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London New Year's Day Parade Ambassador Duncan Sandys presented Londonderry School District Director of Music, Serge Beaulieu, the official invitation to march in the 2024 Parade last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers Marching Band Receive Official Visit & Invite

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Londonderry High School Marching Band gathered early on Tuesday morning, March 21, for an official visit from members of the London New Year's Day Parade committee who delivered a special invitation for the band to participate in next year's massive event.

The annual parade, that has spanned over five decades, will feature more than 8,000 performers from all over, entertaining a street audience estimated to be around 500,000 viewers and a global TV audience of tens of millions.

Bob Bone, the Founder and

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School Board End District's Contract With Peter Curro

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board voted to end the consultant contract with former Business Administrator, Peter Curro, during their March 21 meeting.

On Sept. 20, the School Board approved a contract with Curro to help give advice on different areas that Curro ran until this summer when he retired.

The contract was for \$90 an hour and the billable hours would be

paid each month.

The idea was to consult for Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, and Superintendent, Dan Black, who had recently taken over their roles. At the time, McKenney was without an assistant director.

"This is a 85 million dollar business, to ask one person to handle all the finances is a little much," said Bob Slater at the time.

Slater during the March 21 meeting said he thought five to ten

hours a week was reasonable when it was approved in September. He added that there were stipulations made, including the subject matter that was discussed during the consultation, how many hours it took, and the total sum of how much the district would have to pay that month.

In October, the bill was for around \$4,800, and around \$3,700 for November, Slater said. He stated that because

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New Utilities Committee Choose Chair, Set Goals

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee came together for its first-ever meeting March 22.

The Utilities Committee was only recently approved by the Town Council, and its first order of business was choosing officers. After a brief debate, Lynn Wiles was named Chair and Martha Smith Vice Chair due to their experience in other Londonderry committees. John Ferreira was named Secretary.

Members also discussed some of the goals for their new Committee, many of which will carry over from the Energy Efficiency Task Force, which focused on

gas and electricity.

"We made good progress," said member, Ray Breslin, referring to the old Task Force. "Now the Utility Committee covers a lot of other things like water, natural gas, and other fuels. There's a lot of things to look at."

Overall, their mandate is to make recommendations to Londonderry regarding the cost, reliability, and availability of utilities including heating oil and electricity. Each Committee member specializes in a different utility.

"My background is in mechanical engineering," said member and new Londonderry resident, Jeff McGraw. "I want to make sure we can get the best water,

power, Internet, and whatever utilities we need for the people of Londonderry, that's why I'm involved."

Lynn Wiles brought up NH's Right-to-Know law to new members and cautioned them about discussing business outside official meetings. Four or more members coming to talk about business anywhere can be considered a public meeting under state law. He also reminded every-

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Malaguti Gives Town Council Update On Water Issues

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council received an update regarding water in town during their March 20 meeting.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, explained that the voters in town approved a warrant article in March to continue to address the issue.

Malaguti added that the warrant article ultimately was a way to see if there are enough people in town who would be interested in investing in a town-wide water system.

"Is there enough of a segment of folks in Londonderry willing to

invest and build out a town wide water system," Malaguti said.

The warrant article, which was approved by voters, read: "To see if the town supports the acquisition, construction, and/or creation of a Town-wide drinking water system to be paid for through a combination of potentially available federal and state grants, bonds, and local taxation."

Malaguti said one of the things they wanted to look at is how much it would cost to run the water program and how

competitive of rates they could offer to people in town for the near

future.

He also said that under state law municipalities they are able to attempt to acquire water infrastructure if they pay for it.

He stated that based on their engineering consultant's analysis, they would be in a position to be able to offer competitive rates, saying they could acquire the infrastructure for a "shockingly low amount."

"This is great news," said Malaguti, saying he was "blown away" by how favorable the results were for Londonderry.

Resident, Ray Bres-

lin, has been very vocal about water concerns over the past few years and spoke against the town going with a public water system, saying they don't have the money to run it or for the infrastructure.

"We don't want to get into the water business," said Breslin.

He said that instead they need to address the parts of the town with the worst PFAS problems, which he said is generally west of High Range Road.

Former Town Councilor, Deb Paul, said she was glad to see the issue moving forward.

"I just want to say

this is a long time coming," said Paul.

On the issue of PFAS and other chemicals in water, Malaguti said the EPA is working on coming up with their own standards for how much can be in the water, which is different from the state level. He added that the state looks at the levels when they determine what work can and can't be done by Saint-Gobain when it comes to mitigating issues in the consent decree.

"The standard is significantly lower," said Malaguti.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said they

should have a community meeting before summer begins with all the right people in the room to address questions people have and for people like Pennichuck Water to make a presentation.

"Get them to answer the questions," Farrell said.

One suggestion made by Paul is that when they have their workshop meeting, they may want to address the fact that down the road there may be problems with the quantity of water in southern New Hampshire due to increasing population.

