessed we have been to have you sitting up there representing us. You have been the ONLY councilor to stand up for what is right and speaking out against

what is very blatantly wrong. Bullies in this town, have tried to use their positions, or personal relationships, to come after you, and your paper, the Londonderry Times. A paper that brings the community together, with honest reporting. Yet some (who are in this room) have tried everything to shut it down and outsource to other newspapers! you have to wonder why, but through every single battle, you stood up, stood in your truth, and never backed down to the corruption.

When this council ignores tax-payers, you have been the shining light and given us hope that government can be good and honest again.

I don't think people grasp the magnitude of what Deb brings to this town, and what she WILL continue to bring to this town. I am blessed to call you a good friend. We ride at dawn!

Monica Plourde  
Londonderry

### China Is A Strategic Threat

To the editor,

The Chinese spy balloon downed off our East Coast brings into focus the strategic threat of Communist China to our national

security.

China's economy is comparable to ours, and its military exceeds our military forces in the western Pacific, including our Navy. Its long-range missiles can reach our Pacific bases and the western US.

China claims sovereignty over the South China Sea, which is an international water body; and it threatens Taiwan with military maneuvers. China wants to annex Taiwan by any means possible.

We are addressing the China threat by forging expanded military alliances within the Indo-Pacific region. We signed a defense agreement with Japan for increased US military presence, and Japan agreed to develop offensive mil-

itary capabilities and double its military spending by 2027. Japan and the Philippines signed a defense arrangement for joint training exercises and military cooperation. We added military capabilities at four bases in the Philippines, increasing access to nine bases. We have a strong military presence in South Korea, and South Korea, India and Australia are significantly increasing their military spending.

Our allies - Japan, Australia, India, Philippines, South Korea and Taiwan must continue to increase their military deterrence capabilities in the Indo-Pacific region.

Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry

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# Residents Raise Concerns During Town Council Meeting

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A number of concerns were raised by residents during the March 6 Town Council meeting.

One of the concerns came from a life-long resident, Tom Estey, who asked why community groups can't use any rooms in town for meetings, citing the Londonderry Republican Committee as an example.

"We could use this room," Estey said, talking about the Town Council chambers, arguing that community members already pay for the utilities owned by the town.

"Do we not pay the

salaries of all our workers," Estey said.

He said he called other towns in the area and found out they allow people to use town halls, community rooms, and the senior centers.

"Nashua has multiple rooms they can use," said Estey.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, said the facilities and rentals are under the Town Manager's control.

"The Town Council doesn't make the decision on whether or not we use the building for other things," Farrell said.

He said the police station is under the control of the police chief, and he is by law in

charge of the facility.

"He is the only one that can make that decision," said Farrell.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, later on in the meeting explained his reasoning.

"That is something as you pointed out is under my authority," Malaguti said.

He said in addition under the charter he is responsible for maintenance and repair of the facilities.

"These are obligations I take seriously," Malaguti said.

He said the Town Hall isn't open for public reservation, and that the senior center allows for reservation and has

someone that oversees it.

"This is not a change I instituted," said Malaguti.

Malaguti said it's a general concern to make sure the "assets" which belong to the residents are maintained in a clean, secured, and appropriate manner. He added that right now there is no way to separate part of the Town Hall after hours, and there is no staff there after hours.

A concern raised by State Rep. Kristine Perez was why the sample ballots didn't appear in the Londonderry Times and instead were in the Derry News.

Malaguti explained that "the Town Charter

couldn't be clearer" and that before a community member can do business with the town, a full disclosure needs to be made before the town deliberates on the matter.

He said the arrangement made with the Londonderry Times was that the legal ads would be run in the paper for the town at no costs, which took the disclosure element off the table.

"That was a generous offer that Councilor Paul made," Malaguti said.

He said that since the sample ballots weren't legal notices they didn't have an obligation to run it.

It was also raised by

Estey that the town was looking to have a consultant from Southern NH Planning Commission, which he said was in reaction to the dismissal of Associate Town Planner, Laura Gandia, following a reorganization of the Planning Department.

"How are we saving money," Estey said.

Malaguti, however, said there was discussion previously because of their open Town Planner position.

He said once they went through one round of applications for the position and weren't able to fill the position they knew they needed to get assistance from a consultant.

# Joint Meeting on Town's Lookbook Held by Planning and Heritage

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board and Heritage Commission held a joint meeting to discuss the town's lookbook on March 8.