OBITUARY

Ronald R. Doucet



Ronald R. Doucet, 72, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday March 16, 2023 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 14, 1950 in Manchester, NH, a son of the late Roger Doucet and Ellen (Belisle) McCarthy. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 38 years, formerly living in Manchester. He attended Memorial High School and then went on to graduate from Boston University in 1972 as cum laude in Economics. Ron owned and operated the Yard Restaurant for 40 years which is now currently known as the Backyard Brewery and Kitchen. He was known for his love of hospitality, quick wit, infectious smile, and generosity. When he wasn't at work you could find him boating, working out, reading, and traveling.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Joyce (Seidel) Doucet of Londonderry; his son, Marcus Doucet; his daughter, Joya Doucet; his sisters, Pamela Carrara and husband Anthony, Patricia Mailloux and husband Dick, Peggy Astarita and husband James; and brother, Randy Doucet and wife Debbie. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and his work family. Ronald was predeceased by his mother, Ellen McCarthy and father, Rodger Doucet.

The family will be holding a private service. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Viviana Leon Memorial Foundation, PO Box 1512, Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Utilities

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body that personal communication is a matter of public record, while advising every Committee member to use their town emails for official business.

Wiles also asked everyone to send him their availability for future meetings. Most members wanted to meet on the third Wednesday of every month, although there was no

consensus.

Wiles also noted that the Committee had a broad reach with too many potential issues for seven people to cover in a year. Other businesses included information gathering to review priorities.

"Could we get in touch with the town to get and have copies of the utility contracts put on the website or somewhere we can look at them?" asked McGraw. "We need to think about

natural gas, water, electricity, fuel, propane, Internet, sewage, hazardous waste, contaminants, solid waste, storm drains, roads, protect lands, cable...that's a lot of stuff!"

He added that the Utilities Committee would not and could not cover everything at once, focusing instead on creating a few subcommittees to focus on six key areas.

While not directly part of their mandate,

member, Anne Fenn, also called for the inclusion of local Superfund sites. The Auburn Road Landfill has been on the federal list of Superfund cleanup sites since 1981, and while there are no short-term health risks from the site, clean-up is still incomplete.

Meetings for the Utilities Committee are set to happen once a month at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chambers. The April meeting date is to be determined.

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Editorial

Waiting for Spring to Spring

As lovely as the New Hampshire snow can be, there hits a point when we in the Granite State look forward to delicate signs of spring. The last bit of muddy snow banks melt away, making way for green grass and beautiful flowers. Sad to say that is not all that is exposed when the snow is gone. We discover an array of faded fast food bags, cartons, political signs, and ugly trash from the previous season. This can sometimes be referred to as "blooming garbage".

It's often left to residents living along those tarnish roads to clean up after these careless individuals. Littering seems to remain as widespread and as hard to eradicate as the common cold, despite all efforts to do away with it.

Every year, a handful of residents have gone above and beyond when it comes to this roadside spring cleaning. These individuals spend their weekends sprucing up spots around town, as well as the town halls and school green-space each spring. Some of these individuals are just residents, and some belong to a group called Beautify Londonderry, but no matter who they are, they make our towns beautiful each spring and fall. So thank

you, to those selfless volunteers.

However, there is only so much a few people can do. Ultimately, it is up to each resident to pick up their property, even if they aren't the ones who left the trash behind.

Furthermore, it doesn't take a huge effort to take a short walk up and down the street in front of your home, even if it's only the length of a house or two this way and that. A little work goes a long way in keeping our neighborhoods clean and welcoming.

Moving away from the subject of blooming garbage, and looking ahead to sunny warmer days in the forecast. Have a need to do more for your spring fever, go to a Green Team meeting and help with their plans to beautify the town.

With the emergence of spring flowers, it is necessary to help the bees spread the pollen, but they need a home and the Green team is ready to help.

Those of us who stick it out during the ever-extending winter know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and summer isn't far behind.

But it would be nice, of course, if we could enjoy a little bit of spring first.

Letters

No Voice at the Town Council

To the editor,

Have you been following the Town Council meetings? Do you have an opinion of recent events? Are you opposed or in support of matters that may come before the Town Council? New Pickle Ball courts, reorganization of town offices, or rezoning to build a halfway homeless shelter could come before the Council.

Do you work second shift, have young children, or a deadline at work that prevents you from attending a Council meeting to speak for or against an issue? Unfortunately, you have no voice in local government.

You could send a letter or email to the Town Council, but no one except the Council will hear it. At the Jan. 23, 2023 Council meeting Chairman John Farrell announced, 'I'm sorry, I don't read letters into public record, I really want the people to come down here.' If you cannot not get a neighbor to attend and read your letter in public you have no voice.

The School Board allows emails to be added to the public meeting minutes. The Town Council does not routinely allow the same courtesy. In an email from the Town Manager dated March 7, 2023 the manager responded to a request to add a letter to the public record. Here are several excerpts from the email:

'In longstanding practice, those wishing to address the Council and the public have been required to attend Council meetings and speak in public comment.'