Planning Board member, Jake Butler, explained how during a previous Heritage Commission meeting Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, pointed out the fact that there isn't much to go off of for their lookbook, and that they could look at updating it.

"How do we do this? How do we change the lookbook?" he said.

The two boards ultimately decided to work together and agreed to have joint meetings to look at making updates to the lookbook.

"Again this is a tool we want to give the

developers and make sure they're using that in hopes that when they get to the Heritage Commission the first time they go there everything looks really good," Butler said.

One of the things he suggested they look at is the mission statement, which he says right now is just an empty page.

Planning Board Ex-Officio, Deb Paul, said that instead of having a mission statement it could be what their vision is.

"A mission statement can show your vision," said Paul.

Butler agreed with having a vision statement instead.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said that the lookbook is a way to help developers know what they are look-

ing for.

"It's a tool that can be used to guide developers," Caron said.

Caron noted that when they have initial meetings with developers they reference the lookbook and said that it would be helpful to update.

One suggestion that was made was having a section for what kind of materials they are looking for.

"I like the idea of types of materials," said Planning Board Chair, Arthur Rugg.

A concern that was raised by Heritage Commission Ex-Officio, Jim Butler, was what happens when rehab work is done on a building and they change the design from what was originally approved.

"It's just something

to think about," said Jim Butler.

It was pointed out that they would have to change their process in order to step in once a use is already approved.

Caron said there are multiple factors they look at to determine if they need to go back to the different boards and commissions.

"It's not a yes or no answer," Caron said.

While Woodmont has its own designs and master plan, Jake Butler said he thought it would make sense for those

developers to look at what is in the town's lookbook as a tool.

It was decided that members of both boards would come to the next meeting with different photos of examples for what they are looking for. From there they will determine what they should include in the book.

Planning Board member, Jeff Penta, said that the photos are going to tell them what people like and the content can be developed from there.

Paul suggested that

they also look at photos from different communities outside of Londonderry as a way to get a better feel for different designs.

Jim Butler said he hopes the book will be something everyone likes.

"Make it be a book we can be proud of," he said.

It was determined that Caron would help with collecting and distributing information outside of the meeting.

The next joint meeting is scheduled to take place on May 10.



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## Maple Weekend is March 18 & 19

Eric Turcotte has done a number of major upgrades to the Peterson Sugar House on Peabody Row this year in preparation of the Granite State's Maple Weekend on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19. Residents are urged to drop by this weekend to enjoy some real local flavor that Turcotte has been gathering and cooking up in preparation of the annual event.

*Photos by Chris Paul*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Hockey Squad's Run Ends in Semis with BG



Junior forward, Brandon Morin started the scoring for the Lancers in their semifinal game against BG last week. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After knocking out the number two seed in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I State Championship in the quarterfinals, the Londonderry High School Hockey squad gave the number two seed a run for their money, but fell to Bishop Guertin in the semifinals 5-3.

The Lancers made their way into the playoffs as the number seven seed and were able to capture two, one-goal victories to make it into the semifinal game against BG (#3 seed) on Wednesday night, March 8, at the JFK Coliseum in

Manchester.

The team started their run with a 3-2 win over the Hanover Bear (#10 seed) in the first round and followed that up with a 2-1, overtime victory against Windham High School (#2 seed).

In the semifinals against the higher-seeded Cardinals, Londonderry shocked their opponents with the first goal of the game coming just seconds into the first period.

Junior forward, Brandon Morin, broke down the right side of the ice after the initial face-off and put it by the BG goalie on a wrist shot from just before the circle.

The game progressively got pretty aggressive, with Londonderry landing the first penalty in the opening minutes, but managed to stave off BG's attempts at a short-handed goal. Senior



Lancers junior Matt Boyon was pwas able to tuck in a rebound for the Lancers second goal.

goalie, Aiden Cardosi, made two big stops, one with just 23-seconds left on Card's power play.

Bishop Guertin senior, Tim Kiely, tied the game at 10:54 on a breakaway against one LHS defender.

Following that goal, several hard checks from both sides raised tempers by the six-minute mark.

Cardinal James Mantone got the go-ahead at 2:56 in the first and sen-

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# Two Young Lancers Given State Honors in Basketball

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Given that the Londonderry High School basketball

program was still in somewhat of a building stage this season, both the girls' and boys' team have a lot of young tal-

ent to build from.