'In extreme, extenuating circumstances, the Chairman, in his discretion, has relaxed this practice, as is his prerogative. In general, however, communications included in the minutes are those, which occur in the Town Council Chambers'

'Our form of government is designed to occur in public for all to see, not in the shadows of social media or via email outside of public view.'

'If you have an extreme, extenuating circumstance, I would be happy to convey it to the Chairman for his consideration. In the absence of such a request, the official minutes of the Londonderry Town Council will not include every irrelevant, superfluous, inflammatory communication directed to this body.'

In summary if you cannot attend a Town Council meeting in person and the Chairman does not consent to adding your correspondence to the public record, you have no voice, no say, and no input in what happens in your town.

When I asked about this policy at the March 20, 2023 Council meeting, both the Council and Town Manager chose not to respond. I find these policies unacceptable.

Glenn Douglas
27-year Londonderry Resident

Malaguti Comments on Latest Budget

To the editor,

Recently, voters adopted the operating budget the Town Council and I recommended

to the community. This year's budget process came with its own challenges. In a time of rising costs, we started off deep in the hole. Despite large inflationary cost increases affecting the Town's finances, the total appropriations approved for FY 24 are a mere \$16,047 higher than current appropriations, and the operating budget is once again lower than the default budget. This outcome was only possible through the cooperation and engagement of the Town Staff, Town Council, Budget Committee, and, most importantly, the public, in this intensive and lengthy process.

This year's budget right sizes important budget lines in the Police and Fire Departments such as training and vehicle and building maintenance that have not been adjusted in years, with the Police and Fire Department budgets increasing \$107,591 and \$103,000, respectively, over default, representing new investments in these important departments. Doing so will allow us to get away from a decades-old practice of covering these neglected lines by leaving budgeted positions unfilled. No longer must we "rob Peter to pay Paul," and more importantly, we can fill all the budgeted public safety positions voters have approved.

We have maintained and increased our staff resources. We are poised to have more filled Police positions than in recent memory, and we continue to recruit aggressively. Ear-

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Dozens of Scouts Compete in Annual Pinewood Derby



Scouting Troop 901 held their annual Pinewood Derby recently at Matthew Thornton Elementary School and had a number of winners: The fastest car was built by William Craigie; second place went to Max Richardson; and Jack Richardson was third. Other winners were: Most Creative - Lilly Noble; Best Paint Job - Clark Palange; and Most Scout Spirit - Max Richardson.

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Search For Londonderry High School Principal Underway

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received an update from Superintendent, Dan Black, regarding the search for a new high school principal during the March 21 meeting.

"The Londonderry high school search committee has begun," said Black.

The search for a new principal of the high school comes following the promotion of current high school principal, Jason Parent, who will move into the assistant

superintendent role starting this summer. He's currently fulfilling some of the assistant superintendent duties, along with remaining principal until the end of the school year.

Black previously served in the role until last year when he was named the new superintendent of the school district.

He told the School Board they had a "big and inclusive group", which includes parents and students. Black said the group had already agreed on a couple of

candidates to do a first round of interviews with and said depending on how it goes they may soon have candidates to bring to the high school to meet people.

Black stated they want as many people to attend, including community members and parents.

"Whoever wants to meet these potential finalists," said Black.

No final timeline was given for when the potential visits would be, but they would announce it when they are ready.

"I'm hopeful it's in the early part of April, we're ready for that," said Black.

Also during the meeting, the School Board voted to send a proposed policy to a third reading.

The proposed policy would allow teachers to tutor students, something that hasn't been looked at since 1977, Black previously told the School Board.

"What we tried to do is create a policy that did allow teachers to tutor students. That seemed to be where the board wanted to go,"

Black said during a previous board meeting.

The proposal outlines what the policies are for tutoring students for pay, including things like conflict of interests.

One of the concerns pointed out by Vice Chair, Sara Loughlin, was that the policy doesn't make it clear that teachers can't tutor during the school day.

"I think it makes sense to have that in there," said Loughlin.

School Board member, Tim Porter, said that other districts given as examples have more narrow ended policies

when it comes to tutoring their own students compared to what they had in their proposal.

Black explained they could look at the language, but noted the reason they previously discussed allowing teachers to tutor their own students is to allow circumstances where there are specialized classes like calculus or physics and there are only so many teachers in the district that teach it.

The School Board ultimately voted to send the policy to a third reading.

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School Board Move Dress Code Policy To Second Reading

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After months of discussion, the School Board voted to send a proposed revised dress code policy to a second reading during the March 21 meeting.

The discussion of changing the dress code began during the summer, when the board decided to move forward with a dress code committee. School Board Vice Chair, Sara Loughlin, had mentioned that the policy hadn't been looked at in a number of years and thought that should change.