Both teams made it into the playoffs and both have some up-and-coming young talent that will help them in the next few seasons. The program also has two new head coaches, Jon Doherty, who is a second year Girls' Varsity Head Coach and Jaryd Piecuch, the boys' first year head coach.

Last week, the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization (NHCO) announced their 2022-23 All-State choices and two young Lancers were recognized for their efforts on the court.

Freshman forward/guard, Samantha Sullivan, was named to Second Team All-State girls' roster and sophomore guard, Mason Paquette, was given Honorable Mention for the boys'.

Sullivan was the only freshman in the state to be recognized by the NHCO and she was consistently the high point-

getter and rebounder for the Lady Lancers.

Paquette also topped the Lancers scorebook each week and he managed to average over 20-points per game in the team's final seven contests with many of those points coming from outside the arc.

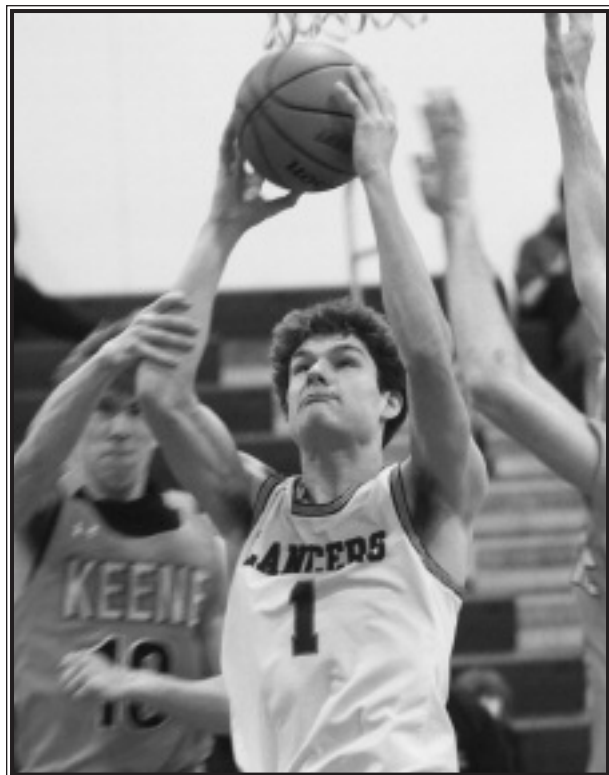
This year's girls' Player of the Year was Goffstown Grizzlies senior Ava Winterburn.

The boys' Player of the Year was Trinity Pioneers junior Tyler Bike.

The varsity coaches of the year were Steve Lane, Nashua North Titans (boys) and Tim Hopely of the Portsmouth High School Lady Clippers.



Freshman forward/guard, Samantha Sullivan, led her team in scoring this year.



LHS sophomore guard, Mason Paquette.

## Hockey

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ior forward, Logan Bower, very nearly got the equalizer on a tip from in front of the net with just over two-minutes left in the period.

In the second period, Londonderry came out of the locker room very aggressively and once again gave BG a man advantage early, but was able to hold off the Cardinal offense.

Throughout that period, down by one, the Lancers stayed assertive and had a number of bids ward off by the strong BG defense.

At 4:50 in the second period, a cross check by the Card's Mike Ponto, in front of net, led to a close, but unsuccessful penalty shot attempt by junior Mike Maloney.

The disappointment didn't last long though, as the following face off led to a game-tying goal.

Junior Matt Boyon was positioned perfectly to tuck in a rebound off a Jayden Hamilton shot from just in front of the net.

The LHS goalkeeper, Cardosi, got two more big saves at 2:30 and at 1:49 of the second to retain the 2-2 tie going into the break. Londonderry finished the second period out-shooting BG 17 to 11 in the game.

In the final period, LHS did an excellent job killing an early tripping penalty by James McPhail just under a minute in, BG took the one-point lead at 10:12 after getting caught off guard during a shift change.

The 4-2 Cardinal lead came less than a minute later and at 4:15 BG made it 5-2.

Senior Ben Padykula got one back to make it 5-3 with a shot from the right circle at 3:28.

Trailing by two, LHS played without a goaltender in final two-minutes of the game, but the BG defense proved too tough.

The Cardinals went on to beat the Bedford Bulldogs 4-3 in the NHIAA finals on Saturday, March 11, at the SNHU Arena.

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# 'Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler' Set to Take Off at Aviation Museum

Get outside and welcome Spring with the second annual 'Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler' on Saturday, May 6.