"As you know we've been here a couple of times before," said Londonderry High School Assistant Principal, Crystal Rich, who was one of the advisors for the committee.

Rich said one of the

things that was addressed with the dress code was reorganizing the language, noting that it was "very wordy."

She said they received feedback from students at both the middle school and high school, and from teachers and the administrations as well.

It was explained by Rich that when it comes to the dress code, it's not an easy topic.

"The reality is it's a really touchy topic. It's hard," said Rich.

Rich explained that they ultimately came up with a dress code that covers grades 6-12.

Some of the changes that were proposed as part of the policy include all shirts needing to have two straps, and that all students must have their student ID on them at all times.

Rich said one of the topics discussed in length was in regards to hats and hoods. Rich said that essentially the consensus that everyone agreed on is that hats could be worn, but can't cover their ears. She added that it would make it more difficult for students hiding things in their ears like ear pods.

She stated when it comes to hoods they would be allowed to wear them in the hallways, but not in the classrooms.

Loughlin asked if there were any issues when it came to identifying students.

Rich said it's something they can discuss further, but said no one raised it as a concern during the vetting process.

"The concern was

not brought up," Rich told the School Board.

Before voting, Loughlin said she was still concerned about the hoods when it comes to security and safety purposes. She added that they should have the admin-

istrations and the school resource officers review it again.

"I still have concerns about that," said Loughlin.

School Board member, Kevin Gray, said he also thought it would be

a good idea.

It was noted that the policy, if approved, would go into effect next year because of the timing for how long it will take for the School Board to go through three readings.

Curro

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of the budget and bond being prepared, it made sense.

"That's the reason I didn't question the bills," said Slater.

However, it was later learned that the billable hours were happening earlier than they thought.

"We voted on the 20th assuming it started then," said Slater. He added that he also felt the criteria that was set up wasn't being followed and wasn't happy with it.

School Board member, Kevin Gray, said he also wasn't aware of the back billing.

"I wasn't happy, to say the least, when I found out about it," said Gray.

Grey also wasn't satisfied with the minimum amount of details being provided on the invoices.

"I'm personally not satisfied with the spirit of the contract being followed," Gray said.

One question raised by Vice Chair, Sara Loughlin, was whether or not they were in a

good place to go without a consultant.

McKenney said they were able to hire a Finance Director and felt they were in a good place to move forward without a consultant.

"At this point in time I have a Finance Director in place and we're moving forward and will be fine," McKenney said.

When asked during public comment, Slater said they didn't have the total amount paid readily available, but said he believed it was around \$12,000.

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LHS Band

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 Chairman of the world-renowned, London New Year's Day Parade and Duncan Sandys, the great grandson of wartime leader Sir Winston Churchill, joined students in the LHS band room to formally invite them to participate in London's 2024 New Year's Day Parade & Festival.

The performance will be live on network television across the United States by PBS. American Public Television has just signed an agreement to syndicate the parade for the next three years.

The LHS Band is one of just 20 American bands asked to participate in the massive event and students will have a life-changing week in the historic city of London, performing

in the parade and immersing in a full educational program visiting museums, historic sites, and places of architectural and artistic interest.

Bone told the students that the one thing people like most about his parade are the American high school and college marching bands.

Sandys gave the students an idea of the parade route through the historic, narrow streets of London.

Sandys, who now lives in Georgia, is an Ambassador of London's New Year's Day Parade and something of an historian with his great grandfather, Great Britain's legendary wartime Prime Minister.

The Parade will begin on Piccadilly in front of the Ritz Hotel, then will go along Whitehall to Trafalgar Square, then travel down Cockspur

Street, Pall Mall and Lower Regent Street to Piccadilly Circus, and to Parliament Square.

After a short video showing students what they will be experiencing, Sandys presented Serge Beaulieu, the Londonderry School District Director of Music with the official invitation.

After that presentation, junior Drum Major, Lauren Fontaine, was presented with a very important task. Fontaine was given an umbrella by Bob Bone, and was told to never let it leave her hands between now and the time of the parade. Bone said this would be the only way they could ensure a dry festival.

The marching band's performance will be made available to all TV stations in the region free of charge and will be streamed live around



Bob Bone, of the London New Year's Parade, hands Serge Beaulieu a framed invitation while Duncan Sandys, also representing the parade, and Emily Dawson, LHS Assistant Director, look on. Photo by Chris Paul

the world. This will undoubtedly be one of the Lancers largest audiences to date and adding to an already more than impressive resumé. They have participated in a number of Rose Bowl Parades, a

trip to Beijing, China during the Olympics, countless New York City St. Patrick's Day parades, and many more.

They are conducting a number of fund raising events leading up to the parade.

Currently, the Londonderry Friends of Music have raised over \$4,000 with a Flower Power Fundraiser. They also have a Mega Cash Raffle and The Marketplace Fundraiser under way.

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Matthew Thornton Students Get to Turn Up the Fun



Matthew Thornton Elementary School held a series of after-school activities last week during the school's "Turn Up the Fun Week." On Thursday, March 23, they held a Book Fair and played Book Bingo. They also had a local children's book author, Sandi Hoffman, there to sign her book "Kenzie & the Pest" for attendees. Other activities that week were: Gym Night, Game Night, Yoga Night, and Family Fun Night.

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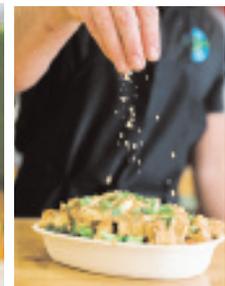
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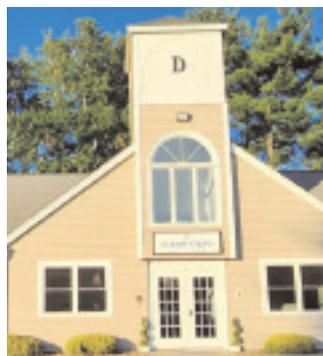
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Town Council Discuss Possible Pickleball Task Force

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During the March 20 Londonderry Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the possibility of having pickleball in town.

"I'm back to talk about pickleball," said Heather Burr Carey who has been in front of the Town Council other times to discuss bringing it to town.

One of the things pointed out by Burr Carey is that while some people think the sport is just for seniors it's not true.

"That's not the case,"

said Burr Carey.

Another question that she has heard from people is whether or not there are other possibilities other than the West Road fields.

"We're open to whatever works to bring it to town," said Burr Carey.

One of the residents who spoke in support of pickleball was Jim Scout, who said he has been playing for eight years.

"I've found it to be the healthiest thing that's ever happened in my life," said Scout.

He said that there are people from kids to 90 years old.

"It's a billion dollar

business," said Scout.

Scout said while there are a number of surrounding towns that have pickleball he said that people want to be able to play in town.

"They want to be here, they want to be close to home," said Scout.

Recreation Director Art Psaledas said he felt bringing it to town would give people in town another recreational activity.

"This is another opportunity to offer recreational activities in town," said Psaledas.

Psaledas said that based on the opinion of

the Town Engineer they thought they could have five to three courts at West Road Fields.

He noted that one of the issues with painting lines on the tennis courts is that they are already behind on state standards for how many tennis courts they should have based on the size of the town.

They also don't want to take away from tennis players.

"We don't want to take away from one sport," said Burr Carey.

Town Manager Mike Malaguti said he looked at the warrant article that failed last year and

based on the "no means no law" they may not be able to spend any funds on the engineering study until July 1.

He said instead of going back to the voters for a warrant article for the \$6,000 he said they would be able to find money in the budget for it.

"This is something the community supports," said Malaguti.

Town Council Chair John Farrell suggested they look into having a task force to study the topic.

Farrell noted that just because they have a task force it doesn't

mean pickleball is guaranteed to happen in town, pointing that there was a task force previously formed to Farrell said just because they have a task force doesn't mean it's going to happen noting that they previously had a task force for things like a town pool and dog park but it didn't work out.

It was decided to have Malaguti come back to their next meeting with a proposed framework for how the task force would work and they would go from there to make a decision.

Collaboration Looks to Bring Seniors Together With Music

April will bring a new collaboration between the Londonderry Senior Center and the Londonderry Arts Council in a hope to bring residents out for musical start to spring.

This New Acoustic Music Jam Session 'For the Love of Music' will be launched on Sunday, April 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road, in Londonderry.

If residents are look-

ing for something to do on a beautiful spring day in Londonderry, "For the Love of Music" acoustic jam session will feature a number of seasoned local musicians gathered in a relaxed, coffee house setting. Members of the Senior Center and Londonderry residents over 55 are welcome to stop in, hang out or participate.

Folks are also encouraged to leave their car at the center and walk the rail trail before or after the event.

Coffee, Tea, and water will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share. Donations will be welcome to help support this new program.

According to Ilona Arndt, the Londonderry Senior Affairs Director, "This is a great opportunity to expand our social and recreational programming activities for Londonderry's senior community, and we hope to make this a regular event."

Londonderry Arts

Council member, Greg Descoteaux, is excited to show residents some of the town's talents. He said, "There are lots of talented musicians in our area who enjoy jamming together and sharing their enthusiasm with audience members. We're really looking forward to a fun afternoon with our seniors."

The Londonderry Senior Affairs Department's mission to assist Londonderry Seniors by facilitating programs and information that support and promote financial and social inde-

pendence - including coordinating educational, social, and recreational programs.

The Londonderry Arts Council provides music for families throughout the summer with the Concerts on the Common series. The Council promotes visual arts and music in the Greater Londonderry community. One of their main missions is to produce free events that give us a better appreciation for how the arts can enrich residents quality of life and provide opportunities for com-

munity members to directly connect with artists and performers.