This charity run/walk event route includes newest portion of Londonderry Rail Trail; deadline for early discount registration is Friday, March 31

Starting and finishing at the Aviation Museum

of N.H., the run/walk event will take participants on a winding route through bucolic North Londonderry, highlighted by the newest stretch of the Londonderry Rail Trail.

The race starts at 9 a.m. and is open to all runners and walkers. The event is a fund-raiser to support the non-profit Aviation Museum's youth education programs, which includes an upcoming summer camp and a high school student plane-building project at the Manchester (N.H.) School of Technology.

Registration for the 'Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler' is \$25 through Friday, March 31; for those 12 and under and 62 and above, the fee is dis-

counted to \$20. Starting Saturday, April 1, the fee is \$30 for all. Registration on Race Day is \$35 per person. The first 100 registrants will receive an official "Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler" shirt.

Participants may register online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com); under "Find a Race," search for "Aviation Museum." More information is also available at [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org).

Starting at the Aviation Museum of N.H.'s historic 1937 terminal building at 27 Navigator Road, the course will first wind through lightly-trafficked streets, including a nearly one-mile stretch of forest path through undeveloped land.

The route, which includes one water stop, will then take participants along the recently opened 1.2-mile section of the Londonderry Rail Trail, which passes through the remote Little Cohas Brook Reservoir area.

The route will then take runners and walkers back to the Aviation Museum and the finish line.

"Our 'Run the Rail Trail 5-Miler' is a great way to celebrate spring, get outside and have fun, all while supporting a great cause," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of N.H.



Courtesy photo

Because the route includes a stretch of unimproved forest trail, the event is not recommended for participants with strollers. Also, no pets are allowed.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers, and in other categories such as longest time to finish.

Race services will be provided by North Star Timing. Traffic control and security will be provided by the Londonderry Police and Fire departments.

The Aviation Museum is also seeking Race Day volunteers. If you're interested in helping out, contact Leah Dearborn at (603) 669-4877 or at [ldearborn@nhahs.org](mailto:ldearborn@nhahs.org).

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## Second Annual 3v3 Hoops Tournament

The Athletic Leadership Club at Londonderry High School will be holding its Second Annual 3v3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 18. The tourney will be honoring the late Tommy Rioux, a classmate who passed away in August of 2022, and the proceeds will be going to a LBC scholarship for students that can't afford to play sports. Games will be held in the LHS gym, with middle school teams playing from 9 a.m. to noon, high school teams playing from 12:15 to 4 p.m.

## Free Meals

Schedule for March's Free Community Meals. Lunch on March 18, at St.

Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from noon - 12:30 p.m., To Go, drive around to back of church; Lunch/Dinner on March 19, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, from 3 - 4 p.m., Indoors; Breakfast on March 25, at Mecurio Family, Masonic Lodge, 58 East Broadway, Derry, from 10 - 11 a.m., DELIVERED to you. Sign up ahead at [sme-curio@clmnh.org](mailto:sme-curio@clmnh.org) or call 603-475-3852; Breakfast on March 26, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Rd., Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m., Indoors; Lunch on March 26, at St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., To Go, large parking lot; Dinner on March 31, at First Parish Congregation-

al Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., To Go, parking lot at back door.

## My Son the Waiter

On March 25, Brad Zimmerman's hilarious and inspiring story about the grit and passion it takes to "make it" as an artist. The Opening Act will be Off Our Rockers, a group of seniors from Londonderry, NH who entertain folks in Senior Centers and 55+ communities. Doors open at 6 p.m., on March 26. Show begins at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$30/pp Etz Hayim Synagogue members; \$35/pp Friends of Etz Hayim. General Seating. Location: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Pay by check, or

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## Spring Tennis Camp

Londonderry Tennis Camp has announced its spring and summer sessions for children ages 7+. The camps teach the foundational skills of tennis, as well as, building on balance, coordination and speed needed for long-term athletic development. Players will be grouped by age and ability, and will follow a pathway transitioning them from movement skills necessary to serve, rally and score, into more consistent, tactical play. The spring session begins Saturday, April 22 and will run 5 consecutive Saturdays from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at the Skip Burbine Memorial Tennis Courts, Sargent Road. The summer program will be split into two, one-week sessions. The first will be held June 26-30 from 9 - 11 a.m. The second session will run the week of Aug. 21-25, from 9 - 11 a.m. The cost is \$150 with early bird special pricing of \$135 if payment and registration

is received by April 8 for spring, June 9 for the first summer session, and Aug. 4 for the second summer session. If you have any questions or want to register your child, email Roberta Davis at [londonderry-tenniscamp@gmail.com](mailto:londonderry-tenniscamp@gmail.com).