For more information about this new event or to provide feedback, contact: Ilona Arndt, Town of Londonderry Senior Affairs Director, at 603-432-8554 or email her at: iarndt@londonderry-nh.org

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Letters

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lier this month, the Town Council and I supported adding four new grant-funded firefighter positions. And in the last year, the voters have approved new contracts (recommended by the Town Council and me) with our Police and Fire workforces, increasing wages and benefits approximately \$2.2 million over the next five

years. Investing in contracts that will allow our public safety departments to compete in an unprecedented labor market is necessary, but not sufficient. We need to do everything we can to support our Police and Fire workforces, and budget dollars are only the beginning. It has never been harder to be a police officer or a firefighter. Calls for service are always increasing,

and there has never been more scrutiny on the actions of our first responders. To borrow a phrase that is sometimes used by one of our public safety unions, "staffing matters." It matters to our workforce, stretched thin under increasing calls for service, and too often held over at the end of a long shift. Staffing also matters to the community, who recognize that every pre-

vious tax dollar invested in police and fire services is repaid to the community-and then some. The community's approval of the FY 24 budget and recent police and fire contracts is great news for LPD, LFD, and for Londonderry. But we can't ease up on this important progress. We are blessed with the finest Police and Fire Departments in New Hampshire. Yet, with the community's full support, I am confident these agencies' best days are yet to come.

Michael Malaguti
Londonderry Town Manager

Moderator's Explanation on Election

To the editor,
At this point it maybe beating a dead horse, but how is it that Hudson and Pelham, our neighbors, plus 68-plus other towns were able to determine that it was prudent to postpone their elections and Londonderry was not able to?

I do find it a bit disingenuous for our town officials to say they were dependent on Homeland Security and Emergency Management and so it is not their poor judgment that caused his snafu.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Thank You to Voters

To the editor,
Thank you for your vote on March 14, 2023. Many citizens came out to brave the storm and vote for various great candidates for public office.

Many thanks to the people who wrote me in for Trustee of the Trust Fund.

I look forward to serving Londonderry!
Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Thank You, Londonderry Voters

I very much appreciate all of you who braved the snowstorm two weeks ago to cast your votes in our local election. I am proud to be able to represent the taxpayers of my hometown for the next three years on our School Board and do everything in my power to further the cause of academic excellence for all of our

children. The existing School Board members have already given me a warm welcome and I look forward to working collaboratively with them and our district leadership to move our schools forward. Thank you all so much for entrusting me with this responsibility. I will not take it lightly.

Sincerely,
Tim Porter
Londonderry

Proud of Police & Fire

To the editor,
I'm so impressed with The Londonderry Time's report of police and fire responding to a severe accident on March 11 on Litchfield Road.

I've always had great respect for police and Fireman. I spent 42-years as a 11-7 a.m. nurse in Manchester hospital and at night we three were alert to help the people needing us.

I'm so proud of the police and fire of Londonderry and all the responding helpers!

It's a marue lois story you tell and repeat!
With great respect
Shirley Visnor



Travel Champs

The Londonderry Basketball Club 7/8 Girls went undefeated this season for the to capture the champions. The club is made up of 14 teams and the 7/8's were one of the seven teams to win championships this year in travel basketball. The players are Gemma Murray, Nylah Guerin, Alexis and Vanessa Gould, Addison Martinez, Allie Dinovo, Emerson Dodge, Alana LaPriore and Nora Proulx. *Courtesy photo*

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Easter Egg Hunt

Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs. This year the hunt will take place at Londonderry North Elementary School on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hunt Times will be at 11, 11:30, noon and 12:30 for all ages with 2500 eggs at each time. In addition to the four hunt times, there will be other fun activities to do with your family. Saving Grace Farm's petting zoo, B's Tacos, Peeples Photography photo booth, crafts by the YMCA, and more! We look forward to having you come out for this community event."

Bunny Arrival

The Easter Bunny will arrive on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. at the Aviation

Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, by student-built airplane. After landing the Easter Bunny will visit with fans, pose for pictures, and give out candy including chocolate Easter eggs from Granite State Candy Shoppe. The event will run from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Easter Bunny's visit is free and open to all. Families are asked to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. Families are asked to dress appropriately for the outdoor event as it will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs

For The Love of Music

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ior Center and the Londonderry Arts Council have combined efforts to host a new acoustic music jam session. 'For the Love of Music' will be launched on Sunday, April 16, from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The acoustic jam session will feature a number of seasoned local musicians gathered in a relaxed, coffee house setting. Members of the Senior Center and Londonderry residents over 55 are welcome to stop in, hang out or participate. People are also encouraged to leave their car at the center and walk the rail trail before or after the event. Coffee, Tea, and water will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share. Donations will be welcome to help support this new program. For

more information about this new event or to provide feedback, contact: Ilona Arndt, Town of Londonderry Senior Affairs Director, at 603-432-8554 or email her at: iarndt@londonderrynh.org

Library April Hours

Leach Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays, the library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Thursday, April 13 for staff training.

Library Survey

The Leach Library wants to hear from you. A community survey will be available from April 1 - May 31. Survey participants can enter a raffle at the end of the online survey or at the library's main desk for a chance to win one of two \$50 Market Basket gift cards. Limit one entry per person. The link to the survey will be posted on the library's website and Facebook page. Paper copies will be available at the library. For more information, please call the library.

Explorers Workshop: Rock On

Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m., participants in grad-

es 4-8 will dig into the world of geology by exploring rocks in the Leach Library Meeting Room! During the one-hour workshop, students will learn about the different types of rock formations and identify a variety of rocks and minerals during exciting rock-themed activities. The workshop will end with a fun rock painting craft! Registration is required and begins on Saturday, March 25. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Library Teen Advisory Board

Want to help plan programs for teens at the library? Would you like to help choose which books, games, and magazines are added to the young adult collections? Do you want volunteer hours? Let your voice be heard! Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to the Leach Library Young Adult Area to discuss the issues related specifically to teen use of the library on Tuesday, April 4 at 3 p.m. No registration is required, and snacks will be provided.

Craft Time

On Thursday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are

invited to the Leach Library to make a fun Peep craft in the meeting room. Crafts will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, March 30. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Escape from the Hidden Library

Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. teens in grade 6-12 will work together in small groups during this escape-room-inspired program to complete library-themed challenges. Journey to the hidden office in the basement archives of the library. Once inside, you will have to navigate through the archivist's files, unlock clues, and discover forgotten secrets. Snacks will be available during the program. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 4. To register, please visit the main desk or call the Leach library.

Crafternoon

On Wednesday, April 12 at 4 p.m., visit the Leach Library for the monthly crafting social hour for adults called Crafternoon. Bring your own craft project. **Continued on page 15**

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 20

12:11 a.m. Arrest made by three officers for Disorderly Conduct at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Miguel Ramos Gonzalez, 34, of Hopkinton charged with: Disorderly Conduct.

1:29 p.m. Services rendered by nine officers for a Disturbance at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

3:27 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Oakridge Drive.

11:47 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Rabbit Run

Tuesday - March 21

3:04 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at Hampton Drat Family Dentistry on Nashua Road leads to an arrest by two officers. Justin Bond, 41, of Litchfield, charged with: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License.

7:11 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by five officers on Kimball Road results in transport to a hospital.

10:16 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Welfare Check on Whittemore Road.

12:36 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at the NH Liquor Store on Michels Way.

1:17 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Pear Tree Road at Haverhill, MA. Katie Regan, 35, of Haverhill, MA., charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking of over \$1,501.

2:20 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

2:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Nashua Road Mobil on Nashua Road.

5:13 p.m. Arrest made by three officers during a motor vehicle stop on Gilcreast Road at South Road. Anthonye Lawrence, 33, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and two Bench Warrants.

10:06 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at the McDonald's on Nashua Road.

Wednesday - March 22
3:51 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at the DPW facility on High Range Road.

4:17 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported at S&S Metals Recycling on Rockingham Road.

4:07 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on High Range Road.

7:03 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the RMZ Truck Stop at The Grand Estate at Londonderry on Rockingham Road.

8:13 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Golen Drive

9:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Bunker Hill Drive.

9:47 p.m. Seven officers restore peace during a Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:35 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers on Litchfield Road.

Thursday - March 23

9:40 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Auto Auction of New England, Inc. on Action Blvd.

9:50 a.m. Welfare Check investigated on Conifer Place.

11:46 a.m. Trespassing investigated at Rebel Gym on Nashua Road

12:31 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:36 p.m. Services rendered by five officers for a Welfare Check at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

2:04 p.m. Services rendered at a report of Identity Theft on Bayberry Lane.

5:01 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Saint Anslem Drive in Goffstown. Scott Stiles, 53, of Goffstown, charged with: Conduct After - Property Damage.

5:03 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Old Derry Road.

Friday - March 24

8:41 a.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Holly Lane at Kendall Pond Road.

10:44 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported at the AMC Classic Londonderry 10 on Orchard View Drive.

11:42 a.m. Identity Theft investigated on Constitution Drive.

12:51 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Londonderry High School

1:22 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at The Learning Tree Early Education Center on Crosby Lane.

4:09 p.m. Services rendered for a report of Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Winterwood Drive.

5:38 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Winterwood Drive.

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ect and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required. For more information, call the library.