## Explorers Workshop

Twins and teens are invited to the meeting room on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. to learn about different insects and their life cycles At the Leach Library. There will also be an interactive Monarch butterfly themed game followed by a fun butterfly craft. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, March 11. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

## Crayon Resistant Art

In celebration of National Crayon Day at the end of March, try creating a crayon resistant art project on March 18 at 2 p.m. at Leach Library. Learn about how the wax in crayons repels paint and makes a unique work of art. This project may be messy, so dress accordingly. Registration is required and begins March 11. To

register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

## Duplo Budding Builders

Come Thursday, March 23 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders at the Leach Library. 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, March 16. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

## Building Buddies

Thursday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. for a 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, March 16. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

## Diving In!

On Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m., John Rockwood will present "Diving In!" This multimedia presentation will focus on the Com-

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - March 6**  
**3:48 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Dept with services rendered on Grenier Field Road.  
**6:08 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Nashua Road.  
**6:55 p.m.** Criminal Threatening reported on Apollo Road.  
**10:22 p.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Pillsbury Road.  
**10:43 p.m.** Shooting complaint investigated on Litchfield Road.

**Tuesday - March 7**  
**12:05 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road at Hampton Drive. Carolyn Smith, 45, of Hudson, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving after Revoked/Suspension.  
**8:26 a.m.** Dog bite investigated by Animal Control on Chandler Drive.  
**12:48 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Nashua Road at Mohawk Drive. Kaitlan Balfour, 34, of Londonderry, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving after Revoked/Suspension.  
**3:23 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.  
**5:04 p.m.** Six officers assisted another police department with an investigation on Whittemore Road.

**Wednesday - March 8**  
**9:37 a.m.** Services rendered by 11 officers for a Sudden Death on Shasta Drive.  
**11:51 a.m.** Welfare Check investigated on Gilcreast Road.  
**2:10 p.m.** Three officers investigate a robbery at the AT&T Wireless Services on Nashua Road.  
**5:08 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.  
**8:28 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Charleston Avenue.  
**9:20 p.m.** Three officers assisted another Police Department with services on Sherwood Road.

**Thursday - March 9**  
**1:18 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Norwich Place.  
**2:21 a.m.** Peace restored by three officers after a Disturbance at the Londonderry Police Department  
**8:21 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Route 93 at Exit 4 south-bound ramp. Michael Pavlas, 31, of Nashua, charged with Bench Warrants.  
**8:45 a.m.** Search Warrant Investigated by 11 officers on Hovey Road.  
**8:46 a.m.** Arrest made while responding to suspicious activity at the Londonderry School District on Kitty Hawk Landing. Brandie Jones, 32, of Claremont, charged on Bench Warrants.  
**10:45 a.m.** Six officers

assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Pillsbury Road.  
**11:13 a.m.** Services rendered for Wires Down on Kendall Pond Road at Holly Lane.  
**3:05 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated at the Power Lines on Page Road.  
**3:16 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Market Basket on Michels Way.  
**4:28 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Auburn Road.  
**4:41 p.m.** Pedestrian Check and Vehicle Towed on Liberty Drive.  
**5:22 p.m.** Warrant served and two arrests made on Holly Lane. Six officers assist with arresting Robert Gerhold, 59, of Londonderry, on a Warrant. Meghan Williams, 42, of Londonderry, also arrested on a Warrant.  
**6:59 p.m.** Peace restored after a disturbance at the Mountain Home Estates Clubhouse on Fieldstone Drive.  
**7:46 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**10:05 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated at UPS on Pettengill Road.

**Friday - March 10**  
**3:01 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.  
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## Around Town

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mon Loon's fascinating and misunderstood behaviors. Mr. Rockwood's talk will feature an endearing young loon named Grapenut, who appears in his book *Adventures with Grapenut*. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, March 16. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Harry Potter Watch Party

Participants in grade 6-12 are invited to stop by the Leach Library meeting room on Saturday, March 25 at noon to watch Harry Potter and friends on the big screen. Harry-Potter-inspired snacks will be available as well as a fun take-home activity. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, March 18. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Coding Club

The Block by Block Coding Club will offer tweens and teens the opportunity to learn coding skills on and off screen with games and activities on Wednesday, March 29 at 4 p.m. in the Leach Library meeting room. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, March 22. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

## Police Log

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**9:14 a.m.** Services rendered for Trespassing on Fieldstone Drive.