Flower Cupcake Decorating

Celebrate spring by decorating a flower cupcake on April 15 at 2 p.m. at Leach Library! Cupcakes and candy will be provided, and children are invited to create a fun and colorful flower cupcake. Registration is required and begins Saturday, April 8. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Duplo Budding Builders

Join the Leach Library staff on Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Friday, April 14. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Peking and the Mystics Performance

On Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m., musical group Peking and the Mystics will give an a cappella performance at Leach Library. Their eclectic repertoire, comprised of original arrangements by the group members themselves, incorporates jazz, swing, doo-wop, and pop music of many decades ranging from the 1890s to the 2000s. Registration is required and begins on Friday, April 14. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Police Log

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Saturday - March 25

1:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at High Range Road. John Mackay, 73, of Nashua, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:17 a.m. Arrest made by three officers during an Assault on Sanborn Road, Courtney Rose Hagan, 36, of Eureka, CA, charged with: Domestic Violence

Vacation Week Activities

To kick-off school vacation week, Leach Library will host a fun magic show featuring Magic by George on Monday, April 24 at 4 p.m. Get ready for laughs and to be amazed. A marble run activity will be offered on Wednesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. Using pipe covers, cardboard tubes, and a few other supplies, children will be able to design fast and creative marble runs. This program is for children ages 5 and up. Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m., come to Leach Library for an extra special Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Children will enjoy a couple of bedtime stories then have the chance to introduce a favorite stuffed animal friend. Stuffedies will then be tucked in for a fun night at the library. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal that children can sleep with out as pick-up will not be until the following day. Registration is required and begins one week prior to each event. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Theodore Roosevelt and the Last Frontier

Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m., Dr. Kurk Dorsey, Professor of History and Liberal Studies at the University of New Hampshire, will present a talk on Theodore Roosevelt. The presentation will explore several international disputes that were shaped by Roosevelt's presidency, as well as their implications for the conservation movement. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 18. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

(Simple Assault - Bodily Injury).

11:59 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:34 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by four officers at the Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

Sunday - March 26

12:01 a.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Ross Drive.

12:50 a.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Conifer Place.

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, April 26 at 4 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 19. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library. For more information about other teen activities, check out the Teen Program Guide available at the Leach Library main circulation desk.

Jews in Baseball Movie

With the cry of "Play ball!" across the US, what better way to observe the national pastime than to come to Etz Hayim to watch the movie, Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story, narrated by Dustin Hoffman at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Just in time for the opening of the baseball season it shows the stories of Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax. And, it includes our beloved Kevin Youkilis. Be there for the first pitch and first inning. And, yes, there will be peanuts and Cracker Jacks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH 03038. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

1:54 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Bayberry Lane.

6:05 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four officers at Sanborn Road on Rockingham Road. Joseph Teixeira, 20, of Manchester, charged with: Bench Warrants; Driving After Revoked/Suspension; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

10:26 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated by four officers on Wildwood Road.

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room. Join the library staff for a showing of the 2022 feature film based on the children's book by Bernard Waber (rated PG), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, April 21. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Green Team Meetings

The Green Team of Londonderry meet on the fourth Monday of each month starting March 29 through Aug. 28, at the Leach Library in the lower level. Socializing begins at 6 p.m., the meeting will begin at promptly 6:30 p.m., and will end at 7:45 pm. All welcome.

Passover 2nd Seder

On Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m., Rabbi Peter Levy & Amy Dattner-Levy will conduct a musical, meaningful, and interactive 2nd night Passover Seder for the whole family. The meal will be catered by Levine's Kosher Market - Roast Chicken, Kugel, Carrot Tzimmes, Chicken Soup w/Matzoh Balls, Gefilte Fish, and all the Matzoh you can eat! Cost is \$44 for adult members (\$49 for non-members) and \$29 for children under 10 years of age. To reserve your seat at the Seder table, send your check to Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH 03038, or pay via PayPal (+\$2) at www.etzhayim.org/pray/second-seder or to payments@etzhayim.org by March 26.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: May 17 from 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof

when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Helping Children Manage Their Emotions Workshop

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry will be hosting Helping Children Manage Their Emotions, a virtual workshop for parents and caregivers of children 3 - 12 years old, on April 12. The Upper Room celebrates April in respect to Child Abuse Prevention Month, and offers this class to parents who are inquiring about their child's emotions, and how to respond. "As a family resource center, our programs and services are aimed at offering ideas and solutions to everyday family situations. Managing the range of emotions, and knowing when to seek additional support is one way we celebrate prevention month in April." States Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director. "We have a wonderful schedule of parenting classes and support groups that offer ideas, and share developmentally appropriate responses to children's behavior." To learn more about the parenting programs, visit the website. To register for this class, call Michelle Moraros at 603-437-8477 x122.

Free Meals

Schedule for March's Free Community Meals. Dinner on March 31, at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Rd., East Derry, from 4:30 -

5:30 p.m., To Go, parking lot at back door.

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 for 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 londonderrytennis-camp@gmail.com.

Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a) Grant for Search and Rescue equipment received from the New Hampshire Department of Justice for the New Hampshire Special Operations Unit in the amount of \$61,293.10.

Grant for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy from the New Hampshire Department of Energy through the United States Department of Energy in the amount of \$75,920.00.

The public hearings will occur on Monday, April 10 at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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