**11:34 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**11:45 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Gilcreast Road at South Road. William Lajoie, 67, of Derry, charged with Driving After Revoked/Suspended License.

**1:11 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious

### 'Library After Dark'

On Friday, March 31 at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room. Join the library staff for a showing of the 1942 American classic starring Humphrey Bogart (rated PG), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, March 24. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Fabergé Eggs

On Thursday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m., Marina Forbes will present her program "Fabergé Eggs: From Fine Art to Fine Craft." This unique program combines a beautifully illustrated presentation on the life and work of Russian master jeweled egg artist, Peter Carl Fabergé, with a hands-on workshop in which participants will learn how to create a variety of delightful images on wooden eggs. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Registration is limited to the first 15 people and begins on Thursday, March 23. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### Girl Scout Shabbat

Etz Hayim Synagogue welcomes all Girl Scouts to celebrate Girl Scout Shabbat on Friday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m. All Girl Scouts who attend will be able to participate in reciting the Girl Scout Promise, lighting candles, and other por-

tions of our Shabbat service. All Girl Scouts who attend will be given/sent a Girl Scout Shabbat patch created by National Jewish Committee on Girl Scouting, Inc. This service will be held in person with optional Zoom access. For the Zoom link, or if you have any questions, please contact Isabel Danforth at [idanforth@gmail.com](mailto:idanforth@gmail.com).

### Veteran Credit Renewal

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### Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Tuesdays at 9 a.m. through April 11, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held 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 at (603) 432-1127.

### Wiggle Worms Story Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. through April 11, for 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 at (603) 432-1127.

### Bookworms Story Time

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through April 12, story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old at the Leach Library. Is focuses on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library at (603) 432-1127.

### New Telescope at Leach Library

Cardholders can now borrow a telescope from the Library of Things collection. The telescope was acquired through the NH Astronomical Society's Library Telescope Program and donated by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Other Library of Things materials include a USB microphone and webcams, portable CD and DVD players, snowshoes and hammocks, Kill-A-Watt energy detectors, walkie talkies and stop watches, Nintendo Switch consoles, Montessori and sand toys, puzzles, board games, lawn games, and more.

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### Dr. Seuss Raffle

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day with the Leach Library! All library visitors are invited to enter a free raffle in the children's room during the month of March. The raffle prize is a gift basket full of Dr. Seuss books, DVDs, games, and more. There is a limit of one entry per person. For more information, please call the library at (603) 432-1127.

### Puzzle Exchange

The Puzzle Exchange is coming back in April! From Monday, April 3 - Saturday, April 8, drop off your jigsaw puzzle donations at the main circulation desk during library operating hours. The library will accept gently-used jigsaw puzzles for any age with any size, shape, and piece count. In exchange, the library staff will provide a voucher indicating how many puzzles you contributed. On Monday, April 10, return to the library with your voucher between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to select your new puzzles. For further information, call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### 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.

### 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.

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chester Boston Regional Airport.

### Saturday - March 11

**12:47 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Gilcreast Road at South Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Ronlad Chirolla, 42, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence (Over 30 mph); Reckless Operation; and Criminal Mischief.

**1:31 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

**3:36 p.m.** 13 officers respond to a motor vehi-

cle accident on Litchfield Road and assist with transport to Hospitals.

**3:44 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Atlas Place.

**5:39 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**8:44 p.m.** Services rendered for Car Break-Ins on Symmes Drive.

### Sunday - March 12

**4:03 a.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated at the power lines on Yellowstone Drive.

**4:30 a.m.** Four officers assisted the N.H. State Police with an investigation on Rockingham Road at Route 93.

**5:11 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made at Concord Police Department on Green Street. Jonathan Nzali, 37, of Manchester, charged with: Indecent Exposure/Sex Act with a Child Under 16; and Indecent Exposure/Lewdness, Subsequent Offenses.

**8:39 a.m.** Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance at the Sleep Inn on Perkins

Road.

**12:45 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Homegoods on Michels Way.

**12:49 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at the T.J. Maxx on Michels Way.

**3:28 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Tamarack Place.

**4:29 p.m.** Overdose investigated by three officers on Buckingham Drive.

**10:37 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Canterbury Lane.



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